

Congleton Town Council Application for Financial Assistance



Part 1: Applicant(s) and Project Details

Application Reference Number (office use only)	

1.1	Applicant(s):		
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1.2	Representing:	Congleton Harriers <u>www.congleton-harriers.co.uk</u>	
1.3	Email Address:		
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1.4	Tel No.		
1.5	Project Title:	34th annual 'Cloud 9 Hill Race' 6th March 2022	
1.6	Project Objectives:	To promote running and health to the people of Congleton and the surrounding area not only club runners but adults of all ages, abilities and experience. To introduce occasional runners to off-road running as a healthier and safer alternative to road running. To recognise achievements and encourage participation we award prizes in all age categories both Male and Female. To use surplus funds to support local charities and not for profit groups.	
1.7	Brief Project Description:	The unique and charismatic 'Cloud 9 Hill Race' is a very popular annual event attracting 350 plus runners every year and ranks highly on the Fell Runners Association calendar. It is one of the largest Fell races in the country taking in Bosley Cloud and the ancient Bridestones along the 9 mile route which starts and finishes in Congleton. Now in its 34th year and more popular than ever we expect another large turnout. Each year an amount is donated to local charities.	
1.8	Details accounts/budgets	The event is organised by the members of Congleton Harriers running club who give their time free to marshal, time keep, set up and provide refreshments for runners and spectators. The majority of our costs which we estimate in 2022 to be around £1851 are covered by entry fees. However, this is not guaranteed, inclement weather can reduce the number of entrants dramatically or even cause cancellation (as happened in the Foot & Mouth year and currently the Pandemic). So, given this is the club's only fundraising event (out of the three we organise each year), and we also donate part of the proceeds to local charity, we are looking to secure support to cover a portion of the costs and ensure the race continues in the future. By maintaining low club subscriptions we feel confident we are able to attract more runners of all ages and from all walks of life thus providing a relatively inexpensive means of keeping fit and meeting other like	

	accompany them on runs as well as offer transport should they wish to	
	attend races.	
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Part 2: Cost Details / Resources / Timescale

2.1	Total Cost of Project:	Estimated £1851	
2.2	Total contribution sought:	£425 To cover essential Medical costs	
2.3	What will the money be spent on?	See attached quotation	
2.4	Any ongoing costs:	Storage of signage, equipment, any stock items £100 per annum. Most of the main costs will be repeated each year except for signage which will likely be replaced every 3-4 years.	
2.5	Details of confirmed match funding include source Cash: In kind:	None to date	
2.6	Resources needed:	Financial support as requested. Plus any other publicity as may be offered in Town council publications, Tourist office etc would be greatly appreciated. We aim to get as many local participants as possible.	
2.7	Estimated timescale of project from start to finish:	Race one day obviously. But approximately 4 months in total. To include planning 3 months and completion / close off 1 month	

Part 3: Potential Benefits / Outputs

3.1	What are the potential benefits/outputs to residents of Congleton	Promotes Congleton as a place to live and set up business to a wider audience. Promotes running as a means to stay fit and healthy for all ages and abilities. Introduces local running clubs to the community and encourages membership. Promotes community participation in the organisation of events Provides support to local charities Promotes local businesses who get involved in the event.	
3.2	Are there similar services/ projects provided in the area	No other local events on the same day as far as we are aware and certainly nothing as unique or charismatic as the 'Cloud 9'.	

Part 4: Evaluation

4.1	How will the project be evaluated?	A full profit and loss account will be prepared A formal post race review meeting will be held A press report will be written From direct emails and feedback that appears on the Fell Runners Association and Runners' World forums, and via various other publications.
4.2	Who will carry out the evaluation?	Congleton Harriers 'Cloud 9' race committee

Quotation for Services



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Date: 13/01/2022

Quotation Ref: GM 015

EVENT

Congleton Harriers (Cloud 9)

Event Date

Sunday 6th March 2022

Event Times

11am-2pm

Resources Required

First Aiders x3

First Aid Treatment Centre

AED x2

4x4 Vehicle

We will aim to arrive and be set up by 10.00am to deal with any pre-event issues and be ready in plenty of time for the start. We will stay until the events completion.

The total cost of the cover is £425.00

We specialize in running events on all surfaces from cross country to road, fell, trail to track. We have several Sports Therapists included in our First Aid team to ensure the best possible advice and treatments are given to any injured athletes.

Please do not hesitate to contact me for further information if required.

Kind Regards,

Scott Dundas