



Please read the Grant Criteria document before you start your application process.

<u>Application Reference (Office use only):</u> <u>GR25/2324</u>	
<u>1: CONTACT DETAILS</u>	
Name of Organisation:	"Our Gang" - Congleton Scout & Guide Gang Show
Address of Organisation:	% Mrs SJ Taylor
Name of Applicant:	Sue Taylor
Position:	Sponsorship & Grants Co-ordinator
Telephone Number:	
Email address:	
Website:	www.congletongangshow.co.uk
Registration Number (If relevant)	
<u>2: ABOUT YOUR ORGANISATION</u>	
What type of organisation are you?	Charitable organisation comprising volunteers who give their time for the benefit of children and young people in the Scout and Girlguiding organisations in Congleton. Specifically to prepare, develop, rehearse and deliver the Scout & Guide Gang Show which takes place in alternate years.

The development of the show starts 12 - 18 months before the production dates. This involves devising and planning show content, seeking funding making bookings. It involves a cast of over 100 young members, who are identified in April/ May and commence rehearsals in early September to deliver a show at the Daneside Theatre over a week in late November/early December
 The rehearsal period lasts 3 months and there are 7 full performances in the Daneside Theatre, plus a preview show.

3: COST DETAILS/ RESOURCES/ TIMETABLE

Project Title:	Congleton Scout & Guide Gang Show
Project Objectives:	To deliver a varied show, providing opportunities for all cast members, one that seeks to maintain the quality level achieved in previous shows
Brief Project Description:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - a volunteer preparation period of 12 - 18 months, devising and planning show content, putting together production teams for music, costume, rehearsals, back stage and front of house, seeking funding and making bookings - forming a cast of Scouts, Guides, Brownies and Cubs, Rangers and Explorers - over 100 in total support by numerous adult volunteers - rehearsal period of 3 months - 7 full performances in the Daneside Theatre plus a preview show
Total Cost of Project	Estimate for 2024 show is £27,410
Total contribution sought:	£800
Details of cost breakdown and budgets:	2024 budget attached

What will the money be spent on?/ Resources needed:	A grant from Congleton Town Council will assist with the production costs for lighting and sound. For example, the cost of hiring lighting equipment in 2022 was £1800 and will no doubt increase in 2024. We have to bridge the gap between ticket sales and production costs, whilst being realistic about any ticket price increases.
Any ongoing costs:	Insurance costs approx £900 - £1000 over two years
Details of confirmed match funding, include source Cash/Grant: In kind:	Reserves held in the Our Gang bank account so that we are able to begin the process of funding the 2024 show. We are in process of applying to the Margaret Williamson Memorial Fund, Congleton Town Trust, Congleton Young People's Trust and Rotary Congleton for their assistance. Further sponsorship will be sought from previous sponsors of the show (mainly local businesses offering small but important sums) and new contacts.
Estimated timescale of project from start to finish:	Planning begins about 18 months before each Show so from mid 2023 to completion in December 2024
<u>4: POTENTIAL BENEFITS/ OUTPUTS</u>	
What are the potential benefits/outputs to residents of Congleton	The whole project involves all Scout and Guide groups within Congleton - both young people aged between 7 and 19 and many adult volunteers. The sustained sense of team work, the commitment needed by all involved and the pleasure and excitement that the final production brings to everyone are of enormous benefit. Family, friends and the wider community of Congleton enjoy the performances and recognise the effort that goes into the production. The Daneside Theatre is a wonderful community facility and we enjoy hold Our Gang performances there every two years. Young people gain great confidence in themselves and grow immensely during the rehearsal and performance period. They acquire new strength and resilience and a recognition of what can be achieved together.
Are there similar services/ projects provided in the area	Congleton pantomime, Centre Stage and Congleton Amateur Youth Theatre are some organisations providing opportunities for young people to take part in stage productions
<u>5: EVALUATION</u>	
How will the project be evaluated and who will carry out the evaluation?	Evaluation is ongoing throughout the planning and rehearsal period. After the Show week is completed a detailed review is carried out by the Congleton Scout & Guide Liaison committee. Comments and contributions are sought from cast members and volunteers and the public.

Describe how you will promote the Town Council in your project.	Support from Congleton Town Council will be recognised on the Gang Show website - www.congletongangshow.co.uk and in the Daneside Theatre foyer. The Town Council will be named in the Show programme which is sold to many of the approx 2000 people who come to see the Show.
Please acknowledge you have read our Grant Application Criteria	Please see the Policy on our Grants page on our website: Grants - Congleton Town Council (congleton-tc.gov.uk) I/we have read the policy: YES

Declaration

- I am authorised to make this application on behalf of the above organisation.
- I understand and agree that the application and supporting documents will be presented on a public agenda, and that any private information will be redacted.
- I certify that the information contained in this application is correct. If the information in the application changes, I will inform Congleton Town Council as soon as possible.
- I give permission for Congleton Town Council to retain this information electronically. The information in this form will be used for the administration of grant applications.
- I understand that Congleton Town Council will use any personal information I have provided for the purposes described under the Data Protection Statement which can be found [Constitution - Congleton Town Council \(congleton-tc.gov.uk\)](http://congleton-tc.gov.uk)
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Signed:	Sue Taylor	Date:	4 March 2024
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