BERKSWELL PARISH COUNCIL
GRANT APPLICATION FORM

Please complete this form with reference to the Council's Grant Awarding policy.

A. Your organisation

Please give us the following information about your organisation:

Name of Organisation: Berkswell Society……..……..……..……

Address: Field Cottage, Old Waste Lane, Balsall Common CV7 7RY

Description of your organisation's activities. Please list your aims and objectives.

The Berkswell Society is the residents' association for Berkswell Parish. We are focused on improving the parish through undertaking physical work in the community to make it a pleasant place to live

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How long has your organisation been in existence? Founded in 1973

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B. Contact Details

Contact: Name Andrew Burrow

Position: Secretary

Address for correspondence (if different from above): As above

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Tel: 01 676 535 191……(daytime) 07860 302 232 (mobile)

Email: andrewsburrow@gmail.com

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C. Your Application

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

To continue with our activities undertaking the spring and autumn planting of the Society's planters around the parish. This is separate from the planting that the Society undertakes for the parish council on Berkswell Station (5 planters) and the Station Road roundabout where the PC normally pays for the plants directly and the Society provides the labour. **However, for the last 2 years the Society received sponsorship for the station planters summer planting and will not be seeking reimbursement of those costs**

The Society also undertakes other ad hoc improvement projects but these are financed from its own funds or donations from volunteers and other bodies. This year the Society is creating a "fairy trail" for children to encourage outdoor activities.

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

This project is for the direct benefit of residents in the parish and anyone who passes through the parish.

c) Total cost of project or scheme: About £775 (see below for explanation)

d) How much are you applying for? £600

e) Year you would require the grant: 2026

Please give an itemised breakdown of cost estimates for the project/scheme. Please include evidence (e.g.. suppliers' estimates or price lists) of the likely cost of all items of expenditure where possible. If more space is required to detail your cost estimates, please continue on a separate sheet.

ITEM	COST £
Maintenance of planters with a cost of about £60 per planter per year for two plantings although some volunteers do not charge for the plants and occasionally costs exceed the norm. The cost last year was £775	£775
TOTAL	£775

D. Previous Applications

a) Has your organisation previously applied for a grant from this Parish Council? If YES, please give details of the project and the date and amount of grant received if any? Was the project as described completed?

The parish council has been kind enough to provide annual funding for this parish improvement activity.

c) Has your organisation previously applied for (or intends to apply for) a grant from any other body for the same purpose as this application? If YES, please give details.

The Society receives occasional financial support from the Berkswell Charities and receives money as a return on invested funds. The invested funds originate from fundraising in the 1980's by the Mine Opposition Group to stop a colliery being constructed in the parish. The Society invested the money to create annual revenue to fund the Society's community improvement activities. In accordance with the Society reserves policy the principal is not "touched" because it was raised to fight a mine and not fund parish improvement activities.

E. Additional Information

Please see photos of planters flourishing on Station Road and Sunnyside Lane, Balsall Common

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F. Your Financial Situation

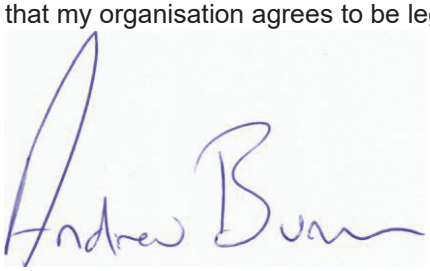
All applications must be accompanied by the following financial information: **If you do not supply this information your application will not be considered unless previously agreed in writing by the Council.**

- A copy of your latest approved statement of income and expenditure or other financial report which indicates your financial position (where appropriate) Attached appendix 1
- Photocopy of bank statements covering the past six months (if available)
- A statement of your capital assets (if any) Attached appendix 1

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

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: Andrew Burrow Date: 9th August 2026

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

Berkswell Society Accounts 2025

Berkswell Society
Income and Expenditure Account
For Year Ended 31 December 2025

Income	31 December 2025	31 December 2024
Berkswell Charities Annual Grant	0.00	500.00
Berkswell Parish Council Annual Grant	600.00	550.00
Investment Dividend	287.44	574.88
Community Orchard Project	300.00	4,904.98
HS2	500.00	0.00
Street Poppies*	430.00	0.00
General Accident - Cancellation of preference shares**	9,969.97	0.00
Bank Interest	0.00	0.00
	12,087.41	6,529.86
Expenditure		
Parish Plants and Planters	775.70	1,573.04
CPRE Membership	0.00	60.00
Printing for NGS	100.00	80.00
Hard Drive	0.00	44.00
Transfer to Hampshire Trust Bank	10,000.00	0.00
Community Orchard Project	289.00	5,404.98
	11,164.70	7,162.02
Excess of Income/Expenditure	922.71	-632.16

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*Monies received but not yet claimed
**Following the decisions made by shareholders at the General Meeting held on 15/4/26 and confirmation at the Court hearing on 5/6/25, all 7.875% Preference Shares have been cancelled and payment made into Barclays account. Reinvested in Hampshire Trust Bank.

Berkswell Society
Balance Sheet
As at 31 December 2025

	31 December 2025	31 December 2024
Excess of Income/Expenditure	922.71	-632.16
Bank Account		
Opening balance at 1 January	2,650.27	3,282.43
Carried forward at 31 December	3,572.98	2,650.27
Investment Account (General Accident now Hampshire Trust Bank)		
Opening balance	8,796.50	8,578.00
Dividends Paid	-287.44	-574.88
Gain/Loss	1,345.94	793.38
Increased investment	145.00	
Closing balance	10,000.00	8,796.50

NB; Interest on Hampshire Bank Trust is 4.3% payable annually in arrears.

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August 2026