



THATCHAM TOWN COUNCIL
COMMUNITY PROJECT FUND – FUNDING APPLICATION

Section 1 - Applicant	
Name	[REDACTED]
Organisation	2nd Thatcham Guides
Address	[REDACTED]
Aims & Objectives of Organisation	Aims: To help girls grow in confidence, learn new skills, make friends and have fun in a safe and supportive environment. Objectives: To offer an exciting program, encourage leadership, support badge work, and help girls make a positive difference in their community.
Telephone	[REDACTED]
Email	[REDACTED]
Website	
Charity number (if applicable)	

Section 2 – Project Summary	
Project Title	WINGS (Windsor International Guide and Scout Camp) 2026
Amount of Funding Required	£250
Duration of Project	25th July 2026 - 1st August 2026

Section 3 – The Project

Objectives of the Project

The objective of this project is to enable members of 2nd Thatcham Guides and leaders to attend Wings 2026, by providing safe and affordable group transport via a hired coach.

WINGS is an international camp held in Windsor Great Park. Attendance at Wings 2026 will support young people to develop confidence, independence, teamwork, leadership skills and resilience, while encouraging positive social interaction and community involvement. The project aims to ensure that all members of the units are able to participate, regardless of personal or family financial circumstances, by reducing transport costs and removing barriers to access.

Details of the Project

Our Guide unit is planning to attend Wings 2026, that brings together young people from across the world to take part in a wide range of structured activities, challenges and learning opportunities.

To ensure the group can travel safely and inclusively, we plan to hire a private coach to transport Guides and adult volunteers (Leaders) to and from the event. Public transport is not suitable due to safeguarding requirements, supervision needs, and the volume of participants and equipment. Coach travel allows the group to remain together, ensures appropriate adult oversight, and provides a reliable and safe means of transport.

The project will benefit local young people by allowing them to take part in a positive, organised activity that promotes personal development, well being and community representation. We will continue to fundraise within the unit, but grant support is essential to keep costs affordable for families.

RESOURCES

Project Cost

Please provide a breakdown of costs for this project

The cost for a coach to WINGS and return has been quoted as £855 for a 49 seat vehicle. We will be sharing this with other local units and expect our contribution to be between £250 and £300.

Timescale

Please provide details of timescales for this project

Planning and fundraising has already started and we will continue throughout early 2026 - Coach will be booked once funding reached as well as booking a van to carry all equipment
Travel to the from Wings 2026 will take place on 25th July and return 1st August 2026, and the project will be completed upon safe return of all participants.

Project Management

Who will oversee this project

The project will be overseen by the Guide unit leaders attending WINGS.
All leaders are DBS checked with Safeguarded training.

Acknowledgement

Please provide details of how the Town Council's support will be acknowledged, if funding is awarded

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.

Section 4 - Viability	
<p>Background</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>Evidence</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 approves attendance and supports safeguarding.</p>

Section 5 - Sustainability	
<p>Is this a one-off project or the start of a long-term service?</p>	<p>This is a one-off event for Wings 2026.</p>
<p>If a long-term service, how will this continue to be funded beyond the initial funding requirement?</p>	<p>N/A</p>

Please send your completed application to:

Thatcham Town Council
 Council Offices
 Brownsfield Road
 Thatcham
 RG18 3HF

Or email to: enquiries@thatchamtowncouncil.gov.uk

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