



Congleton Town Council

Application for Financial Assistance

Part 1: Applicant(s) and Project Details

Application Reference Number (office use only)	GR07/2122
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1.1	Applicant(s):	Pauline Drew
1.2	Representing:	St. Peter's Church Parish of Congleton
1.3	Email Address:	[REDACTED]
1.4	Tel No.	[REDACTED]
1.5	Project Title:	St. Peter's Tower clock maintenance and flagpole replacement
1.6	Project Objectives:	To keep the clock, which can be seen from many areas of the town, in good working order. To maintain the facility to fly flags including the town flag and the town pennant.
1.7	Brief Project Description:	Annual maintenance of the clock carried out by Smith of Derby 6 th June 2021. Flagpole damaged beyond repair in January 2021 storms. Replaced by the church in June 2021
1.8	Details accounts/budgets	Church accounts can be supplied if required

Part 2: Cost Details / Resources / Timescale

2.1	Total Cost of Project:	£3575.86 (clock £370.20 Flagpole £3, 319.68)
2.2	Total contribution sought:	£1006. (Clock £256, flagpole £750 – church paid £1000 for replacement of the flagpole – the balance met by our insurance.
2.3	What will the money be spent on?	Servicing of the tower clock and replacement of the flag pole

1006	Any ongoing costs:	Annual clock service.
2.5	Details of confirmed match funding include source Cash: In kind:	This grade 1 listed civic town church is maintained by direct giving from the congregation. Since 2014 the congregation has raised £542000 from grants, fund raising and direct giving to restore the roof and nave ceiling of St. Peter's and repairs to the tower and in 2020 spent a further £23,000 on a pilot restoration of one of the gallery windows to inform future restoration of a further 13 gallery windows. Our vision is to ensure this significant building is fit for future generations for both worship and community. We are currently engaged with our architect in planning for future restoration work and the updating of facilities. Countless hours of volunteer time have been freely given. The church will reclaim the VAT on the clock maintenance via the Listed Places of Worship scheme. Our resources will meet the remaining £250 of the flagpole costs.
2.6	Resources needed:	£1256 + vat reclaim
2.7	Estimated timescale of project from start to finish:	Completed June 2021

Part 3: Potential Benefits / Outputs

3.1	What are the potential benefits/outputs to residents of Congleton	The tower and clock face can be seen from many areas of the town. St. Peter's is Congleton's town church. It is used for Civic services throughout the year and attracts visitors to the town. The congregation is pleased to be involved in town events and to offer use of the church wherever possible. St. Peter's clock is used to strike 11am at the Remembrance Day parade. The tower with its flagpole and clock is part of the unique landscape of the town and can be seen from every approach. We are proud to fly the town flag and the town pennant as well as the Union flag and the Diocesan flag. If asked we will be pleased to fly any special flags for the 750 th celebrations. St. Peter's is the only grade 1 listed building in the town centre and has been identified as one of 300 major parish churches in England. The efforts of the congregation to ensure its future viability as a place of worship and community building are supported by Historic England, the Church Building Council and the National Churches Trust. We have recently raised nearly £700 for the Mayor's charities during the National Heritage Open Days
3.2	Are there similar services/projects provided in the area	N/A

Part 4: Evaluation/Publicity

4.1	How will the project be evaluated and who will carry out the evaluation?	The clock continues to keep good time. The Bell Tower Captain looks after the clock and organises the flying of the flags. The flags will be seen from every approach to the town and add significance to important occasions.
4.2	Describe how you will promote the Town Council in your project	We will acknowledge the continuing support of the Town Council in our publicity, displays and grant applications .

Signature: Pauline Drew

Date: 5.10 2021

NOTE: Personal details given on this form will be redacted for public purposes, but the office will keep a copy within its electronic and paper files for the purposes of processing the grant. If successful the information will be kept for six years in line with HMRC rules. Your details will not be used or shared for other purposes in line with Congleton Town Council's Privacy Policy and GDPR 2018.