

MELBOURN PARISH COUNCIL

Application for Grant for Voluntary Organisations

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	Melbourn Village College Squash Club
2.	Name, Address, and Status of Contact	Matthew Walker [REDACTED]
3.	Telephone Number of Contact	[REDACTED]
4.	Is the organisation a Registered Charity?	No
5.	Amount of grant requested	£2400
6.	For what purpose of project is the grant requested.	To maintain and expand the provision of squash coaching to juniors and ladies in the community
7.	What will be the total cost of the above project?	£1200 to retain the services of a professional coach to deliver the current offer of weekly sessions to junior players (£100/month) £1200 to contribute to the development of 'home-grown' coaches from within the club membership in order to expand the provision to weekend sessions
8.	If the total cost of the project is more than the grant, how will the residue be financed?	Alternative sources of funding
9.	Have you applied for grant for the same project to another organisation?	Cambridge County Squash have in principle offered some financial support, not expected to exceed £200.

	If so, which organisation and how much?	
10.	Are 3 rd parties necessary to deliver your project? If yes, please list them.	Chris Shaw, Level 2 qualified coach is paid on a retainer of £100 / month to provide mid-week junior sessions. We plan to fund up to 10 experienced players from within the club to gain Level 1 coaching qualification (@ c.£200 per player). These 'home-grown' coaches would work on a volunteer basis to deliver mid-week sessions to female club members and weekend sessions to juniors.
11.	Who will benefit from the project?	Squash is a great physical and mental workout. A game for all ages and abilities, it fits easily into busy & family lifestyles, and is relatively inexpensive. It never gets rained off. Melbourn Squash Club is the only facility of its type in South Cambs and has a majority adult male membership. One of our key priorities as a club committee is to expand the total membership and in particular to attract more junior and female members to enjoy the benefits of playing squash. In order to do that, we need to provide structured access to the game for those who haven't played before or are returning to the sport after some time away. The primary beneficiaries of the coaching programme will therefore be younger age groups and female members of the community who want to play squash on a more social basis and/or wish to play more competitively within or for the club.
12.	Approximately how many of those who will benefit are parishioners?	The club serves a wider community beyond the Parish, but we expect the majority of those accessing the junior coaching programme to be pupils at either Melbourn Primary School or Village College. We would also expect the majority of female members wishing to take advantage of the weekly mid-

		week session to be from within the Melbourn community.
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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

If yes, please give date.

November 2019: £750

November 2020: £1200

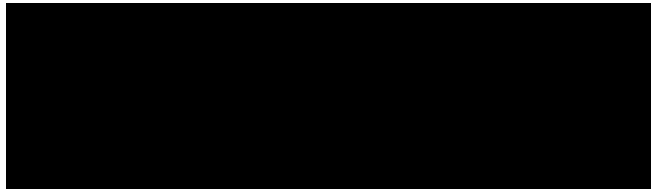
November 2021: £1560

November 2022: £1200

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

The grant has been spent in full to retain the services of a Level 2 qualified professional coach who provides a mid-week junior session at a rate of £100 / month.

Signed



Date: 18th November 2023

3rd parties

I have been fully consulted about the role attributed to us in this proposal and agree to carry it out.

Name: Chris Shaw

Organisation: Professional Squash Coach

Melbourn Squash Club: Coaching Programme update November 2023

Context

Melbourn Squash Club is a non-profit community sports club operating from wholly-owned premises set within the grounds of the Village College and adjoining Melbourn Community Sports centre. It has a membership of around 75, split between adult, junior and family members.

The Club aims to serve players in both competitive and social contexts and across a wide range of abilities and experience from beginners through to nationally ranked players. It enters two men's teams in the Hertfordshire summer and Cambridgeshire winter leagues, and has entered a ladies team into the latter in the past. There is a weekly Club Night, Ladies Session, Junior Coaching and internal box leagues.

Role of Coaching at the Club

The Club appointed an England Squash Level 2 qualified coach, Chris Shaw, as club coach in 2019. Following a dip in active membership and court usage during and following the pandemic, the Club Committee is focused on a key priority to widen participation, increase playing numbers and reach a more diverse membership. As a minority sport buoyed by recent news of inclusion in the Los Angeles Olympics in 2028, we believe a more extensive coaching programme will support access, motivation and improvement in players who are relatively new to the sport.

Funding for Coaching

Melbourn Squash Club has received a grant from Melbourn Parish Council in over the last 4 years for the purpose of providing free squash coaching for key target groups which are under-represented in our membership: juniors and ladies. The money was used to pay for a professional squash coach whilst the Club funded the cost of the courts and provided equipment.

- Grants of £750 in 2019 and £1200 in 2020 covered the cost of a 12-month retainer to our coach, who ran weekly sessions for 15-20 juniors.
- A grant of £1560 in 2021 covered the cost of a 12-month retainer for the coach to run weekly sessions for juniors, as well as a second visiting coach to run a mid-week ladies session every other month.
- A grant of £1200 in November 2022 enabled us to continue to offer the junior sessions on the same basis as the previous year. The ladies' mid-week session has run without a coach.

The Club is applying for a grant of £2400 for squash coaching in 2024 to cover the following:

- Continuation of a £1200 retainer to the Club coach to maintain the weekly junior coaching provision
- A further £1200 investment in a 'home-grown' coaching programme in which more experienced players in the Club are funded to achieve a Level 1 coaching qualification from England Squash and work as a team and on a volunteer basis to support the ladies' mid-week session and further weekend sessions aimed at current and new junior members.

A note on the Club Finances

The Club operates on a not-for-profit basis and remains solvent on the basis of prudent management of limited resources. Income is earned almost entirely from membership and court fees. A copy of our most recent accounts is attached, showing a net profit in 2022 and a net loss in 2023.

Beyond the regular outgoings, the Club refurbishes the courts on a bi-annual basis to maintain a good quality playing environment. Otherwise, we aim to build up reserves in order (a) to maintain a contingency fund for any emergency requirements and (b) to make periodic and more material investments in the upkeep and improvement of the fabric of the Club.

This application to support the funding of the coaching programme represents an important contribution that both safeguards ongoing provision and enables a key element of the Club's short to medium term priorities in growing our membership and offering the benefits of our sport to members of the Parish and local community.

Matthew Walker
Vice Chair, Melbourn Squash Club
November 2023

All players aged 5-18
welcome regardless
of ability....
Equipment provided

Junior Squash coaching

WHEN: Wednesdays, 16:00-17:00
WHERE: Melbourn Village College Sports Centre
SG8 6EF
COST: Free: funded by Melbourn Parish Council
CONTACT: 



englandsquash.com





Melbourn
Squash
Club

WOMEN AND GIRLS CASUAL SQUASH

Give Squash a try in a supportive and encouraging environment!



Fortnightly on Tuesdays from 7-9pm
Melbourn Squash Club @ Melbourn Leisure Centre, SG8 6EF
Open to all, £2 per session
No prior experience necessary. No minimum age.
Racquets and balls available to borrow

For further information contact:



Melbourn Village College Squash Club

Unaudited Financial Information

for the Year Ended 31 August 2023

Taylor & Co
Chartered Certified Accountants
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**Chartered Certified Accountants' Report to the Proprietor on the Preparation of
the Unaudited Financial Information of
Melbourn Village College Squash Club
for the Year Ended 31 August 2023**

In accordance with the engagement letter we have prepared for your approval the financial information of Melbourn Village College Squash Club for the year ended 31 August 2023 which comprises the Profit and Loss Account, the Balance Sheet and the related notes from the entity's accounting records and from information and explanations you have given us.

As a practising member firm of the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (ACCA), we are subject to its ethical and other professional requirements which are detailed at <http://www.accaglobal.com/en/member/professional-standards/rules-standards/acca-rulebook.html>.

This report is made solely to you, in accordance with the terms of our engagement letter. Our work has been undertaken solely to prepare for your approval the financial information of Melbourn Village College Squash Club and state those matters that we have agreed to state to you in this report in accordance with the requirements of the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants as detailed at http://www.accaglobal.com/content/dam/ACCA_Global/Technical/fact/technical-factsheet-163.doc. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than for our work or for this report.

You have approved the financial information for the year ended 31 August 2023 and have acknowledged your responsibility for it, for the appropriateness of the financial reporting framework adopted and for providing all information and explanations necessary for its compilation.

We have not verified the accuracy or completeness of the accounting records or information and explanations you have given to us and we do not, therefore, express any opinion on the financial information.

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Date : 7 September 2023

Melbourn Village College Squash Club
Profit and Loss Account for the Year Ended 31 August 2023

	2023 £	2022 £
Turnover		
Members Subscriptions	8,173	7,106
Membership - Tech Partnership	750	1,889
Membership - Meteor Inkjet	-	572
Playing Fees and Lights - Members	4,807	4,149
Playing Fees and Lights - Casuals	3,002	1,825
	<u>16,732</u>	<u>15,541</u>
Other income		
Sale of Clothing	-	30
Grant - Melbourn Parish Council	1,200	1,560
Ladies Casual	-	95
	<u>1,200</u>	<u>1,685</u>
Total income	<u>17,932</u>	<u>17,226</u>
Cost of sales		
Casual Squash - Sports Centre	892	584
	<u>892</u>	<u>584</u>
Gross profit	<u>17,040</u>	<u>16,642</u>
Gross profit %	95.03%	96.61%
Expenses		
Water Rates	588	-
Light and Heat	9,873	-
Insurance	1,021	929
Repairs and Renewals - Squash Court Refurbishment	10,440	-
Repairs and Renewals - General	25	2,449
Squash Balls	224	501
England Squash	545	545
Printing, Postage and Stationery	-	11
Coaching Fees	2,630	1,155
Team Entry Fees	260	160
Cleaning Costs	1,200	1,263
Website and Promotion	17	17
Paypal Charges	265	229
	<u>27,088</u>	<u>7,259</u>
Net (loss)/profit	<u>(10,048)</u>	<u>9,383</u>

Melbourn Village College Squash Club
Balance Sheet as at 31 August 2023

	Note	2023 £	2022 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets		59,042	59,042
Current assets			
Debtors		620	693
Cash at bank and in hand		7,204	16,982
		<u>7,824</u>	<u>17,675</u>
Current liabilities			
Accruals		<u>(1,128)</u>	<u>(931)</u>
Net current assets		<u>6,696</u>	<u>16,744</u>
Net assets		<u>65,738</u>	<u>75,786</u>
Accumulated Fund			
Balance Brought Forward		75,786	66,403
Excess of Income over Expenditure		<u>(10,048)</u>	<u>9,383</u>
		<u>65,738</u>	<u>75,786</u>