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Grant Application

Please complete this application form for a grant which will be considered at the Council meeting following receipt. Meeting details are placed on the Parish Council notice boards and on the website. It would be helpful if a member of your organisation could come to the meeting.

Please return the form to the Parish Clerk, giving 7 clear days' notice before a meeting to allow for the completed application form to be circulated to Councillors.

Name of Organisation:

Kimpton Folk Events

Name, Address and Telephone Number of Contact:

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Nature of organisation and how it benefits the residents of Kimpton, Peters Green and /or Blackmore End:

A Charity registered with the Charity Commission (Reg. No. 1168562) as a Foundation Charitable Incorporated Organisation (F-CIO) since 2/8/16

KFE benefits the residents of Kimpton by:

- organising Folk Music Sessions 3-4 times a month, with free entry to local residents;
- organising an Annual Kimpton Folk Festival (KFF) that brings nationally recognised folk musicians to different venues in Kimpton, including free performances on the Village Green which has become a popular venue for Kimpton families;
- developing folk music links in the community, including organising the involvement of local community and school choirs as performers at the KFF;
- organising periodic folk music concerts in the Memorial Hall and the Church;
- organising regular 'Pop-up' folk music concerts in the Dacre Rooms,
- developing folk music links in the community, including organising the involvement of local community and school musicians and of children with special needs.

Membership number and % those living in parish:

5 Trustees (all of whom live in Kimpton), 5 additional committee members and 50 volunteers who help out on the day, 90% of whom live in Kimpton.

Amount of grant sought:

£1,500

Purpose of the grant:

Like many organisations we have suffered financially as a result of the Covid pandemic. We asked artists booked for the 2020 festival to commit to appearing in 2021 and then, following the cancellation of that year's event, to commit to 2022. We offered all acts 50 per cent of their fee in advance to help them through lockdown, an offer which was taken up by almost all the performers. One act, unable to take part this year, has retained the £300 advance payment, in the hope of performing in 2023. We incurred marketing and administrative costs of £890 in relation to the cancelled 2021 festival.

In the past two years we have been unable to raise money from our regular Dacre Room pop-up concerts, barn dances and fund-raising concerts involving high-profile acts. In past years such events have raised significant funds, nearly £2,000 in 2019.

- Our financial model relies on us raising funds beyond ticket income, particularly because, as part of our charitable purpose, we offer a considerable amount of free entertainment. We are asking for financial help to cover the cost of staging the folk music, dance performances and children's entertainment/activities which will be provided free of charge on the **Village Green** and **Garden Fields**.

The grant would be used to help cover the costs of the following:

- artists' fees to main stage acts for performing on the Village Green;
- hiring a covered stage on the Village Green;
- hiring the services of a professional sound engineer (with sound equipment) on the Village Green;
- hiring of face-painters, story-tellers and other children's entertainers on Garden Fields,
- other costs associated with staging performances on the Village Green, including Signage, Waste Disposal, Toilet Facilities, First Aid support, straw bales, decorations.

Our total budget for the above is **£4,500** [The budget for the whole festival is **£15,000**]

Current financial status (please enclose the last two years' accounts)

Attached separately.

Other sources of income including fund raising?

Our main source of income is ticket sales. So far, we have raised **£4,800**, of a projected **£8,200**

Other sources of income include charity buckets, car parking, programme adverts and stall rental. We have plans for a small fund-raising concert in a committee member's garden and, if necessary, will consider making grant applications to other funding bodies.

How do you intend to maintain the financial viability of your organisation?

By continuing to hold successful sell-out folk festivals, organising fund-raising events (including concerts and barn dances), bidding for grants and ensuring that we maintain a contingency fund of around 50 per cent of our total annual budget.