

Melbourn

Village Voice

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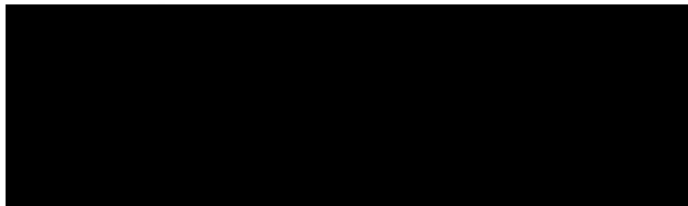
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Melbourn Village Voice is a not for profit voluntary organisation producing a village magazine for free to residents in Melbourn, Cambridgeshire

Application for a Melbourn Parish Council Community Grant 2026

We would be grateful if you would consider the enclosed application for a community grant award at your meeting in June. We hope you will agree that the Melbourn Village Voice is continuing to be an asset for the village and a benefit to every resident.

Yours sincerely,



Gillian Morland

18th May 2026


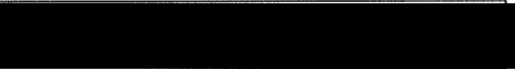
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Application for Grant

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.

Name of Organisation	MELBOURN VILLAGE VOICE
Name, Address, and Status of Contact	GILLIAN MORLAND  EDITOR/TREASURER
Telephone Number of Contact	
Email contact	mvv@melbournvillagevoice.com
Is the organisation a Registered Charity?	Yes/No NO
Amount of grant requested	£ 15,000.00
For what purpose of project is the grant requested.	Printing of copies for next of 2026 and first issue of 2027
What will be the total cost of the above project?	£ 16,000.00
If the total cost of the project is more than the grant, how will the residue be financed?	Selling more advertising and possibly other grants
Have you applied for grant for the same project to another organisation?	NO

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If so, which organisation and how much?	N/A
Are 3 rd parties necessary to deliver your project? If yes, please list them.	OUR CURRENT PRINTERS ARE LANGHAM PRESS AT WHITLESFORD
Who will benefit from the project?	ALL MELBOURN RESIDENTS
Approximately how many of those who will benefit are parishioners? Please provide % numbers for beneficiaries within the Parish if known.	100%

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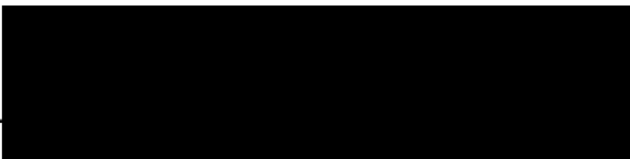
You may use a separate sheet of paper to submit any other information which you feel will support this application, please keep this information to 1 page.

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

If yes, please give date.

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

Signed.....



.....Date.....

3/5/26

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

Justification for Melbourn Village Voice Grant Application – June 2026

We are the new team of volunteers who are producing a not for profit magazine for Melbourn under its new name of Melbourn Village Voice with issues being delivered 4 times a year. We have a community account with Barclays requiring two out of three signatures and we have a constitution. We are using free software but do have to pay for some insurance and for the printing of the publication. We are selling advertising and have some sponsorship, which we hope will cover approximately 75% of a year's current costs.

- Every residence in Melbourn will benefit from receiving a free publication
- The contents of the publication will remain totally unbiased, non-political or racial and we will be hoping to make it appealing to all ages. We have written and agreed a constitution to support this. We have introduced a colouring page **for children**, include lots of photographs and hope to add a story for children. **The Elderly** have a feature on being safe on the internet and details of the U3A, **disabled people** have details on Dementia Groups, Stroke and Community Transport and doctors contact details. **Teenagers** are now involved with an article by a local teenager taking her Duke of Edinburgh Award, also a Pokemon article. **Education** is covered by the Library, useful telephone numbers and the U3A.
- The publication will remain in paper form and can be recycled, it is available on social media and the www and our Facebook page with a link to see an electronic copy, this will allow those outside Melbourn to read it and those who may have left the village but want to keep in touch, along with anyone considering moving to the village. It also forms a record of history, so has **Legacy Value**.
- Dataglow who hope to provide an energy option to the village support us with a paid advert and in return we print updates of their project for the interest of residents
- **Our delivery system** is tried and tested and general feedback from the product is very positive. The army of volunteers who deliver the publication are willing to continue and we pay a lot of attention to any new builds or extra houses that appear in the village so no one misses out, the deliverers are very keen to make sure everyone gets a copy.
- We are not changing any of the income and expenditure immediately but will work on reliability and look at costs as we move into the future, to provide best **value for money**.
- Lots of locals submit contents and articles which adds to the variety and appeal of the publication, we want them to continue and will do market research to make sure we are providing what the residents want to read and receive. We have a stall coming up at the Melbourn Fete to get some feedback and maintain our local **level of contributions**
- We raise **approximately 75% of costs from advertising** and need grants for the remainder which allows us to promote local businesses to residents in Melbourn, which we feel is extremely good value and good for the village and community.

We will be looking at sustainability financially, but as with all transitions we need time to do this and do not want residents to miss out on receiving a publication while this is happening. Future plans include converting to a registered charity.

We are of course open to all suggestions and comments on our publication and please contact us if you have ideas or suggestions. We provide contact details for all residents to do the same including a written address if they are not able to email.


Melbourn Village Voice Account Oct25-30.4.26(6months)

The MVV account was opened in October 2025 so has only been operational for six months

INCOME	
Advertising	£6,247.00
Transfer from Melbourn Magazine	£6,700.00
Donation by TTP	£2,000.00
Compensation from Barclays Bank(17March26)	£100.00
Compensation from Barclays Bank (13Apr26)	£195.50
Donation from Melbourn Fete	£325.00
TOTAL	£15,567.50

EXPENDITURE	
Printing for Issue 1	£3,346.00
Public Liability Insurance	£163.80
Bank Charge to cash cheque	£0.60
TOTAL	£3,510.40

BALANCE	
Income over Expenditure is	£12,057.10
Transfer of remaining funds from Melbourn Magazine(6Feb26)	£6,700.00
Excluding reserves balance is	£5,357.10

I verify that the above figures are correct ... 

Independent Examiner - NAME & DATE Lee-Anne Peters 14 May 2026


NOTES: The transfer of funds from MM (£6,700) will help us financially for this year. We still have to pay for issue 2 (£3900) which is just being delivered now. With the further two issues this year the costs for 2026 could be close to £11,000, so our funds will be spent, hence we need funding to allow us to be able to continue in to 2027 while we sell more advertising.

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Your Business Current Account

At a glance

Date	Description	Money out £	Money in £	Balance £
27 Mar	Start Balance			11,554.60
7 Apr	giro Direct Credit From Independent Optics Ref: All Eyes		310.00	11,864.60
13 Apr	 Receipt Re Crrd3P8BIV Bank Ref: Bbt Gadbrook		192.50	12,057.10
24 Apr	Balance carried forward			12,057.10
	Total Payments/Receipts	0.00	502.50	

27 Mar - 24 Apr 2026

Start balance	£11,554.60
Money out	£0.00
▶ Commission charges	£0.00
▶ Interest paid	£0.00
Money in	£502.50
End balance	£12,057.10

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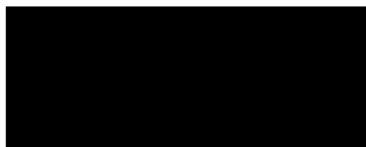
27 Feb - 26 Mar 2026

Date	Description	Money out £	Money in £	Balance £
27 Feb	Start Balance			9,169.60
	Giro Direct Credit From Lauren Nash Travel Ref: Lauren Nash TC		150.00	9,319.60
	 Direct Credit From Wri MO C Ltd SW Ref: 26025Wrightsmowers		135.00	9,454.60
2 Mar	 Direct Credit From Community Ref: Inv 26019		545.00	9,999.60
4 Mar	Giro Direct Credit From Sage Blinds & Inte Ref: 26024		195.00	10,194.60
5 Mar	Giro Direct Credit From Simon Rob PC Ref: Invoice 26020		135.00	10,329.60
	 Direct Credit From Roth C S Ltd SW Ref: 26026 Rothwells		135.00	10,464.60
12 Mar	 Receipt Re Gogw Refund <i>BANK</i> Ref: Mls Gloucester 06		100.00	10,564.60
23 Mar	Giro Direct Credit From Images Miss Cambri Ref: Magazine Invoice		155.00	10,719.60
24 Mar	Giro Direct Credit From Alexander Fender Ref: Alex Fender		135.00	10,854.60
26 Mar	Giro Direct Credit From Dataglow Energy Ref: 26002		700.00	11,554.60
26 Mar	Balance carried forward			11,554.60
	Total Payments/Receipts	0.00	2,385.00	

Start balance	£9,169.60
Money out	£0.00
▶ Commission charges	£0.00
▶ Interest paid	£0.00
Money in	£2,385.00
End balance	£11,554.60

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27 Jan - 26 Feb 2026

Date	Description	Money out £	Money in £	Balance £
27 Jan	Start Balance			161.20
2 Feb	Giro Direct Credit From Cheap Storage Limi Ref: Inv 26007		310.00	471.20
3 Feb	Giro Direct Credit From Jeremy Rule Funera Ref: J. Rule Inv 26018		135.00	606.20
	<input type="checkbox"/> Direct Credit From Melbourn Mob W S Ref: Mvvoice Advert		545.00	1,151.20
4 Feb	Ⓢ Commission Charges For The Period 15 Dec 2025/12 Jan 2026	0.60		1,150.60
	<input type="checkbox"/> On-Line Banking Bill Payment to Mr Robert J Morlan Ref: Test Payment to RJ	1.00		1,149.60
	Giro Direct Credit From Morland RJ & GR Ref: Return Test Paymen		1.00	1,150.60
5 Feb	Giro Direct Credit From Thelangham P Ref: Langham Press26009		310.00	1,460.60
	Giro Direct Credit From Ttp Group Limited		2,000.00 ✓	3,460.60
	<input type="checkbox"/> Direct Credit From Trade Kitche Ltd Ref: 26012		310.00	3,770.60
6 Feb	<input type="checkbox"/> Direct Credit From Community Ref: New Magazine <i>resend transfer</i>		6,700.00 ✓	10,470.60
10 Feb	Giro Direct Credit From A Hearing and Tinn Ref: 26005		310.00	10,780.60
	Giro Direct Credit From Melbourn Flooring Ref: Mel Floor 26010		310.00	11,090.60

Start balance	£161.20
Money out	£3,347.60
▶ Commission charges	£0.60
▶ Interest paid	£0.00
Money in	£12,356.00
End balance	£9,169.60

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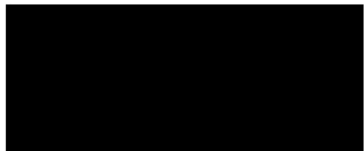
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10 Feb	<input type="checkbox"/> Direct Credit From Chri The LO T Ref: Inv No 26015		135.00	11,225.60
	<input type="checkbox"/> Direct Credit From Leech CA + So Ref: Inv 26014		225.00	11,450.60
12 Feb	Giro Direct Credit From Mr J C & Mrs H J A Ref: Inv 26017		135.00	11,585.60
13 Feb	Giro Direct Credit From Pepper EW Ltd A Ref: EW Pepper		310.00	11,895.60
16 Feb	Giro Direct Credit From Hansons Auctioneer Ref: 26008		310.00	12,205.60
18 Feb	Giro Direct Credit From Daniel Robinson & Ref: Inv 26011		310.00	12,515.60
26 Feb	<input type="checkbox"/> On-Line Banking Bill Payment to The Langham Press Ref: Invoice L34653	3,346.00 ✓		9,169.60
26 Feb	Balance carried forward			9,169.60
Total Payments/Receipts		3,347.60	12,356.00	

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Bank of England Base Rate Information

Rate effective from 18 Dec 2025 was 3.750%




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Date	Description	Money out £	Money in £	Balance £
25 Dec	Start Balance			325.00
9 Jan	 Cheque Issued Ref: 100001	163.80		161.20
26 Jan	Balance carried forward			161.20
	Total Payments/Receipts	163.80	0.00	

25 Dec 2025 - 26 Jan 2026

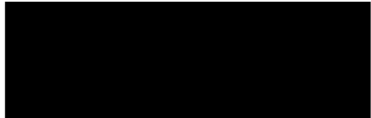
Start balance	£325.00
Money out	£163.80
▶ Commission charges	£0.00
▶ Interest paid	£0.00
Money in	£0.00
End balance	£161.20

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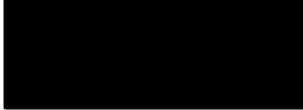


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Your Business Current Account

At a glance

Date	Description	Money out £	Money in £	Balance £
27 Nov	Account Opened			0.00
4 Dec	<input type="checkbox"/> Direct Credit From Melbourn Fete Ref: Mfc Donation		325.00	325.00
24 Dec	Balance carried forward			325.00
Total Payments/Receipts		0.00	325.00	

27 Nov - 24 Dec 2025

Start balance	£0.00
Money out	£0.00
▶ Commission charges	£0.00
▶ Interest paid	£0.00
Money in	£325.00
End balance	£325.00

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