



Grants – Application Form

Please specify which grant you are applying for:

Council Grant	Yes
Loneliness Project Grant	
Christmas Lighting Grant	

Organisation Name	Abertillery Town Cricket Club
Organisation Type <i>Provide your registered charity number, if applicable</i>	Limited by No Guarantee
Organisation Address <i>If your organisation is not based in one premises, please state which areas you cover</i>	Abertillery Park Glandwr Street NP13 1TU
Grant Amount Request	£2500

What would this funding be used for?

Please be as precise as possible

This funding will be used to establish and grow a sustainable women's cricket section at the club following a successful pilot programme and a series of women's and girls' taster sessions which have demonstrated clear local demand.

The project directly aligns with the ECB's strategic priority to grow women's and girls' cricket. Recent ECB data shows significant growth in participation, with the number of clubs offering women's cricket increasing substantially and more women and girls taking part in organised cricket than ever before. This demonstrates both the demand for and importance of providing accessible opportunities for women and girls to play cricket.

The club has already invested time and resources into piloting women's cricket through introductory sessions and community engagement activities. The response has been extremely positive, with clear evidence that there is sufficient interest to establish a permanent women's team. Funding will enable the club to move from introductory sessions to a fully sustainable women's section that can provide regular training, competitive opportunities and a long-term pathway into cricket.

Creating a women's team is also important for the future development of the club. It supports the ECB's recommendations for clubs to broaden participation and improve inclusivity, while

strengthening the club's position when applying for future ECB and County Cricket Board funding opportunities. The County Grant Fund places significant emphasis on increasing opportunities for women and girls, and having an active women's section is increasingly an important factor when demonstrating a club's commitment to growing the game and serving its local community. By establishing a women's team, the club will increase participation, create new volunteering and leadership opportunities and improve community engagement

How does your project benefit the Abertillery and Llanhilleth area and its residents?

This project directly supports Blaenau Gwent's health and wellbeing priorities by increasing opportunities for residents to become more physically active and engage in regular sport. The Council's Sport and Active Living Strategy identifies increasing participation in physical activity, promoting healthier lifestyles, supporting community sports development and encouraging people to remain active throughout life as key priorities. Physical activity is recognised as playing an important role in improving physical health, mental wellbeing and reducing health inequalities across the borough.

Blaenau Gwent has historically experienced higher levels of poor health and long-term health conditions than many other areas of Wales. Providing accessible opportunities for local people to take part in sport is an important part of improving health outcomes and supporting healthier communities.

By establishing a women's cricket team, the project will provide a new opportunity for women and girls in Abertillery and Llanhilleth to participate in regular physical activity within their local community. This is particularly important as there is currently limited provision for female cricket in the area. The project builds on the success of our pilot sessions and taster events, which demonstrated strong interest from local women and girls who would otherwise have limited opportunities to participate in organised cricket.

The project will provide a welcoming and inclusive environment where participants can improve their physical fitness, mental wellbeing, confidence and social connections. It will also help tackle barriers to participation by creating opportunities close to home, reducing the need to travel outside the area to access women's cricket.

The benefits extend beyond those playing. The project will create volunteering opportunities for coaches, team managers, scorers, officials and committee members, helping local residents develop new skills and become more involved in community life. Families will also benefit through increased engagement with the club and opportunities to participate in cricket together.

The women's team will help ensure the club remains a thriving community asset, attracting new members and broadening participation across the area. It will support equality, inclusion and community cohesion while helping the club meet ECB recommendations for growing women's and girls' cricket.

In the longer term, establishing a women's section will strengthen the club's eligibility for future ECB and County Cricket Board funding programmes, helping to bring additional investment into the local area. The project will create a lasting legacy by providing a sustainable pathway for women and girls to participate in cricket locally, from introductory sessions through to competitive cricket, while supporting Blaenau Gwent's ambition to create healthier, more active communities.

How many residents of our wards do you believe will benefit from this project?

The primary beneficiaries will be 20–30 women and girls who will have the opportunity to participate in regular training sessions, taster events and competitive cricket. This estimate is based on the positive response to our pilot activities and the interest already shown by local women seeking opportunities to play cricket within their community.

The wider impact extends beyond the players themselves. Family members, friends and local residents are likely to become involved through supporting players, volunteering, attending matches and social events, and engaging with the club's activities. As a result, we anticipate that the overall reach of the project could increase to 50–60 local residents.

What is the total cost of your project?**£2500****Please detail any project costs which will be met by your group**

Please include details of other grant funding bids you have applied for or received for this project

Item	Cost
Qualified coach (April–September season, weekly sessions and match support)	£1,000
Women's cricket equipment package (bats, balls, pads, gloves, helmets, stumps, coaching aids)	£800
Team playing shirts and training kit contribution	£300
League affiliation, competition entry and player registration fees	£150
Marketing and recruitment activities to attract new players	£100
Women's cricket taster and engagement events	£100
Safeguarding, DBS checks and volunteer training	£50
Total	£2,500

Exceptional Circumstances

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Loneliness Project Grant	
Christmas Lighting Grant	

Organisation Name	Zion Miners Chapel and Community Room
Organisation Type <i>Provide your registered charity number, if applicable</i>	
Organisation Address <i>If your organisation is not based in one premises, please state which areas you cover</i>	High St, Llanhilleth Abertillery Gwent NP13 2RA
Grant Amount Request	£2221.00

What would this funding be used for? <i>Please be as precise as possible</i> The grant is to be used to install a new toilet, fit new flooring in the kitchen and purchase a new cooker for the Community Room to enable us to continue with our Community Work. The toilet is substandard and needs a new higher toilet installed. The flooring needs renewing as it's been there for many years. We are having two cookers instead of a range cooker to make it easier, as range cooker is more expensive. We can use the single cooker or if needed use both. As we have a varied Community Project, we need the above to make us more sustainable

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How does your project benefit the Abertillery and Llanhilleth area and its residents?

Our Community Project consists of a Dementia Friendly and Living Alone Group which is run on a monthly basis, and about 28 people enjoy a cooked meal, hot drinks and enjoy being together.

A Friendship Warm/Hub where about 26 people meet on a fortnightly basis where hot drinks, cakes or snacks are enjoyed, a game of Bingo or entertainment is provided.

A Bereavement Coffee Time where about 12 people (this is a new group) enjoy refreshments and cakes.

All of our groups aim to combat loneliness, isolation, health related problems, increase self-confidence and allow [people to meet in a warm, welcoming environment.

Both our Friendship Group and Dementia Friendly and Living Alone Groups have been running for many years

How many residents of our wards do you believe will benefit from this project?

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What is the total cost of your project?	£2221.00
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Please detail any project costs which will be met by your group
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Toilet Alterations	£650
New Cookers	£1100
New Flooring	£471.00

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Name of applicant	Rev Vivienne Nicholls
Role in organisation	Minister/Community Engagement Officer
Signed	<i>Rev V Nicholls</i>
Date	23/5/26

Payee Information

This is optional, but will help us make the payment quicker if your grant request is approved.

Account Name	Zion Miners Chapel
Account Type <i>Business or Personal</i>	Business
Account Number	●●●●●●●●



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Organisation Name	Abertillery Royal British Legion
Organisation Type <i>Provide your registered charity number, if applicable</i>	Charity
Organisation Address <i>If your organisation is not based in one premises, please state which areas you cover</i>	c/o The Corner Club, Abertillery (our meeting venue)
Grant Amount Request	£700

What would this funding be used for? <i>Please be as precise as possible</i> The funding would be used for a memorial stone and unveiling event for Ted Gill. The memorial stone will serve as an important recognition of his service and reflection of the local area's participation in and impact of the First World War. Ted fought in World War One including at Mametz Wood, where he organised a retreat of troops at the advanced posts, and crawling on his hands and knees and under fire to rescue a wounded soldier who was lying in the snow in no mans land. For this action he was awarded the the Military Cross for bravery. Ted was born in 1897. His family moved to Abertillery when he was 10 years old. At the age of 15 he became a miner and was seen as a rising start in the South Wales Miners Federation. When war broke out, he was initially against it, but in January 1915 enlisted in the 10th South Wales Borderers (1st Gwents). His talents were immediately recognised and in an unusual move for a young working class miner, he was commissioned at a 2nd Lieutenant.
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During an attack on Mametz Wood, Ted was wounded, with a bullet passing in one cheek and out of the other. He spent weeks in hospital and was discharged with the rank of Captain. He returned to Abertillery resuming activism within the Labour movement and working to reconcile those who had been opposed and supportive of the war, going on to work full time for the Labour Party and becoming a candidate. In 1923 he was admitted to hospital with his war wounds and died a few days later. He is buried in Brynithel Cemetery.

WJ Lawrence Memorials are willing to provide and install the memorial stone for £600. There will be an unveiling event which would include a ceremony at Brynithel Cemetery followed by a reception at the Corner Club, Abertillery, we hope this can include a talk from historian Peter Strong who has researched Ted Gill and provided much of the information about his life. The funding would also be used for the printing, catering and associated costs of this event.

How does your project benefit the Abertillery and Llanhilleth area and its residents?

1) Recognition, reflection and remembrance

The memorial will enhance Ted's grave with recognition of his incredible bravery and service during the First World War. The grave is open to anyone to visit, and a memorial stone will provide to the community a physical space for reflection. People can visit to pay their respects and be a focal point for shared remembrance and collective memory.

2) Understanding Abertillery and Llanhilleth area's local heritage

The memorial to Ted will help keep Abertillery's shared history alive and raise awareness of his bravery. It ensures that future generations remember and understand local contributions to the First World War and reinforces awareness of our area's past.

A memorial can be a learning tool for schools and community groups about local history, war service and civic contribution and encourages younger generations to engage with their community's past in a tangible and meaningful way.

The unveiling and reception will be open to all and we hope it will include a talk from historian Peter Strong, who has done a great deal of research on Ted Gill and can speak authoritatively on his life, which offers the community to hear first hand about him and the local times and circumstances he was shaped by in Abertillery.

3) Cultural and Tourism Benefits

The memorial has the potential to contribute to local interest and visitation by people interested in this particular aspect of our history and heritage and forms part of a wider story about the

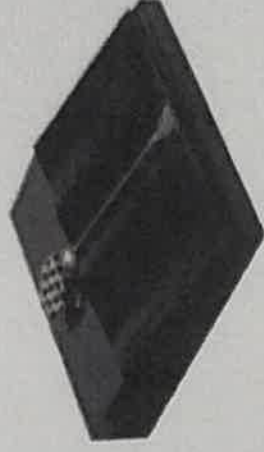
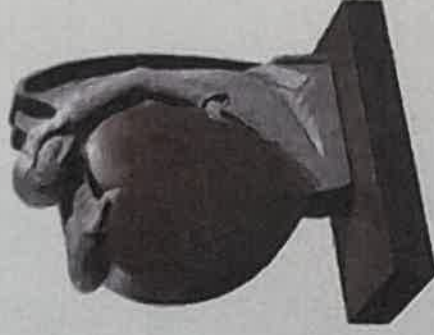
people of Abertillery's role in local, national and international history.
How many residents of our wards do you believe will benefit from this project?
We estimate the project has the potential to benefit 150+ people in the ways outlined above. It will raise awareness, recognise and remember the connection between our communities and the world events of the First World War, which touched every single town and village.

What is the total cost of your project?	£ 700
Please detail any project costs which will be met by your group <i>Please include details of other grant funding bids you have applied for or received for this project</i>	
We hope that ALCC will be able to fund the modest costs of this project which have been kept as low as possible.	
If necessary, we may be able to draw on support of local councillors and business people for any additional project costs.	

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