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15th November 2020

Dear Members of Melbourn Parish Council,

Please find herein an application for funding from the 1st Orwell Scout Group. We thank you for consideration and welcome any questions that you may have regarding any aspect of our application.

We are delighted to report that the Group is thriving since our relocation to Melbourn and have continued to offer a varied and challenging programme of activities despite the significant challenges that this year has presented. We continue to have many more children on our waiting list than we can currently cater for but we are actively building our resources and recruiting more volunteers to be able to satisfy this demand. We also have ambitions to establish a permanent, physical base within Melbourn which will provide us with scope to open more sections and increase our intake, enabling even more children to benefit from all that Scouting offers.

We are incredibly grateful for all the support that we receive from the Parish Council and I hope that some of the Council have, and will have, first-hand experience of the benefits that Scouting can provide to the children.

Please contact me directly if you would like any points clarified or would like further information. I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,



Gareth Bolitho

Chairman, 1st Orwell Scout Group

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Every 12 months or after grant application round if amendments identified

MELBOURN PARISH COUNCIL

**Application for Grant for Voluntary Organisations
Local Government Act 1972, Section 137**

Please note that this application will not be considered unless it is accompanied by a copy of the latest set of annual accounts showing the organisations income, expenditure and level of balances.

If the organisation does not prepare annual accounts, copies of the bank statements covering the previous six months must be enclosed.

1.	Name of Organisation	1 st Orwell Scout Group
2.	Name, Address, and Status of Contact	
3.	Telephone Number of Contact	
4.	Is the organisation a Registered Charity?	Yes/No Excepted, HMRC Charities reference: EW36251
5.	Amount of grant requested	£4795.94
6.	For what purpose of project is the grant requested.	For the purchase of equipment for the 1 st Orwell Scout Group consisting of a large marquee tent to act as kitchen and dining area when on group camps and a trailer for transport of

		equipment to camps and other events..
7.	What will be the total cost of the above project?	Marquee Tent: £853.94 Trailer: £3,942.00 Total: £4,795.94
8.	If the total cost of the project is more than the grant, how will the residue be financed?	N/A
9.	Have you applied for grant for the same project to another organisation?	No
	If so, which organisation and how much?	N/A
10.	Are 3 rd parties necessary to deliver your project? If yes, please list them.	No
11.	Who will benefit from the project?	The young people of the 82 Scout Group (boys and girls in the Beaver Scouts, Cub Scouts, and Scouts aged 6 to 14 years of age) from Melbourn and the surrounding villages.
12.	Approximately how many of those who will benefit are parishioners?	50 young people (61% of the Scout Group)

You may use a separate sheet of paper to submit any other information which you feel will support this application, please keep this information to 1 page.

Have you previously received a grant from MPC? Yes/No

If yes, please give date. Awarded at the meeting of the Melbourn Parish Council on the 23rd April 2019.

If yes and within the previous 12 months, please confirm that the grant has been spent and provide a brief report.

Signed..........Date *15/11/2020*

3rd parties

~~I/we have been fully consulted about the role attributed to us in this proposal and agree to carry it out:~~

Name:

Organisation:

Name:

Organisation

1st Orwell Scout Group – Supporting Information

For the last four years the 1st Orwell Scout Group have made Melbourn its home utilising the primary school and Baptist church hall for the weekly meeting and activities of all three sections (Beaver Scouts, Cub Scouts & Scouts). The relocation of the group as a whole was made in late 2016/early 2017 to reflect the residence location for the majority of the members of the Group (53 of 92) The move has helped the Group to provide Scouting to a greater number of children, with membership numbers up 20% on last year. The Group provides Scouting opportunities for boys and girls from 6 to 14 years of age. The Scout Group currently has 92 active members, a further 91 eligible children are waiting for places when they become available and a further 70 are registered but not yet old enough to join.

As well as weekly meetings throughout term time, an integral part of Scouting is experiencing adventure away from home on camps; In normal years the Group runs multiple camps in all seasons, providing opportunities for all children to enjoy new adventures, to experience the outdoors, interact with others, gain confidence and have the opportunity to reach their full potential. These camps range from our summer group camp at an organised Scout centre with many exciting, on-site, activities available to 'survival' camping in the woods on a very wet November weekend.

Camping is very much at the heart of what we do and is incredibly popular with all in the Scout Group. In the future we will be running more bigger and longer duration camps (1 week or longer) for the three sections as this has been requested by our young people. In order to run camps on this scale and for the duration involved we are looking to purchase both a marquee tent to provide a sheltered place to prepare and eat food as well as conduct 'indoor' activities whilst on camp. In addition the amount of equipment and food that we require to hold such camps is significant and we desperately need a new trailer as our smaller trailer has recently been condemned which leaves us with potential, significant difficulties in conducting these camps.

The equipment that we would like to purchase is detailed in the table below;

Equipment	Supplier	Quantity	Unit Price (inc. VAT)	Total Price (inc. VAT)	Purpose
Blue Line Twin Axle trailer (8x5x6)	Blendworth trailers.co.uk	1	£3285 + VAT	£3942	To provide transport for equipment to camps
4m x 8m Gala Tent Marquee Pro Original (+ pegs, bags, safety covers)	Gala Tent	1	£711.62 +VAT	£853.94	Required to provide shelter for cooking, eating and activities at longer duration, larger camps

Historically the Melbourn Parish Council has kindly supported the Group with Community Grants; the equipment purchased as a result has proved invaluable in helping the Group to expand and allowing more of the Group to participate in the camps. We are incredibly grateful for the support that the Melbourn Parish Council has provided and we would welcome any Council member to visit any of the sections of the group to see the positive impact of Scouting on the children.

2019 Grant Award – How the money was spent

Melbourn Parish Council generously supported the Scout Group with funding to provide twenty hammocks and three Dutch Ovens for survival style camps as well as two hike tents and footprints as back-up/general use tents. The pictures below show the hammocks and Dutch ovens in use at Survival Camp in September 2019 and the hike tents in use at Green Beret in November 2019

This year has, understandably, been a bad year for camping as a group, although we did manage to arrange some individual, back garden, camps with activities on Zoom. However, it is worth noting that the Hike Tents were made available to any of the Group who needed a good quality tent to use so they still found use this year!

