



**THATCHAM TOWN COUNCIL**  
**COMMUNITY PROJECT FUND – FUNDING APPLICATION**

<b>Section 1 - Applicant</b>	
<b>Name</b>	██████████
<b>Organisation</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> Thatcham Guides
<b>Address</b>	██████████ ██████████ ██████████
<b>Aims &amp; Objectives of Organisation</b>	As part of Girlguiding UK, 1 <sup>st</sup> Thatcham Guides aim to empower girls to find their voice, inspiring them to discover the best in themselves and to make a positive difference in their community. We offer a diverse programme of activities to teach girls new skills, challenge them, encourage critical thinking and build leadership skills, all whilst having fun and making friends.
<b>Telephone</b>	██████████
<b>Email</b>	██
<b>Website</b>	
<b>Charity number (if applicable)</b>	

<b>Section 2 – Project Summary</b>	
<b>Project Title</b>	WINGS (Windsor International Guide and Scout Camp) 2026
<b>Amount of Funding Required</b>	£198
<b>Duration of Project</b>	25 <sup>th</sup> July – 1 <sup>st</sup> August 2026 (1 week)

<b>Section 3 – The Project</b>	
<b>Objectives of the Project</b>	<p>WINGS is an international Scout and Guide jamboree held in Windsor Great Park, and attended by c. 7000 people from the UK and abroad. It is a fantastic opportunity for our young Guides to meet other Guides and Scouts from all over the world, and to take part in a programme of activities which will challenge them and help them grow as individuals and as part of a team. WINGS is a chance to experience the full scale of Scouting and Guiding adventures in one place, while knowing everything is supported by expert teams and delivered to the highest safety standards.</p> <p>The objective of this project is to provide group transport for 1<sup>st</sup> Thatcham Guides to WINGS 2026, thereby ensuring that no member of the unit is prevented from attending by their family's financial circumstances.</p>
<b>Details of the Project</b>	<p>To ensure the group can travel safely and inclusively to and from WINGS 2026 we plan to hire a private coach to transport Guides and adult volunteers (Leaders).</p> <p>Although the event is within Berkshire, it will require us transporting significant equipment (both for individuals and group camping equipment). Given this, and the number of young participants involved, a private coach is the most practical and safest transport option.</p> <p>This project will give young people from Thatcham an opportunity that otherwise may not be financially available to them, to take part in a week of adventure which will provide friendships and memories that will last a lifetime.</p> <p>We will continue to fundraise within the unit, but grant support is essential to keep costs affordable for families.</p>
<b>RESOURCES</b>	
<p><b>Project Cost</b></p> <p>Please provide a breakdown of costs for this project</p>	<p>To keep travel costs to a minimum we are planning to travel with two other local Guide units – 2<sup>nd</sup> Thatcham Guides and 7<sup>th</sup> Thatcham Guides. The total cost of a 41-seater coach is £770 of which our contribution is £198.</p>

<p><b>Timescale</b></p> <p>Please provide details of timescales for this project</p>	<p>Travel to WINGS 2026 will take place on 25th July and return on 1st August 2026, and the project will be completed upon safe return of all participants.</p> <p>Fundraising for travel, transporting equipment, and supporting unit members with their participant costs is in progress.</p>
<p><b>Project Management</b></p> <p>Who will oversee this project</p>	<p>The project will be overseen by the Guide Unit leaders attending WINGS. All leaders are DBS checked with Safeguarding training.</p>
<p><b>Acknowledgement</b></p> <p>Please provide details of how the Town Council's support will be acknowledged, if funding is awarded</p>	<p>If funding is awarded, the Town Council's support will be formally acknowledged through correspondence from the Guide Unit. We will ensure parents are made aware that we have been able to fund coach travel thanks to the grant awarded by the town council. We would also be happy to provide photos or a short, written update after WINGS 2026 to demonstrate the impact of the funding. We will seek to have an article on our trip published in local press, and if successful will acknowledge the Town Council's support.</p>

#### Section 4 - Viability

<p><b>Background</b></p> <p>Please provide details of the background to this project, what initiated the project?</p>	<p>This project was initiated to enable members of our Guide Unit to attend WINGS 2026, a regional guiding event offering valuable personal development opportunities for young people.</p>
<p><b>Evidence</b></p> <p>Does this project meet an identified need? Please provide details.</p>	<p>The project meets identified needs by addressing affordability and accessibility for local young people. Without support for transport costs, some families may be unable to afford participation, potentially excluding members from a significant event for Guiding.</p> <p>Previous unit activities have shown that shared transport reduces individual costs and improves attendance and supports safeguarding.</p>

#### Section 5 - Sustainability

<p><b>Is this a one-off project or the start of a long-term service?</b></p>	<p>This is a one-off project for WINGS 2026.</p>
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<b>If a long-term service, how will this continue to be funded beyond the initial funding requirement?</b>	n/a
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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.**