



**Small Grant Application**

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<b>Please tick to show you have read and understood the <b>Data Protection Statement</b> in the attached guidelines ( x )</b>	
<b>What is the status of your organisation?</b> (Please tick) Registered Charity ( x )      Voluntary Organisation ( x )      Community Group ( ) Tenants' Association ( )      Other, please specify	
<b>If applying for the first time</b> , please give a brief description of your group/organisation: Our purpose is to actively engage and support young people in their personal development, empowering them to make a positive contribution to society. As Scouts, we're guided by these values: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Integrity:</b> We act with integrity; we are honest, trustworthy and loyal.</li><li>• <b>Respect:</b> We have self-respect and respect for others.</li><li>• <b>Care:</b> We support others and take care of the world in which we live.</li><li>• <b>Belief:</b> We explore our faiths, beliefs and attitudes.</li><li>• <b>Co-operation:</b> We make a positive difference; we co-operate with others and make friends</li></ul>	
1 <sup>st</sup> Hirst Scout Group is a registered charity operating in the Hirst area of Ashington. The Group has been in existence since 1908 providing Scouting in the North Seaton and surrounding areas. As a member of the Scout Association, we abide by the Policy Organisation and Rules set out by the Association. We aim to promote the development of young people achieving their full physical, intellectual, social and spiritual potentials. The Group is open to young people from age 6 – 14 years of age regardless of their gender, race, colour, religion, physical or mental ability. Youth membership pay fees on a termly basis and must uphold the rules and aims of the Scout movement. All Leaders and members of the Trustee Board must complete mandatory safety, safeguarding training, equality and diversity training and GDPR. All Leaders and Trustees must have mandatory DBS checks to be able to work with the youth membership. Leaders undergo further training in 1 <sup>st</sup> Aid and Leadership training. Leaders/Volunteers must have regular reviews to monitor progress and update training in safety and safeguarding every 3 years.	



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**Please include the following with your application:**

- ✓ Your constitution or governing document, or written aims and objectives.
- ✓ Up-to-date financial information, including latest accounts and bank statement.
- ✓ A set a basic core policies or statements:
  - ✓ Health & Safety
  - ✓ Equality and Diversity
  - ✓ Safeguarding
  - ✓ Data Protection and GDPR

**Please contact us if you are unsure about any of the above. We will support any group to achieve the required policies, in accordance with our work to promote Equality and Diversity in Grant Aid Allocation, and our obligations under the Public Sector Equality Duty 2022.**

**Does your organisation work in partnership with any other organisations? Yes/No** (please circle)  
If yes, please give details below:

**Please provide details of membership/users:**

Number of Members/Users?  Current membership 55 young people	Do members/users pay a subscription fee? <b>Yes</b> /No (please circle)	Subscription Fee? £90 per year. Siblings pay a reduced rate to support families
Number of paid employees (if any)? NIL	Number of volunteers? 16	
What percentage of members/users live in Ashington? 98%		

Please use this space to tell us how your organisation serves the residents of Ashington or contributes towards the wellbeing of the town and residents.

We have a strong Youth membership and we are regularly approached by parents requesting membership for their young children. We take children on camping trips as a minimum twice per year. Also, local activities in the area such as local knowledge walks/visits to sites in the community. Where possible the Group will subsidise the costs of these camps and trips for parents to support them through the recent financial difficulties. We have strong parent support. We organise trips to Panto yearly, trips to museums, organised bowling nights and visits to local amenities such as fire stations and ambulance services. As a wider District our Group takes part in activities organised for Wansbeck District Scouts. To fundraise we have coffee mornings and bingo nights which local residents are invited to join in along with the families and young people. Following the Covid outbreak our fundraising has been difficult to kickstart, and we have been unable to get enough support for larger fundraising activities such as race nights. This year's camp numbers are lower than usual due to the cost of living impacting on households. However, those that can take part we want them to have the best experience possible.

<b>Amount of small grant requested (up to £500)</b>	<b>£500.00</b>
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Small Grants can be awarded towards specific projects, 'start-up' costs or maintenance/running costs (see Small Grant Guidelines) and must be spent in the financial year awarded, for the purpose given. You can only receive one small grant in any financial year.

**Please give full details of the purpose of your Small Grant application:**

This year we have booked our Summer camp to go the Melton Scout Camp (outside Hull) for 7 nights camping on 20/7/24. At the camp we have arranged activities for the young people to include, archery, climbing, abseiling, cave bus, assault course and scouting skills such as camp fires and walks to parks in the nearby area. These have been costed in the fee that parents are paying. To keep costs down by staying on site to do Scout Activities. The Group is covering fuel costs for the mini bus to get the Group to camp.

We are travelling with 14 young people and 8 Leaders. We would use the grant, to take the young people with 7 of the Leaders out for a day trip to Fantasy Island Theme Park near Ingoldmells. The discounted price of entry for the Group to attend the Theme Park £509.96. This is additional fuel costs and mileage costs for the mini bus hire. We would also like to be able to buy the young people lunch on their day trip. The grant would enable us to do this.

Leaders attending this camp give up their own holidays from work to attend and look after the Young people run activities and drive the mini bus that we have hired to transport the children on this experience.

As already said, we are based in the Hirst area of Ashington where some of our members are on benefits or low incomes and have financial difficulties. Where possible the Group support these families to enable their children to have the best experience possible. Some of the children attending it is their only holiday. We want to give them the best experience possible.

Our recent camp in May was over the last May Bank Holiday and unfortunately due to the weather we had to end the camp one day early. On our return we have found two damaged tents which cannot be saved and the Group has just spent £369.00 to purchase two new replacement tents ready for the summer camp. This has impacted on us being able to offer the off-site trip to the young people.

During Covid the Group benefited from grants. This has enabled the Group to retain membership fees to parents at pre covid costs. However, like everyone else our utility costs have increased immensely along with the insurances for the building and contents. For this reason, the Group also subsidise any membership fees for siblings and costs for activities such as camps and trips out. Our building was built in 1986 and some of the monies from the Covid grants has been placed in reserve for future repairs, boiler replacement and renewal of the roof the amount held in a restricted fund is £15000.00. We estimate that the running costs for the next 12 months will be as follows:

Insurances £2806.00  
Utilities 1234.00  
Maintenance £2000.00  
Membership costs £2805

It is anticipated that the membership fees to our members will remain the same as we do not want to impact families further. The Group will continue to subsidise membership fees for the next 12 months.

**Please attach a copy of your latest financial statement together with a copy of your most recent bank statement for each bank account your organisation maintains.**

**UNRESTRICTED BALANCES WILL BE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT WHEN AGREEING AWARDS**



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### DECLARATION

- ✓ I confirm that to the best of my knowledge and belief, all the information in this application is true and correct.
- ✓ I agree to any disclosure or exchange of information about this application which Ashington Town Council deem appropriate for the administration, evaluation, monitoring and publicising of Small Grants.
- ✓ I understand that acceptance of this application by Ashington Town Council does not in any way signify that the organisation is eligible to or will receive a Small Grant.
- ✓ I have included the documents and policies required.
- ✓ I have included an up-to-date Financial Statement and copies of bank statements.
- ✓ I understand that the Council will *freeze* or *withdraw* funding or *reject* future applications if certain conditions are not met and/or there is evidence of unlawful activity, malpractice, or other behaviour that the Council deems improper.
- ✓ I agree to verify that Grant Aid has been spent for the intended purpose.
- ✓ I agree to inform the council of any significant changes to the membership or running of the organisation.

Signed	Print name	Date
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Date application received	Application successful? Yes/No	Proposed Award £
Any additional information requested:		