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**ABERGAVENNY TOWN COUNCIL**

**COMMUNITY SMALL GRANT SCHEME**

**APPLICATION FORM 2023/24**

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**

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| a. Group Name | Greener Abergavenny |

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| b. Contact Name | Gary Smith |
| c. Contact Address |  |
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| d. Contact email |  |
| e. Position in Group | Chair, and Event Manager |

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| f. Contact tel no |  |

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| g. Bank Account Details | Account Name :GREENER ABERGAVENNYAccount Type: Community A/C |

**Section 2 – Tell Us About Your Group**

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

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| *Greener Abergavenny* is a collective of membership organisations consisting of people in and around the town of Abergavenny promoting collectively and individually a move towards a greener future.Evidence that we are living through a climate and ecological emergency is compelling. The enormity of the problem and the scale of the effort required to address it can be overwhelming, leading to feelings of helplessness. Yet individually and collectively each of us have the power to face these challenges creatively and with some urgency. This is *Greener Abergavenny’s* purpose.The aims of *Greener Abergavenny* include:1. To raise awareness across our community of the issues associated with the challenges of the climate emergency, resource depletion and loss of biodiversity necessitating the development of a low carbon, sustainable and resilient future.
2. To promote, encourage and support the development of education and understanding concerning areas of our lives affected by the challenges outlined above.
3. To endeavour to provide through the actions of the membership organisations encouragement and practical support necessary to make the rapid transition to a low carbon, sustainable future.
4. To encourage the development of resilient communities and to work with other Transition Towns and similarly community-led initiatives.
5. To work with statutory, local authorities, voluntary, and business organisations, where appropriate in pursuit of its aims.
6. To set up sub-groups within *Greener Abergavenny* that focus on particular issues or campaigns in line with our overall purpose and aims.

There are a variety of ways in which these objectives might be achieved. The first is to organise a Fair in Abergavenny, to provide expertise, support discussion, educate, inform, assist and enrole all parts of the community in making positive changes. |

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| b. Charity Details (if applicable) | Charity Number. Na. |
| c.VAT Registered?  | No  |

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

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

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

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

Following the first successful Greener Abergavenny Fair, we are repeating the event this year on October 20th 2024.

Once again this will bring together representatives from local organisations, groups, businesses and experts to share knowledge and thoughts on how we can individually and collectively move to a move sustainable, greener, lower carbon way of living in the face of climate change and loss of biodiversity. This will include stalls for Abergavenny in Bloom and participation from several of the local Friends organisations (Bailey Park, Linda Vista, and the Community Orchard) and many more.

The scope includes Energy efficiency, Active and Low Carbon transport, local and sustainable food and farming, supporting nature and biodiversity, making green purchasing decisions and management of waste as well as showcasing activities of several local schools and youth groups, and providing information on Green Education and Career options.

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| 1. Total Project Cost
 | £4500 |
| 1. How much are you applying for from Abergavenny Town Council?
 | £1000 |
| 1. Have you raised the balance of funds?
 | We have a commitment so far of £2090 from 4 different sources. Other applications are in progress.In addition we expect to raise up to £1500 from sales of programmes on the day and Stall booking fees (for commercial stallholders) and other due in September, and other donations on the day. |

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

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

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| A. Promotion / Marketing: A1. Print costs (Posters, flyers, programme)  £300 A2. October Focus magazine article, Cover and Advertisement £320 to support the Publicity and Marketing of the event: B. Running the event:  B1. Health and Safety/First Aid cover St. Johns Ambulance £200 B2. Contribution toward the costs of Storytelling at the event, on Green themes £180  |
| TOTAL £1000 |
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1. How will your project benefit the community of Abergavenny?

We believe that this event will give further significant support to a number of community organisations such as the various “Friends”, charities, groups such as Benthyg and Repair Café and many others.

By bringing multiple different groups, ages and viewpoints together for a common cause, and mutual benefit. Last year many commented that they gained strength from seeing how many others are. supporting a wide range of green initiatives

Fostering a sense of community

By making groups more visible, they may gain more customers, volunteers, members, and support.

Businesses may be motivated to adapt to a greener more demanding clientele.

Local Food providers may gain customers.

Homeowners might find grants, ideas and support in making changes to their property and energy supply.

Children and Families can come to the event to have fun and learn about opportunities to be involved in a wide range of schemes from creating Green Corridors to tree planting or cycling.

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| 1. If your project involves working with young people does your organisation have a safeguarding policy?
 | Yes | No |
|  | X\* |

*\*A number of members of our group hold the relevant safeguarding certification. Safeguarding is documented in the Event Management Plan*

1. When will your project start and finish?

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| Start date  | Started April 2024 |
| Completion date | 1st December 2024 |

1. 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

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| The relevant Event Management Plan has been submitted to MCC. As this is based on the plan approved last year and with minor changes we expect this to be approved without any issues. |

**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.

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| Signed  | A close up of a signature  Description automatically generatedDr. Gary C Smith |
| On behalf of (name of group) | Greener Abergavenny |
| Date  | August 23rd 2024 |