



ABERGAVENTNY TOWN COUNCIL
COMMUNITY SMALL GRANT SCHEME
APPLICATION FORM 2020/21

This application form is to be used to submit an application to Abergavenny Town Council Community Small Grant Scheme. Please read the guidance notes carefully before completing the form.

Completed forms to be returned to Clerk@abergavennytowncouncil.gov.uk or by post to Town Clerk, Town Hall, Cross Street, Abergavenny, NP7 5HD.

Section 1 – Contact information

a. Group Name	<input type="text" value="Cwtch Angels CIC"/>
b. Contact Name	<input type="text" value="Annie Hartwright"/>
c. Contact Address	<input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/>
d. Contact email	<input type="text"/>
e. Position in Group	<input type="text" value="Founder"/>
f. Contact tel no	<input type="text"/>
g. Bank Account Details	<input type="text"/>

Section 2 – Tell Us About Your Group

a. Briefly tells us about the activities that your organisation/group undertakes

Helping with Poverty, Mental Wellbeing, Child Welfare, Providing Healthy Meals

Cwtch Angels established in 2016 and became a CIC in 2020. We have recently grown from having 4 dedicated volunteers to now having 17. We take in donations from the public – food, clothes, furniture, household items and offer them to support whoever needs them.

We are able to sell some of the donated items to pay for our rent, storage and utilities and to stock a good food cupboard to provide Emergency food parcels.

We have recently opened the Abergavenny Community Fridge/cupboard, both fresh and tinned/packets, Ladies personal feminine products, Emergency Baby Packs.

We offer good quality clean clothes for all ages including Adults.

A safe space to come for help, company, with no form filling and a directory of Agencies who can also help.

Our aim is to find a more appropriate, public accessible space that is centrally located in Abergavenny and buy a medium sized van so our volunteers can pick up and deliver larger items, such as fridges, ovens, beds etc.

We have become so popular that we have had to rent more storage over the past year to house all of the donations we receive. Also we have been unable to hold our normal fundraising events, such as the School Uniform Drive, where we were able to provide over 176 children with free school uniforms, shoes, bags etc. Although the uniforms were free, we would put designer type clothes to help raise money for our CIC to cover utilities, rents etc.

We get referrals from Monmouthshire Housing, Monmouthshire County Council, Dad's Can, the Acorn Centre, the Food Bank and from the general public.

b. Charity Details (if applicable)	Charity Number
	CIC Number 12723726
i.VAT Registered?	No

Section 3. Tell Us About The Community Project/Activity You Want To Undertake

a. Which objective does this project mainly contribute towards (**please tick one**):

- Giving Children and Young People the best possible start in life
- Support for community wellbeing inc. volunteering and active citizenship
- Supporting an economically thriving community
- Protecting and enhancing our natural environment

b. Please give more detail on how your project will meet the objective you selected above.

We help Abergavenny and the surrounding area families with Baby Items and equipment, clothes for children and adults, furniture, food parcels, half term hunger, Christmas present drive, tablets to help while children were unable to attend school, School.

School Uniform drive, where we take donated second hand uniforms and give them out to families who struggle with the cost of new uniforms, shoes, bags etc. We are in the process of opening the official Abergavenny Community Fridge. Morrisons, Waitrose and Holdsworth Foods donate food that is about to expire, we freeze it and give it out to anybody to save the food being thrown into a landfill and to help the community feed their families. We help reduce stress that not being able to pay your bills presents.

c. Total Project Cost

£4,800 per annum rent for buildings and extra storage

d. How much are you applying for from Abergavenny Town Council?

£1,000

e. Have you raised the balance of funds?

(25% of the total project costs should come from other sources)

Yes, each month.

f. Please specify how you will use the Town Council grant?

This will help with the extra storage we have needed to rent in order to be able to take on more donations from the public and help more people in need. The Community are amazing and donate all kinds of items to us. We now have approximately 17 volunteers, who help man our Community Fridge and sort bags of clothes so we can get them to the public quickly. We are in the process of putting in plumbing, kitchen sink and then will be applying for a Food Business licence so we can become the official Abergavenny Community Fridge and be able to store more items of food, including fresh meat etc.

g. How will your project benefit the community of Abergavenny?

People request items they need on our Cwtch Angels CIC Abergavenny Face book page and we fill the requests. Every day we help people with the high costs of food, baby items, baby milk, nappies, fresh vegetables and bread, household items, anything that is donated and help anybody in the community. We have a friendly 'hub' in Hatherleigh Place, where people can come and chat, fill their baskets with food and let us know of any other needs they may have. We can also make referrals to the Food Bank, but have not needed to do this as we have a great store of food ourselves. Nobody needs to be referred to us, or complete forms; they only need to ask.

h. If your project involves working with young people does your organisation have a safeguarding policy?

Yes	No
X	

i. When will your project start and finish?

Start date

2016

Completion date

Ongoing

j. Are there any outstanding permissions i.e. planning permission required before this project can start? If so, please list together with expected dates when permission will be granted

Yes, in order to become an official community fridge and be able to stock fresh meats etc, we need to be able to be registered as a food business. In order to be registered as a food business, we need to plumb in a kitchen with a double sink into our building. We are in the process of getting quotes to do this. A plumber visited this week to give our first quote. We are very excited about this project.

Section 4

This application is to be signed by a person holding a position in the organisation applying for the grant. Before submitting the application please ensure that you have all the additional information as set out in the guidance.

Signed

Annie Hartwright, Founder

On behalf of
(name of group)

Cwtch Angels CIC

Date

29th April 2021