

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

Friends of Shahnameh

2. Organisation/ individual address

[REDACTED]

3. Main contact details (for correspondence)

Title: Mr

Name: Sadegholnejat

Role: Treasury

Address:

[REDACTED]

Postcode: [REDACTED]

Home phone number:

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

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| A new group | <input type="checkbox"/> | Voluntary organisation | <input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> |
| Housing association | <input type="checkbox"/> | | |

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

We are a voluntary local community group focusing on education and Persian poetry. The group formed in 2011. We meet up weekly, through Zoom, and have occasional in-person meetings to visit galleries, libraries and exhibitions. We also get together once a year for our annually session.

We mostly read Shahnameh (the book of Kings) or other poems or stories with humanity and discuss how the subject affects us and makes us feel. The sessions are run in English and Persian, depending on people who join us in each session.

Shahnameh is a book of poetry written over 1000 year ago. Shahnameh as well as stories from the past contains universal human values that are still relevant. Shahnameh's stories contain some women, people of mixed race and refugee characters that had to move to new countries to survive. These and topics such as the importance of good deeds, helping others and kindness are aspects that a lot of our members can relate to. In our group we pause on stanzas particular referring to the harm of revenge and war, topics that unfortunately are still timely.

Since the pandemic our role changed to include support role as well. Increasingly we found ourselves required to deal with problems of isolation and mental health issues. We sometimes invite professionals to talk to our members about the importance of looking after yourself mentally and physically. These professionals are Persian speaking members of our community. Since having our website and regular Zoom sessions we are in constant dialogue and aware of each other's well-being and health.

7. When was your organisation/ group established?

15th May 2011



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.

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| A governance/ management committee | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| A Constitution/ governing document/ set of rules | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| An Equal Opportunities Policy | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| A Child Protection Policy (where necessary) | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| A Health and Safety Public liability | <input type="checkbox"/> |

2. About your application

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

This is an ongoing project but each year we tailor it to enhance the work so it can address the need of the community and appeal to new audiences.

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.

We run regular weekly and monthly meetings including poetry workshops and visits to cultural venues (such as galleries, libraries and museums). We help members of Persian speaking communities have access to the Persian literature e.g. by running poetry workshops and book exchange programmes. We run book clubs where we read together as well as providing opportunity for people to recommend further readings and share their knowledge. We have sessions in English and Persian so English speaking community members who would like to join us can do so. In this way we help with integration in the society.

In our annual celebration we collaborate with academics, local artists and other local cultural groups to celebrate diversity and to learn from each other. This year our annual celebration falls in the 12th May and will be held at Rethink Rebuild Society Discovery House, SK4 5BH.

We run our sessions for free and rely on members who can pay to cover some of the costs for those who are unable to pay by asking people to donate. In the past we have worked with Sahba (a music academy based in Manchester), Commonword (a writing organization based in Manchester), Doosti (a support group for refugees and migrants based in Salford), Sheba (a women-led community arts organisation based in Manchester working with refugee and migrant communities). We have also worked with academic such as Professor Charles Melville, Dr Firozeh Melville and Dr Mahmood Kavir who have offered their supports in kind. We also collaborated with publishers from London to showcase their Persian books in our event.

Since 2021, when we first had our Zoom accounts, we ran 127 free poetry workshops and 20 annual or larger free public meetings most of our activities were full to the capacity.

Most of our costs include:

- The cost of running our annual events:
 - Advertising, designing and printing leaflets
 - Hiring a venue for annual session
 - Refreshments
 - Expenses for our speakers
 - Technical support for sound and PowerPoint



- The cost of running our on-line events:
 - Annual subscription of zoom
 - Annual domain cost for website
 - Annual subscription for hosting website

11. Who will benefit from this grant?

We are a unique group running sessions in English & Persian, so language barrier issue in Persian speaking communities is addressed. Local residents interested in exploring other cultures, Persian speaking communities of migrant and refugee backgrounds (ie, Afghan, Tajik, Arab and Iranian), adults of all ages, families, second generation migrants who want to learn about their heritage are all examples of community members likely to join us and benefit from this grant.

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

We are sending the invite to over 300 people in Stockport area. In the past most of our activities were full to the capacity. We even had sessions where over 200 people attended. Last year we hired a smaller venue to keep the cost down. Many people were disappointed not to be able to join us. This year we can accommodate 130 people for our annual events. Our online workshops are through zoom and anyone can join us. We are not aware of any limitation for inline sessions.

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?

Subscription for zoom	150
Web domain and hosting	200
Hiring a hall	200
Refreshments	85
Rail ticket London – Manchester for the academic speaker	150
Expenses a local artist	25
Photography	70
Sound and PowerPoint technician	130
Designing and printing leaflets	110
Musicians	100

The cost of our events through the year including our annual event, without the in kind contributions, would be estimated to £1220.

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

We have already applied for the Ward Flexibility Budget, we haven't heard from them yet. We have around £200 in donations from members and £165 from other community members.

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

£855.

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?

Donations from friends and community members.

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

Start	May 2024
Finish	July 2024

Depending on the outcome of The Ward Flexibility Budget, additional funding support goes towards the next year's expenses which would be spent by July 2025.



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 publicly available.**

Print your name:

Signature: ... 

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

Date: 2/4/2024

