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South Petherton Parish Council Grant Application Form – 2022.

South Petherton Parish Council will consider applications for grants that they consider are permissible within their Statutory powers from Registered Charities, Voluntary Groups or Community Organisations within the South Petherton Parish.

Please complete this form fully and return it to the Parish Office (details above), either electronically or in hard copy.

Accompanying information can be attached if needed.

South Petherton Parish Council – Grant Application Form		
		Attached
Name of organisation:	WILLIAM BLAKE MEMORIAL HALL (THE BLAKE HALL)	
Name on Bank Account:	WILLIAM BLAKE MEMORIAL HALL	
Registered Charity/Charity Number:	Yes/No Number: 304631	
Contact name & position within the group:	Ms Joanna (Jo) Tudor Trustee and Secretary to the Hall's Management Committee	
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Purpose of the grant and who will benefit from it:	We are requesting a grant for or towards: a) the removal of hazardous waste (pigeon guano) from the northern side of the Blake Hall, b) cleaning of the affected area, and c) replacement and installation of bird deterrents for the future.	

	<p>This work has been done recently and the cleaner, safer and more pleasant pavement and surroundings are already benefitting residents and visitors including the users of the hall and social club. The Blake Hall is an attractive and valuable asset to South Petherton contributing to the village's popularity.</p>											
<p>Describe the evidence you have obtained that shows a need for this grant:</p>	<p>By early 2023, a considerable amount of pigeon guano had built up on window ledges and cornices on the north western side of the Hall and around the side door. This posed a health hazard as well as being unsightly. Guano on the pavement posed a slip risk particularly in wet weather. The mess was also being walked into the public toilets – this was unhygienic and a nuisance to the Social Club which is responsible for cleaning the toilets.</p>											
<p>Grant amount being requested, including a breakdown of spend:</p>	<p>Given the amount we are spending this year on bringing the Hall back up to standard, we are applying for the full amount - £4,226.40. However, if this is not possible would be grateful for a contribution.</p> <p>As it was a pressing health and safety issue, the Management Committee decided, at its meeting on 17th Jan 2023, that the work needed to be done as soon as possible. Three quotes had been invited but only Hellier Pest Control responded (https://www.helliar-pestcontrol.co.uk/).</p> <p>The costs were:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="608 1285 1174 1473"> <thead> <tr> <th>BREAKDOWN</th> <th>COST £</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Guano Cleaning and Bird Proofing</td> <td>1,942.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Supply and Installation of Scaffolding</td> <td>1,580.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>VAT</td> <td>704.40</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: right;">TOTAL</td> <td>4,226.40</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>The Management Committee agreed that the northern side of the building should be cleaned and the work was undertaken by Hellier in April 2023 - at a total cost of £4,226.40. (To do the entire building would have been an additional £658.00 plus VAT.)</p>	BREAKDOWN	COST £	Guano Cleaning and Bird Proofing	1,942.00	Supply and Installation of Scaffolding	1,580.00	VAT	704.40	TOTAL	4,226.40	<p>Attachment 1 - Helliar's invoice.</p>
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<p>Total number of members in the group:</p>	<p>The Management Committee comprises eleven trustees. We have eleven weekly and two monthly regular bookings from a wide range of user groups – see attachment. There are also ad hoc bookings for parties etc. The Hall exists to serve the population of South Petherton and surrounds ie well over 5,000 people.</p>	<p>Attachment 2 - Timetable of regular users</p>										

Total funds spent by the group in the last financial year:	Total expenditure was £13,966.24 as at 31/12/22.	Attachment 3 – Balance Sheet
Total funds received by the group in the last financial year:	Total income, including interest, was £13,872.86 as at 31/12/22.	
Who else has been approached for funding for this project:	No-one else has been approached for funding	
Main income sources – please itemise:	Main sources of current income are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rent from the Sports and Social Club • Regular Bookings of the Hall • Ad hoc/Casual Bookings of the Hall 	
Current bank balance: (please confirm date)	Total Balance (bank and building society) reported to last Management Committee meeting held 25th April 2023 was £39,244.14 (compared to £48,925.69 at the same point the previous year).	
Any other information for consideration:	<p><u>Supporting Case</u></p> <p>The Blake Hall Management Committee including its new team of officers (brought together over the last two years) has spent the considerable sum of £16,679.99 to date in 2023 catching up with a backlog of essential repairs and maintenance issues. This represents more than the Blake Hall’s entire spend last year. At £4,226.40, the costliest component of this work has been cleaning up after the pigeons living around the Hall and Market Square and installing measures to deter them in future. The pigeons were significant visual problem and health hazard for both residents and visitors to the village.</p> <p>As this work was as much or more about the village as a whole, we trust that the Parish Council will agree that it is appropriate to apply to them for these funds. The Committee apologises that it is applying retrospectively but it felt that, as a pressing health and safety issue, the work had to be fitted in as soon as the contractors were able to do it. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any queries. Thank you for your consideration of our application.</p>	Attachment 4 – Photos of completed work

I declare that to the best of my knowledge the statements made in this application form, including any accompanying information are true.

Signature: Joanna Tudor

Date: 15th August 2023

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