

GRANT APPLICATION 2018/19 – ASSESSMENT AND RECOMMENDATION

Priority Corporate Outcomes	To promote family and community well-being and encourage engaged, cohesive and safe communities To promote an engaged and informed population To create better life chances for children and young people and help them make a positive transition into adulthood	
Organisation	BARNET 1471 BATTLEFIELDS SOCIETY	ref 22/C/CTY
Address	c/o Flat 6, Vincent Court, 199 New Park Road, SW2	
Relevant policy, aims and objectives		
<p>The Corporate Plan, 2015-20, signifies the council's commitment to promoting civic pride and the quality of life; to helping build a sense of community; and to facilitating the conditions where an active and diverse community can thrive. The Community Participation Strategy seeks to build a strong civic society by increasing the level of community activity across the borough and develop a stronger partnership between the community and the council. Extending community involvement in arts and recreational activities is an effective means of promoting social integration; building community cohesion; and generating pride in the borough.</p> <p>The Children and Young People's Plan, 2016-20, reflects a focus on improving outcomes for Barnet's younger population, creating the conditions for children and young people to develop skills and acquire knowledge to achieve their full potential and lead successful adult lives.</p>		
Activities / proposal		
<p>Barnet 1471 Battlefields Society (BBS) is an unincorporated association formed in 2017 to promote understanding of the Battle of Barnet, one of two decisive engagements in the Wars of the Roses which secured the throne for Edward IV. The society, which has 30 members, holds regular talks (at St John the Baptist Church in Chipping Barnet) for the public at large on the dynastic conflict of 15th-century England, including the Battle of Barnet, and related topics, such as medieval medicine. Members will also be participating in a series of medieval events, including the Barnet Medieval Festival, a two-day event this month at Barnet Elizabethans Rugby Club which it is helping organise, and at venues such as Bosworth and Tewksbury.</p> <p>The society is affiliated to the 'Battle of Barnet Project', a two-year archaeological research programme involving Barnet Museum and The Battlefields Trust, funded by Heritage Lottery Fund, to investigate the site of the Battle of Barnet and promote interest in it. The expectation is that the project's findings will be handed over to the society to create a legacy for future generations when its work is complete and that many of its 150+ volunteers will become members, significantly increasing its reach and the potential for future legacy work.</p> <p>This application seeks help to generate interest in its work amongst the local community, especially children and young people through delivery of an educational programme in schools; to expand its calendar of activities; and to purchase a medieval traders' tent that will serve to raise its profile at events.</p> <p>The work of groups like BBS embodies considerable voluntary input and can be an effective mechanism for bringing together diverse sections of the community, in this case to celebrate, and protect, local heritage. The proposal to work with schools and educate young people in the Wars of the Roses, a topic not at present covered by the national curriculum, and medieval history in general will enrich their knowledge.</p>		

Cost and financial need

BBS incurred expenditure of £420 over its first seven months up to 31/3/2018, mainly on hire charges for the venue used for talks, refreshments and administration. Income, through a combination of membership fees and admission charges to the public, left the society with a deficit of £32.50.

A grant of £4,000 is requested, of which £2,128.50 (inclusive of VAT) is for the purchase of a large (fire-retardant) tent. The balance is to defray increased expenditure on hire charges linked to the expansion of activities; publicity costs; and the purchase of materials for the proposed educational programme.

The award recommended is in support of extending the society's reach within the community and the educational programme on the understanding that revenue from the anticipated growth in membership and the proposed sale of memorabilia at events will help sustain activities. Similar grant applications have been made to charitable trusts, which are a more suitable source of funding for the tent, especially as many of the events at which it is to be used are outside the borough.

Grant recommendation, type and conditions

£1,500

Start-up grant

One-off grant

Special conditions:

Payment of the award should be made subject to (a) submission of an implementation plan for the educational programme; (b) validation of the society's management and recruitment procedures against Barnet's multi-agency standards for safeguarding the care of children and young people; and (c) receipt of progress reports on the work with children and young people.

Target grant outcomes

(a) To augment the heritage of the borough and the ways in which children and young people learn and gain knowledge and (b) to encourage social integration and community cohesion.

Date: June 2018