

TATTENHALL & DISTRICT PARISH COUNCIL

Grant Application Form & Guidelines

Applicant's Details

Name of Organisation The Boneyard Skatepark.....

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*Please indicate preferred method of communication: letter / telephone / **E-mail***

Does the organisation have its own bank account? **YES** / NO

Is your organisation affiliated to a National Body? YES / **NO**

If YES, Please give details.

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Does your organisation charge a membership fee or for public for use of your facilities? **YES** / NO

If YES, Please provide details of how this funding will benefit the wider community not just your membership.

The ethos of the facility has always been inclusive and niche, but it has 'endured' tough times and survived. Primarily due to the community spirit and low cost base. This low cost base is critical to ensure the young adults of the local areas have regular and affordable access to use the facility. Currently membership (needed to be registered as a CASC) is just £30/yr and, non-member can still use the park from as little as £5.

Has your organisation received funding from the Parish Council in the last 12 months? YES/ **NO**

If YES, Please provide details and state if this application is for the same project.

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Application Details

Amount of Money you are requesting

(NB. max grant award £500 other than in exceptional circumstances)

£800

Please note the Council will only accept one application per year per organisation although this may be to fund more than one project.

Is this the total amount required for the project? **YES** / **NO**

If NO, Please give details of other sources of money including fundraising.

Yes and No. Firstly the committee and club are working to solve cashflow issues and our primary focus is to be able to re-commence opening on a Tuesday and go back to a 7 day a week service for the community, as early as possible during the

summer/autumn. The short term 'risk' to the club is now resolved and this application will be used alongside a number of grant applications to build back towards the 7 days.

Depending on the success of other small grants and our own improved trade activity, our current target/planning is that the funds would go towards a small range of 'merchandise'. These T-Shirts and Hoodies tend to sell very quickly and generate 100% profit, therefore our aim would be to double the outlay in a short timescale. (Note, stock is only ordered on a 'pre-order' basis, generally to members, to ensure limited 'stock' is held by the club beyond the short term). Ideally this would be in August, but we understand the assessment of this application cannot be until early September. All funds will be reinvested back into the operations (trading).

At the time of writing the local and niche sports community are really rallying around The Boneyard to ensure the club heads into the Autumn on a stronger financial foothold. If there was any potential to receive more than £800 it would enable replace (or potentially rent) some key tools for the improvement of the facility, such as drills and or industrial cleaning items. We appreciate times are tight for all but if there could be any form of further consideration beyond the basic £500 cap it would be such a benefit to the facility.

Will the project result in funds being raised (e.g. will the grant provide funding for an item to be sold)?

YES / NO

IF YES, Please give details of how that money will be spent.

As above

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Please give details of the application (inc. details of the number of people likely to benefit in the Parish Council area and details of any tendering process for items of equipment).

The average number of service users varies in the autumn/ winter we usually expect approximately 3000 separate individual/sessions booked and in the summer this figure significantly reduced to approximately 1000. Of this it is not possible to put a number on those users in the immediate vicinity, this level of data recording is on the agenda for the club. However anecdotally, it is guaranteed that should a councillor pop in on any week night of the autumn and winter you will find at least one of the users is from a village south of Chester. The 'local' nature of the park is well known across the country. The Boneyard has a relatively historical brand which includes its 'local content' in these sports, so much so that there are two Olympic BMX riders doing a demonstration at the "Car Fest Event" on the weekend of the 23rd July and they have been in touch to try and organise a session at our park whilst in the area.

For rural communities and Chester based young people they would need to travel to Liverpool, Manchester or North Wales to access an indoor park with similar facilities and this is just not viable option for some families due to poor travel links, not only from rural communities but the parks are often outside of city centres so inaccessible. Traveling outside of your area has a huge cost impact and also alienates the concept of building a strong, supportive community.

You may also be aware that one of the main focusses for the school summer holiday period has been approaches to schools in the immediate area. The park has been a traditional haven for younger kids during day time sessions in the summer holidays and we have had a genuine push to offer extra incentives to Years 5 & 6 children in; Tattenhall, Saughton, Huxley, Guilden Sutton etc.

Longer term we are hoping to explore larger scale grants, and work with Boleswoth (landlord), to improve the office/chill out facilities and improve the space for local kids to come and use. To get there we must endure this extremely quiet, post-COVID summer. We would love to offer a more formal session for local kids, but as the landlords themselves (somewhat ironically) highlight, the facilities need to be suitable for this. If we can work with the Parish in the longer term to achieve something in line with the Youth Club goals we would love to play our part.

If necessary continue on separate sheet.

If requesting £1000+ please attach a copy of the organisations accounts.

Accounts have been supplied with this application despite not applying for £1000+.

We hoped that by keeping the grant to £500 there may be a chance of fast tracking the consideration and potentially supporting us during our quiet summer period. If there is anything we can do to make this happen please let us know.

I/We certify that the details given on this application are true and correct.



SIGNED.....

DATE 11/08/2022.

**Please return to the clerk: Mrs. A. Wright, 62 Well Street, Malpas, Cheshire, SY14 8QH.
E-mail tattenhallpc@outlook.com**