

**2022/2023
GRANT APPLICATION**

Name of Organisation: Kimpton Players
Applicant's name and address:
Contact telephone number: Mobile: Landline:
Applicants email address:
Location of Organisation: Kimpton – the Kimpton Players' Playhouse is in the Memorial Hall car park
Nature of activity of Organisation and how it benefits the residents of Kimpton, Peter's Green and/or Blackmore End: The Kimpton Players (KP) is a successful amateur dramatic society in Kimpton, Herts. It was founded in 1943 and is a registered charity (No: 265243). In line with its governing document its aim is "TO PROMOTE THE ADVANCEMENT AND IMPROVEMENT OF GENERAL EDUCATION IN RELATION TO ALL ASPECTS OF THE ART OF DRAMA, THE DEVELOPMENT OF PUBLIC APPRECIATION OF SUCH ART, AND TO BENEFIT CHARITIES SO FAR AS MAY BE CONSISTENT WITH THE SOCIETY'S COMMITMENTS." The society produces 2-3 plays annually including a pantomime and an "Old Time Music hall". A proportion of the profits from these and other events are donated to local charities and other worthy causes in Kimpton & the surrounding areas of Hertfordshire. It has an excellent reputation for producing quality and entertaining productions. Its productions provide valuable drama training/experience for young people in Kimpton and the surrounding villages/towns.
Membership number, if relevant, and % of those living in the parish: KP has 52 members – 18 live outside Kimpton but have generally either previously lived in the village or are involved in other organisations in Kimpton.
Purpose for which grant will be used: Replacement of the KP Playhouse. The Playhouse is used for rehearsals, Junior Kimpton Player meetings, play readings, radio play recordings, social events and the storage of costume, props and scenery. The current building was erected in the early 1970s. The fabric of the building has deteriorated leading to damp and squirrel infestation damaging the electrics. This, combined with asbestos in the roof cavity, and the deterioration of the foundations has made repair uneconomic. The building is virtually unusable and we are urgently seeking a replacement. We are considering a prefabricated solution and are reviewing a number of options. The work will entail the safe demolition and removal of the current Playhouse and its foundations, rebuilding the foundations, installing the replacement building and fitting it out. North Herts District Planning have been most helpful but will require full planning application approval. However, they say this can be expedited as it is non-residential. When we have selected our replacement building we will complete our planning application.
Amount of grant requested: £ 10,000 Total cost of project: £50,000

Please give details of grants applied for or received from other bodies:

£1,000 from North Herts District Council towards planning application fees. Now we have a better understanding of the costs involved we are applying to a number of funders in the arts sector specialising in matching grants for theatre renovations. As an established amateur dramatics society and a registered charity we are reasonably optimistic of obtaining a matching grant.

Any other information that would help Kimpton Parish Council in considering your application:

KP are part of Kimpton's rich arts culture and its productions add to Kimpton's full and varied schedule of events. KP's cast and attendees are from Kimpton and the surrounding towns and villages and fortifies Kimpton's reputation for the arts. The Junior Kimpton Players is a great initiative that has created generations of young actors from the Kimpton area. The new playhouse will allow KP to restart this for the benefit of Kimpton's youth. We have also launched a new website <https://www.thekimptonplayers.co.uk> to attract new players, promote our productions and publicise KP's rich dramatic history. We are also investing more in promoting our events on social media.

Do any of your members wish to address Kimpton Parish Council at the meeting when donations are considered:

Yes, please. We would be grateful for any guidance on what the KPC would like included in such an address.

A copy of the last two year's full and detailed up-to-date accounts should accompany this application, where appropriate.

Please see attached.

How do you intend to maintain the financial viability of the organisations?

As you can see from our accounts, KP is a financially stable, well-run charitable organisation with a Treasurer, whose productions make a modest profit. These profits, plus to member's subscriptions, cover our ongoing costs and out-of-pocket expenses. In regard to the Playhouse funding, KP have created a separate bank account to clearly track the income and expenditure for the Playhouse replacement.

Name: Dermot McCarthy

Signature:

Position Held: Kimpton Players committee member

Date: 15/2/2023

If awarded, Kimpton Parish Council will transfer the grant funding into the named bank account. Please provide the following information:

Account Name:

Bank account no:

Sort code:

Please return the completed form to:

Mrs C Helmn, Parish Clerk clerk@kimptonpc.org.uk

Parish Room, Kimpton Memorial Hall, Hall Lane, Kimpton, Herts SG4 8RD

For Kimpton Parish Council use only:

Date Received:

Date Acknowledged:

Date of Meeting:

Minute:

Payment Made: