



# THATCHAM TOWN COUNCIL

## COMMUNITY PROJECT FUND – FUNDING APPLICATION

Section 1 - Applicant	
Name	GILLIAN HICKS AND MAUREEN LAYCOCK - SMITH
Organisation	THATCHAM COUNCIL - WELCOME SPACE
Address	68 ELM GROVE THATCHAM W. BERKS RG18 3DJ
Aims & Objectives of Organisation	TO CREATE AN ENVIRONMENT THAT REACHES OUT TO THE COMMUNITY, TO LISTEN, SUPPORT, HELP WITH ISOLATION AND LONELINESS CREATE CONNECTIONS AND INTEGRATE COMMUNITY
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Section 2 – Project Summary	
Project Title	TO CREATE A THATCHAM COUNCIL WELCOME SPACE
Amount of Funding Required	£250
Duration of Project	ONE YEAR

Section 3 – The Project	
<b>Objectives of the Project</b>	<p>TO COMBAT ISOLATION AND LONELINESS IN THE LOCAL COMMUNITY.</p> <p>TO MAKE CONNECTIONS, SHARING AND SUPPORTING THE COMMUNITY.</p>
<b>Details of the Project</b>	<p>TO CREATE A WELCOME SPACE WHERE PEOPLE FEEL COMFORTABLE, SEEN AND LISTENED TO.</p> <p>TO OFFER CONVERSATION, INFORMATION, SUPPORT AND INTEGRATION.</p> <p>TO OFFER SIMPLE CRAFT PROJECTS TO STIMULATE CREATIVITY, MINDFULNESS AND CALM</p> <p>TO LINK PEOPLE WITH THE COMMUNITY THROUGH THEM</p>
<b>RESOURCES</b>	
<b>Project Cost</b>  Please provide a breakdown of costs for this project	<p>HALL HIRE COSTS, REFRESHMENTS, MATERIALS AND ADVERTISING.</p>
<b>Timescale</b>  Please provide details of timescales for this project	<p>STARTING ON THE FIRST THURSDAY OF SEPTEMBER : HOPEFULLY WEEKLY THEREAFTER</p> <p>10-12 am</p>
<b>Project Management</b>  Who will oversee this project	<p>GILIAN HICKS</p> <p>MAUREEN LAYCOCK-SMITH</p> <p>BOTH DBS CHECKED.</p>
<b>Acknowledgement</b>  Please provide details of how the Town Council's support will be acknowledged, if funding is awarded	<p>THATCHAM COUNCIL WELCOME SPACE</p> <p>PRESENCE OF COUNCIL OFFICERS, MAYOR AND WEST BERKSHIRE OFFICERS SOUGHT AND ACKNOWLEDGED</p>

Section 4 - Viability	
<b>Background</b>  Please provide details of the background to this project, what initiated the project?	WE HAVE BEEN ORGANISING SMALL CRAFT GROUPS LOCALLY FOR SOME YEARS AND STARTED A SMALL GROUP AT THE COMMUNITY LARDER AT FRANK HUTCHINGS HALL AS WELL AS A REPRESENT TABLE. WHEN THIS STOPPED WE WANTED TO RECREATE THIS ELSEWHERE ON BEHALF OF THOSE WHO NEEDED IT MOST
<b>Evidence</b>  Does this project meet an identified need? Please provide details.	THERE WAS, AND IS, DEMAND FOR SOCIASING AND CRAFTING. I RUN A GROUP IN KINGSCLERE, AT LAMBOURNE COURT AND AT CITY ARTS. MAUREEN RUNS A CRAFT TABLE AT THE SPEED COMMUNITY CAFE. THATCHAM WOULD BENEFIT FROM A WELCOME SPACE FOR THE COMMUNITY.

Section 5 - Sustainability	
<b>Is this a one-off project or the start of a long-term service?</b>	LONG TERM SERVICE. THE NEED TO COMBAT ISOLATION AND LONELINESS WILL NOT GO AWAY.
<b>If a long-term service, how will this continue to be funded beyond the initial funding requirement?</b>	WE WILL REACH OUT FOR OTHER GRANTS TRY TO BE SELF SUSTAINING TRY TO FIND FREE ROOM HIRE ASK FOR DONATIONS TOWARDS REPRESENTMENTS ASK FOR DONATIONS TOWARDS MATERIALS TRY FOR FREE ADVERTISING.

Please send your completed application to:

Thatcham Town Council  
Council Offices  
Brownsfield Road  
Thatcham  
RG18 3HF

Or email to: [enquiries@thatchamtowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:enquiries@thatchamtowncouncil.gov.uk)

Following an initial assessment, more information may be requested prior to presentation to the relevant Town Council Committee for consideration.