



**APPLICATION FORM FOR A GRANT/DONATION
FROM HAYDON WICK PARISH COUNCIL
APPLICATION DEADLINES: 31 MAY; 30 SEPTEMBER & 31 JANUARY ANNUALLY**

Name of Organisation	Wiltshire Search and Rescue
Charity Registration Number (if known)	1205651
Contact Name and address	Bethan Matthews c/o Wiltshire Police Headquarters London Road Devizes SN10 2DN
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Position held in Organisation	Trustee

Amount requested	£500
How much will the whole project cost?	£750
Are you applying to other grant making bodies	Yes/No ☒ Yes
If Yes who have you applied to	We are exploring opportunities with Swindon Bus Community Fund.
Reason for application (please continue on another sheet if necessary)	Wiltshire Search and Rescue is a voluntary organisation that is deployed at the request of the emergency services control rooms. Our primary aim is to locate vulnerable missing people, often in remote locations, provide life-saving medical care and return them to a place of safety. If sadly necessary, we also recover the body to provide closure for their family. We also support flood rescue efforts, and our water team is trained to national DEFRA standards. We operate primarily within Wiltshire and will also support our neighbouring teams upon request. We are non-profit, and rely on fundraising and grants for our continued operation. All our members are unpaid volunteers and we make no charge for our services. Our trustees are all operational members, actively participating in search and rescue operations. Our members initially qualify as a 'Search Technician' on foot, after which they may choose to specialise in a discipline such as bike search, water rescue, drone operation or dog handling, to name just a few. During the last 18 months we have attended the Haydon Wick and immediate vicinity approximately 10 times for call outs. All our members train to nationally recognised standards where possible, such as those defined by Lowland Rescue or DEFRA. This enables us to work alongside other search teams, along with statutory agencies such as the fire service. This is becoming increasingly important to ensure the competence of our searchers and the trust of our emergency services and the public, particularly with the media attention around a number of high profile searches for missing persons across the country. We request funding specifically to enable the continuation of our water search and rescue capability by sending our current DEFRA MOD4 (Swiftwater and Flood Rescue Boat Operator) on their requalification course.

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Bank details (should an award be made) or A cheque can be raised if preferred	Sort code: Account number: Account name: or Cheque payable to:
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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.

Your Name	Bethan Matthews
Your Signature	BEMatthews
Date	27 May 2024

Checklist:

- ☒ Read the Guidelines
- ☒ Ensure all questions are answered
- ☒ Have you enclosed the most recent certified accounts if you are applying for a sum in excess of £500. Applications over £500 should also submit a project and business plan
- ☒ Make a copy of this form for your reference
- ☒ Enclose a copy of your Constitution if you are a registered charity

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Grant agreed?	Yes/No	
If yes, at which meeting	Date	Minute No
Sum agreed	£	
Date payment made or cheque sent		
Cheque Number		