



Town Council Grant

Activities Monitoring Form

1. Contact Details	
Organisation name:	Congleton Partnership
Address:	Congleton Town Hall

2. Grant Information			
Grant Reference Number:			
Total project cost:	£14000		

Receipts Attached? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Receipt Amount:	
Please list receipts below:		
The project was part of a crowdfunding campaign with 43 backers in total.		

3. Project Information			
When did the project commence?		Fundraising began in Apr 2022	
Did you make a profit from the project? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			

This inclusive wheelchair roundabout can accommodate a wheelchair and carers. Two users can sit and more can stand if they choose to do so. The wide central space facilitates a range of wheelchairs. Bump stops on both sides give a position to apply the wheelchair roundabout brakes. The 'roll on roll off' design enables users to exit in a forward position. Children can stand on the scooter using their outer foot they can propel the roundabout with ease.

The roundabout was installed and operational March '23.

Please explain what difference the project has made to your organisation/local people:

Every playground should have play equipment for all children, play is beneficial for children of all ages and if a child has a disability, outdoor play can be so important. If a child has a disability their options can be limited, inclusive play equipment increases confidence, helps to improve social skills, can improve physical and mental health. It's important for families with disabled and able-bodied children to be able to play together, this piece of equipment provides fun for all children and carers/parents - fun for the whole family! It also helps children to make positive relationships and learn not to bully or discriminate.

Children learn through play, providing an inclusive supportive environment should be the top aim for any play facility.

4. Promotion

Please send an electronic photograph of your project/activity. Is this attached? Yes No

Do you give permission for these photographs to be used on the Council's web site and in newsletters? (Please ensure that you seek permission for anybody photographed). Yes No

Was the grant funding from Congleton Town Council acknowledged in any way? Yes No

Please state how (i.e. on your website, event programme, tickets, etc)

Press release and on the space hive website.

5. Feedback

What is your experience of using the Town Council Grant Scheme? Are there any comments or suggestions for improvements that you would like to make?

Very easy

How did you apply? Online Email Post

Do you feel that you understood the process? Yes No

Please rate the following elements:

	Excellent	Good	OK	Poor
Completing the application form	x			
Relevance of guidelines	x			
Length of the process from submitting an application to receiving notification	x			
Advice given from the Town Council Grants Team (if applicable)	n/a			



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1. Contact Details

Organisation name:	THE GREEN TREE HOUSE FOOD CLUB CHARITY
Address:	20 LAWTON STREET CONGLETON CW12 1RP

2. Grant Information

Grant Reference Number:	GR17 2223		
Total project cost:	£750-00		
Receipts Attached? Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Receipt Amount:	£965-00	

Please list receipts below:

Receipts were emailed to Serena Vanschepdel before funding payment was released.

3. Project Information

When did the project commence?	14/12/23	
Did you make a profit from the project? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		

THE PROJECTED RE STARTED ON THE 14/12/23 AS THIS WAS THE REOPENING DAY OF THE FOOD CLUBS NEW PREMISES AND AFTER RENOVATIONS. THE FOOD CLUB IS AN ONGOING PROJECT.

Please explain what difference the project has made to your organisation/local people:

the funding helped to buy 2 food pallets to re-stock the food club which was a massive boost and help to the charity after the large ongoing costs of the renovation of new premises. With the reopening of the food club the local people have been able to purchase food at cost price to support them through the cost of living period. As one member stated "it's a life saver".

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Please state how (i.e. on your website, event programme, tickets, etc)

We thanked Congleton town Council on a Facebook post and also at the speech on the opening ceremony day.

5. Feedback

What is your experience of using the Town Council Grant Scheme? Are there any comments or suggestions for improvements that you would like to make?

The grant was very accessible and Admin staff @ the Council were very helpful and supportive

How did you apply? Online Email Post

Do you feel that you understood the process? Yes No

Please rate the following elements:

	Excellent	Good	OK	Poor
Completing the application form	X			
Relevance of guidelines	X			
Length of the process from submitting an application to receiving notification	X			
Advice given from the Town Council Grants Team (if applicable)	X			



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1. Contact Details	
Organisation name:	The Old Saw Mill
Address:	Back River Street CW12 1HJ

2. Grant Information	
Grant Reference Number:	GR12/2223
Total project cost:	£2837.76 (4896 bottles, tops, shrinks, boxes) Cost of power for sterilisation 360KWH @ 61.5p = £221.40

Receipts Attached? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Receipt Amount:	
Please list receipts below:		
Receipts already sent		

3. Project Information		
When did the project commence?		August 2022
Did you make a profit from the project? Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>		
Please explain what difference the project has made to your organisation/local people:		
We were able to produce around 5000 bottles of apple juice and 600 litres of sider using apples exclusively sourced from local residents' gardens, thus reducing the waste of perfectly good apples and using them to finance the Old Saw Mill.		

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Was the grant funding from Congleton Town Council acknowledged in any way? Yes No

Please state how (i.e. on your website, event programme, tickets, etc)
It will be announced in our monthly newsletter which is emailed to local residents.

It will also be acknowledged in the Chronicle.

5. Feedback

What is your experience of using the Town Council Grant Scheme? Are there any comments or suggestions for improvements that you would like to make?

Following a long process of negotiation and due diligence we were advised by Mr McGifford to make this application.

It was disappointing that our application, which was submitted on 10th September failed to be tabled at the November committee meeting due to an oversight in the office. This resulted in the application being subject to the £750 limit.

How did you apply? Online Email Post

Do you feel that you understood the process? Yes No

Please rate the following elements:

	Excellent	Good	OK	Poor
Completing the application form		x		
Relevance of guidelines			x	
Length of the process from submitting an application to receiving notification				x
Advice given from the Town Council Grants Team (if applicable)			x	



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1. Contact Details	
Organisation name:	SOL THEATRE SCHOOL
Address:	[REDACTED] [REDACTED]

2. Grant Information			
Grant Reference Number:	GRO4	2324	
Total project cost:	£19,000		

Receipts Attached? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Receipt Amount:	
Please list receipts below: N/A AS USED TO PAY STUDENT FEES.		

3. Project Information		
When did the project commence?	7-8-2023	
Did you make a profit from the project? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>		
WE ANTICIPATE MAKING A SMALL PROFIT HOWEVER CANNOT CONFIRM THIS UNTIL ALL ITEMS HAVE BEEN PAID FOR AND TICKET SALE REVENUE HAS BEEN RECEIVED. THIS WILL SHOW IN OUR FULL YEAR ACCOUNTS.		

Please explain what difference the project has made to your organisation/local people:

THIS FUNDING ALLOWED A COUPLE OF STUDENTS TO ATTEND THE SUMMER SCHOOL, GIVING THEM THE OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE NEW FRIENDS, LEARN NEW SKILLS AND BOLSTER THEIR CONFIDENCE. THESE STUDENTS HAD BEEN AFFECTED BY THE PANDEMIC.

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WE THANKED THE TOWN COUNCIL IN THE PROGRAMME AND GAVE COMPLIMENTARY SEATS ANNOUNCING THIS AT THE BEGINNING OF THE SHOW.

5. Feedback

What is your experience of using the Town Council Grant Scheme? Are there any comments or suggestions for improvements that you would like to make?

IT WAS EXTREMELY EASY TO APPLY AND WE WERE KEPT WELL INFORMED THROUGHOUT THE PROCESS.

How did you apply? Online Email Post

Do you feel that you understood the process? Yes No

Please rate the following elements:

	Excellent	Good	OK	Poor
Completing the application form	✓			
Relevance of guidelines	✓			
Length of the process from submitting an application to receiving notification	✓			
Advice given from the Town Council Grants Team (if applicable)	✓			



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1. Contact Details	
Organisation name:	Friends for Leisure
Address:	Albert Chambers, Canal Street, Congleton, CW12 4AA.

2. Grant Information			
Grant Reference Number:	Unknown	Project name - FFL 'Back to Business' post-covid Congleton Youth Groups	
Total project cost:	£19,000		

Receipts Attached? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Receipt Amount:	N/A [£1,000 grant]	
Please list receipts below: Payslips already sent in February 2023 – can be resent if required.			

3. Project Information			
When did the project commence?	End April 2022		
Did you make a profit from the project? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
Please explain how the grant money was used:			
The £1,000 grant was used to contribute towards the salary of our Project Worker Central who manages all support and activities across the Congleton area for disabled children & young people and their families. It was spent over one year and helped us ensure that we had a project worker in post in order to deliver regular youth group sessions as well as support volunteers and also provide unlimited family support to children's parents/carers.			

Please explain what difference the project has made to your organisation/local people:

We are pleased to report that, even with a change in staff, we were able to get all of our Congleton services back to 'normal' and provide regular fortnightly CYG and 15Up youth groups as well as holiday activities and volunteering opportunities. This gave stability to our disabled children and young people in Congleton, something they value highly. A wide range of safe, accessible activities meant that they were able to enjoy an improved quality of life and enjoy positive differences in their lives, including:

- Increased independence
- Improved confidence and higher levels of self-esteem
- Improved friendships or brand new friends made
- Better communication and social skills
- Fewer feelings of loneliness and increased inclusion in their local community
- Building of essential life skills
- Increased opportunities to have fun and relax, something all disabled children deserve

Young volunteers involved with the project also benefited from becoming more active citizens in their local community, increasing their awareness around disability and the challenges disabled people face in life, as well as learn new skills that better prepare them for the future.

We were able to confirm these positive differences through online surveys, informal chats, staff activity evaluations and observations, parent interviews and Club Captain consultations (young person representatives that consult with all of young people and act as the 'voice' for all).

What was best about this service is that our children were able to mix with peers as well as volunteers and their local community to feel more included, confident and enjoy everything Congleton has to offer whilst aspiring to achieve more because they have been shown to focus on their abilities, not their disabilities.

51 disabled children and young people living in Congleton were registered for these services. All received general support from our project worker, as well as the same number of parents/carers. 36 children attended youth groups and/or holiday activities over the year and benefited positively. 13 young volunteers supported the Congleton groups.

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Please state how (i.e. on your website, event programme, tickets, etc)

Social media posts (Facebook/Twitter/Instagram); website news piece; press release sent to Chronicle; word of mouth to parents at youth groups; activity flyer

5. Feedback

What is your experience of using the Town Council Grant Scheme? Are there any comments or suggestions for improvements that you would like to make?

We are always so grateful for the support Congleton Town Council has given Friends for Leisure in the past. Without funders like you we would not be able to deliver our services in full across Congleton to disabled children & young people and their families.

The only suggestion we have is that it is often really helpful to receive funding at the point of notification rather than in arrears as we do not make profits and cashflow can be under strain if we have to spend first and then receive that money later. However, if this is the only way you can operate we would not want to jeopardise our chances of receiving future grants!

How did you apply? Online Email Post

Do you feel that you understood the process? Yes No

Please rate the following elements:

	Excellent	Good	OK	Poor
Completing the application form	X			
Relevance of guidelines	X			
Length of the process from submitting an application to receiving notification	X			
Advice given from the Town Council Grants Team (if applicable)	X			