Item 9d – Grant Application – Balsall Common Festival

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ode: …CV7 7AA

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C. Your Application

a) Description of project or scheme for which grant is intended

Our annual Picnic in the Park will be held at Lavender Hall Park on Saturday 19th June 2027. We have 2 school bands and during the day. We aim to keep the costs as low as possible and are supported by local groups such as U3a and the Scout disruption and the housing growth plan.

b) Who will benefit from the proposed project or scheme and how many of these are Berkswell residents?

All residents from Berkswell and Balsall are free to attend this event.

c) Total cost of project or scheme: £8,668.20 cost 2026 d) How much are you applying for? £2000.00

e) Year you would require the grant: Early 2027 as we have to pay in advance for Portaloo's, band, bandstand etc

Please give an itemised breakdown of cost estimates for the project/scheme. Please include evidence (e.g.. suppliers' es

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E. Additional Information

Are there any other comments you wish to make to support this application? Please give this information below, or atta

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- **A copy of your latest approved statement of income and expenditure or other financial report which indicates yo**
- **Photocopy of bank statements covering the past six months (if available)**
- **A statement of your capital assets (if any)**

If you are unable to supply this information, please contact the Parish Council for advice before submitting this applicatio

Declaration

I have read the Council's Grant Awarding Policy and in the event of being awarded a grant, I confirm that my organisation agrees to be legally bound by the terms of that Policy.

Signed:…



02/07/26

Please return to Richard Wilson, Clerk to Berkswell Parish Council, at clerk@berkswellparishcouncil.org.uk

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Description of your organisation's activities. Please list your aims and objectives. Our ethos is for the community by the community, and we are a group of 14 volunteers from Balsall Common and Berkswell. Our aim is to hold an annual event in Lavender Hall Park for residents to maintain our excellent, friendly inclusive community spirit. We raise money to fund the event so that its free to attend making it accessible to everyone.

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a) Description of project or scheme for which grant is intended

Our annual Picnic in the Park will be held at Lavender Hall Park on Saturday 19th June 2027. We have 2 school bands and a school singing group in the afternoon and a live band in the evening. One of our committee members is a DJ and acts as our compare during the day. The picnic is free to attend, we have up 2000 attendees during the day. We aim to keep the costs as low as possible and are supported by local groups such as U3a and the Scouts to help with litter picking and monitoring the car park. Residents have access to disabled parking and is easy access for all. We feel it's important to come together as a community especially with HS2 disruption and the housing growth plan.

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Costs enclosed for 2026 event as we will be approaching the same companies and these are the biggest costs, we also but bin liners for rubbish collection and other sundries.

ITEM	COST £
Portaloo's	996.00
Band	1555.00
Advertising	607.20
Bandstand	4399.50
Insurance	144.14
TOTAL	7701.84

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We apply annually for your support and normally ask for £1000. However, a fund which was part of The Heart of England Community Fund closed at the end of last year and their contribution of £5000 an normal was not received, so we are asking you for more support please.

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