



# Town Council Grant

## Activities Monitoring Form

1. Contact Details	
Organisation name:	Congleton Pride
Address:	[REDACTED]

2. Grant Information			
Grant Reference Number:			
Total project cost:	£360		

Receipts Attached? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Receipt Amount:	£360
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Please list receipts below:

We never received an actual receipt from the vendor (Bailey Audio Systems) as we paid the submitted quotation direct by bank transfer. We trust this documentation suffice. The images provided show supply of the stage, which clearly wouldn't have been supplied without payment.

3. Project Information		
When did the project commence?	22/7/2023	

Did you make a profit from the project? Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	All profits were re-invested for all future events
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In 2022, Congleton Pride saw the launch of a secondary performance area we called 'Speakers Corner'. In this area, we gave an opportunity for both members of the public and Pride Members to give testimony to what 'Pride Means For Them'. The event was incredible and moved many passers-by to tears with the sentiments expressed. In 2023, we expanded on this idea to have a small second stage area, sited near to the statue of 'Our Elizabeth' which focused on a more cultural expression of Pride through the use of spoken word, featuring guests speakers and poetry, whilst also giving a performance area for local youth to express themselves. We saw this as an extension of the entertainment offered free of charge to the people of Congleton & branded this entertainment space, as the Community Stage, sponsored by Congleton Town Hall and saw it as being part of the natural growth of the Congleton Pride Event.

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

I could write many pages as to why Pride is so important to our Town. Reading recent posts on local social media chat rooms, along with a recent outbreaks of anti-trans stickers appearing in our High Street shows that homophobic and discriminatory attitudes are still alive and well in Congleton 2024. Congleton Pride seeks to challenge this by allowing LGBTQIA+ people a space in which to express themselves and challenge these stereotypes in a safe space. Pride is about 'Love' and allows the community to mix and enjoy themselves together in a fun safe space, irrespective of their gender identity or sexual orientation. The event is very much geared towards being family friendly and is entirely free to the people of Congleton. Our team wholeheartedly believe that their efforts simply leads to Congleton being a kinder, more welcoming place to live for all its residents. We further believe that the cultural focus on our second staged area is an ideal knit with the aims of Congleton Town Council.

#### 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)

CTC was listed as main sponsor of our Community Stage. This was listed on all our Social Media Feed, on physical banners on the stage and also on pop up banners that were on show each side of the community stage

#### 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?

None. The application process is very simple and I think the Council try very hard to advertise the availability of funds available

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			





