

Brookfield Park Shiers Family Trust Application Form



Thank you for your interest in the **Brookfield Park Shiers Family Trust**. Money from the sale of Brookfield House has been used to set up an award scheme for the benefit of local community and voluntary groups. The property was left to the then Cheadle and Gatley Urban District Council in June 1945 by a Deed of Gift by Percy Hesketh Shiers. Decisions about who receives awards are made by councillors who sit on the Cheadle Area Committee.

The objectives of the Trust are that the land and the trust funds are used for health, educational and services in the area of benefit, namely that of the former Urban District of Cheadle and Gatley. This includes most of the current Cheadle and Gatley, Cheadle Hulme North, Cheadle Hulme South and Heald Green Wards, and parts of the Bramhall North, Bramhall South and Davenport and Cale Green Wards.

Guidelines for the distribution of monies from the Trust:

- Invite applications for projects by voluntary and community groups in the area of the former Cheadle and Gatley Urban District Council, to include both enhancements of existing projects as well as new projects.
- There is no upper limit on the amount that may be applied for and any applications and grant amount awards will be considered on a case by case basis. Groups are permitted to submit further applications once a project was more advanced.
- There is an expectation that applications will include innovation, imagination and good presentations for proposed projects, and that proposed projects work for the good and betterment of the community.
- Attach a grant condition requiring the money to be spent on residents within the Trust's area, even if the organisation applying for the grant is located outside the area of benefit of the Trust.

Aims that projects should seek to support:

- address the effects of loneliness of residents and the consequential effect on their health and wellbeing;
- support voluntary groups and sports groups for residents of all ages; and
- support increased accessibility in district and local centres.

Please ensure that all boxes on this form are completed. You must also include any additional information that is requested. Return to: Democratic Services, Town Hall, Edward Street, Stockport, SK1 3XE, or email democratic.services@stockport.gov.uk

Please note that your application will be published as part of an agenda pack for councillors. This means that it will be publically available to view on the council's website.

Personal information will be redacted and not publically available.

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1. About your organisation

1. Name of organisation/ group

Baxter Park & Brookside Tennis Club

2. Organisation/ individual address

18 Highcrest Avenue, Gatley, Cheadle, Stockport SK8 4HD

3. Main contact details (for correspondence)

Title: Mr

Name: Alastair Millard

Role: Treasurer

Address:

[REDACTED]

Postcode:

[REDACTED]

Home phone number:

[REDACTED]

Mobile phone number:

[REDACTED]

Email address:

[REDACTED]

4. Please provide the bank details for the account which the grant would be paid in to

Account name:

[REDACTED]

Account number:

[REDACTED]

Sort code:

[REDACTED]

5. What is the status of your organisation/ group?

Please tick accordingly

A new group	<input type="checkbox"/>	Voluntary organisation	<input type="checkbox"/>
A registered charity No.	<input type="checkbox"/>	Company limited by guarantee No.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Applying for charitable status	<input type="checkbox"/>	Unregistered association	<input type="checkbox"/>
Friendly society	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other (please specify)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Housing association	<input type="checkbox"/>	CASC organisation	

6. Please describe the main activities of your organisation/ group

Tennis club

7. When was your organisation/ group established?

Approximately 1936

8. Does your organisation have the following policies and procedures in place?

If you are awarded a grant you will be required to send copies of all relevant documents as part of the grant agreement.

A governance/ management committee	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
A Constitution/ governing document/ set of rules	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
An Equal Opportunities Policy	<input type="checkbox"/>	Not formally documented but is a club ethos
A Child Protection Policy (where necessary)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
A Health and Safety Public liability	<input type="checkbox"/>	Not current deemed necessary but in review

2. About your application

9. Is this a new project/ initiative or an enhancement of an existing one?

New project / initiative

10. Please give us a brief description of your proposed/ planned project or initiative and details of any existing activities, in line with the aims that projects should seek to support, along with broad numbers involved

You may wish to include details of what activities will take place, where will it happen, how often and who will take part. If you are applying for equipment, you can tell us what will it be used for and why is it needed.

The project includes modernisation and essential safety upgrades to the tennis club clubhouse building. This includes:

- LED ceiling downlights to clubhouse main meeting area to allow table tennis to be played indoors (previous ceiling roses did not provide sufficient light levels or distribution for safe and enjoyable play)
- External PIR LED floodlight and PIR LED downlights to front elevation of building under veranda to allow safe access and egress to/from clubhouse in the hours of darkness
- New metal construction consumer unit fitted with RCDs and certified to bring electrical system up to current Wiring Regulations standards and reduce fire and electrocution risk*
- Interlinked heat alarm and smoke alarm (previously none in clubhouse)*
- 6x mains and battery-backed emergency exit sign lights (previous none at club)*
- Break-glass key box for escape in case of being locked in clubhouse*+
- Photoluminescent fire and escape route signage for clubhouse and outside areas*

*Requirement based on a comprehensive fire risk assessment conducted by the Treasurer

+Note that the clubhouse does not have a conventional emergency exit door with push bar. Disabled access needs have been assessed separately and may be subject of a future fund application.

It is hoped that these lighting improvements will attract younger members to the club who may then go on to become fully fledged tennis club members in due course. The other improvements are to bring the clubhouse up to modern standards and protect the safety and welfare of people visiting the clubhouse. Due to a significant decline in membership post Covid, and a small turnover, the club finds it difficult to fund such improvements itself and would be very grateful indeed to Stockport Council for any funding available. There are a number of other improvements that the club wishes to make in the future including improvements to disabled access as the club physical design is not entirely disability-friendly (the Treasurer has conducted a disabled access survey in 2022 with some guidance from the Cheshire LTA). The Treasurer has spoken personally and corresponded with Council Iain Hunter in March 2023 regarding funding for club improvements.

11. Who will benefit from this grant?

Members of the tennis club, adjacent Baxter Park Crown Green Bowling Club, spectators, parents/guardians of child members, visitors, local schools, local community (including residents of housing estate).

11(a) How many residents within the area served by the trust will benefit?

Approximately 150, more if club is successful in expanding membership

11(b) Are there any restrictions on who will benefit from the funding?

No

12. Your project's budget

Please provide a breakdown of cost for your project including VAT where applicable and submit any estimates for the purchase of equipment or work to be done

12(a) How much will the project/ activity cost in total?

One thousand, eight hundred and fifteen pounds (£1815). See attached invoices / receipts.

12(b) Tell us about other any other sources of income you have already applied for or raised (including grants over the past three years) so far in relation to this project

Applications for funding pending with Stockport Council Ward Flexibility Funding. Alastair Millard has also set up and EasyFundraising site for the club which has so far raised £170 (this can be towards any club initiative). The club is not able to apply to the Manchester Airport Community Trust Fund for retrospective funding.

13. How much are you applying for from the Brookfield Park Shiers Family Trust?

Twelve hundred pounds (£1200).

13(a) If the amount you are applying for covers only part of the project/ activity, then please tell us how do you intend to fund any shortfall?

By other external funding (see above, if available). Further EasyFundraising donations and potentially club member donations may be available but are likely to be a very small proportion at this stage.

14. What is the planned timescale for spending this grant?

Project is already completed and bills have been paid. This is mainly because the club wanted to address the safety aspects without delay which were deemed a potential immediate hazard to people.

3. Application checklist and declaration

Please tick accordingly

1. I am authorised to make this application on behalf of the above organisation ☒
2. I certify that the information contained in this application is correct ☒
3. If the information changes in any way, I will inform Democratic Services accordingly. ☐
4. I give permission for Democratic Services to contact my organisation and/ or myself by phone, mail or email with information about its activities and funding opportunities. ☒
5. I/ we agree (if required) to attend Cheadle Area Committee meeting, or a meeting of its Sub Committee, to answer any questions members may have. ☐
6. Our details can be used for promotional purposes should this request be successful. ☐
7. I/ we will use this grant for the proposed project/ activities stated in our application. ☐
8. I/ we will not use the grant for any other purpose prior to contacting Democratic Services in order to seek authorisation. ☐
9. I/ we will provide appropriate proof of expenditure to Democratic Services, within 12 months from the grant being made. ☐
10. I/ we will highlight the support of the Cheadle Area Committee in publicity material. ☐
11. I/ we agree to providing information to assist in the future monitoring of the effectiveness of the funding including reporting back to the Area Committee on how the grant has been spent and what difference it has made. ☐
12. I/ we understand the content of this completed application form and any supplementary information provided will be published on the council's website as part of the application process. **Personal information will be redacted and not publically available.** ☐

Print your name:

Signature:

or if submitted electronically, tick this box to signify your agreement to the above terms ☐

Date: 17/06/2023