

**2024/25
GRANT APPLICATION**

Name of Organisation: Kimpton Folk Events (KFE)
Applicant's name and address: Neil Burns (Committee Member)
Contact telephone number:
Applicants email address:
Location of Organisation: Kimpton
Nature of activity of Organisation and how it benefits the residents of Kimpton, Peter's Green and/or Blackmore End: KFE benefits the residents of the Parish by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • organising an Annual Kimpton Folk Festival (KFF) for 7 years, that brings nationally recognised folk musicians to different venues in Kimpton, including free performances on the Village Green and free performances on Parkfield Green. It has become an established popular venue for Kimpton families and is attended by over 500 people; • supporting local organisations by the hire of their venues generating income in excess of £2,000/p.a. (The Memorial Hall, The Church, and The Dacre Rooms.) ; • supporting local businesses by providing a significant customer base and increasing local retail trade; • developing folk music links in the community, including organising the involvement of local community and school choirs as performers at the KFF; • providing opportunity for local musical talent to perform to live audiences; • organising periodic folk music concerts in the Memorial Hall and the Church; • organising 'Pop-up' folk music concerts in the Dacre Rooms and at outside venues; • organising Folk Music Sessions 3-4 times a month, with free entry to local residents; • developing folk music links in the community, including organising the involvement of local community and school musicians and of children with special needs. • helping to raise the profile of Kimpton Parish as a vibrant and engaging community that people will wish to live within: <p>We are a Charity registered with the Charity Commission (Reg. No. 1168562) as a Foundation Charitable Incorporated Organisation (F-CIO) since 02/08/2016</p>
Membership number, if relevant, and % of those living in the parish: 4 Trustees, 6 additional committee members and 25 volunteers who help with the events, 90% of whom live in Kimpton.
Purpose for which grant will be used: The grant would be used to help cover the costs associated with the events provided free of charge to the public. These costs include the following:

- artists' fees regarding main stage acts for performing on the Village Green; (£1,000)
 - hiring a covered stage on the Village Green; (£1000)
 - hiring the services of a professional sound engineer (with sound equipment) on the Village Green; (£500)
 - hiring of face-painters, story-tellers and other children's entertainers on Garden Fields, (£1000)
 - other costs associated with staging performances on the Village Green, including Signage, Waste Disposal, Toilet Facilities, First Aid support, straw bales, decorations. (£1,500)
- Our forecast cost of the above is £5,000**

Amount of grant requested: £ **1,500** Total cost of project: **£17,000**

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

HCC Cllr. Richard Thake £250 awarded.
SCOPS Arts Trust Stage 2 Grant. £1,500 awarded.

Any other information that would help Kimpton Parish Council in considering your application:
KFE are very appreciative of KPC's allowance for The Green and Parkfield Green to be used for the Folk Festival, and for the prior grants made in 2017 and 2022.
Kimpton Folk Festival, along with the Kimpton May Festival, is a significant annual event held by the community of Kimpton which offers entertainment at no charge to the people of Kimpton.
The success of the Kimpton Parish community is quite dependent upon a "circular economy".
KFF generates income for other organisations within the Parish, the community supports KFF by attending paying concerts, KFF supports the community by offering a full day's entertainment for every family that wishes to attend free of charge, and hopefully KPC can contribute a modest annual sum to ensure this can take place.
We are sure that the Councillors appreciate this interdependency and the contribution that each element has toward making Kimpton a special place.

Do any of your members wish to address Kimpton Parish Council at the meeting when donations are considered:
KFF would be most happy to address KPC as required.

A copy of the last two year's full and detailed up-to-date accounts should accompany this application, where appropriate.
See attached documents for 2022 and 2023.

How do you intend to maintain the financial viability of the organisations?
By continuing to hold successful well attended music festivals, organising fund-raising events (including concerts and barn dances), bidding for grants and ensuring that we maintain a healthy contingency fund for unforeseen events.
KFE's main income is from ticket sales for events. Pre-event ticket sales for KFF are currently at £7000.
This year we have held events that have raised £500 to help fund the Kimpton Folk Festival.
We are investigating opportunities to increase non-ticket sales at our events to increase our income.

Name: **Neil Burns**

Signature:

Position Held: **Committee Member**

Date: **07/06/2024**

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

Account Name: **Kimpton Folk events**

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

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Date Received: 07/06/2024

Date Acknowledged: 07/06/2024

Date of Meeting: 19/06/2024

Minute:

Payment Made: