



# ECCLESFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

*Serving your Community Since 1894*

## Community Groups Large Projects Grants (CIL Supported) Programme - Application Form

Please ensure that all the details requested on the following pages are completed in full. Please note that the Parish Council will be unable to process your application if any of the required information has been omitted.

*Applicants may be required to provide proof of expenditure of any previous grant by providing invoices, receipts etc. before a new application may be considered.*

Please submit this form completed within one month of receiving it.

- 1 What is your group called? *Give your name as it appears on your bank account.*

THORNCLIFFE TENNIS CLUB

- 2 Please give us your contact details.

Title  First name  Surname

Position in group (if applicable)

Address.

<input type="text"/>	
<input type="text"/>	Postcode <input type="text"/>

Your phone number, if we need to talk to you.

Your email address if you have one:

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3. Full address of where your activities are based.

Thorncliffe Recreation Ground, Mortomley Close, High green, Sheffield S35 3HS
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4. Which Ward will the project cover? Please tick the appropriate box (you may tick more than one):

Burncross	X
Chapelton	X
Ecclesfield	X
High Green	X
Thorncliffe	X
Grenoside	X

5. I confirm we are a not-for-profit group. Please tick to confirm what kind of group you are (tick on box only)

Unincorporated association	X
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A registered charity	
If yes, please state your charity number:	

6. What is the purpose of your group – what difference do you make and how do you meet the needs of your community?

We're not just a club; we're a lively community of 60 members and growing, that welcomes everyone. From energetic 92 year olds to those facing tough mental health challenges, we're all about inclusion. We even welcomed a Syrian refugee into our tennis family last year, showing our commitment to unity.

Tennis is for everyone at our club! We believe in diversity – it's our strength, and everyone has the right to be included.

At our club, we are proud to offer members the opportunity to enjoy both social and competitive tennis for less than £2 per week, cheaper than booking a court through Premier Tennis and a fraction of the cost of other clubs in Sheffield

Tennis is more than just a game; it keeps us fit, strong, and agile. It builds confidence, trust, and sharpens our instincts. Playing tennis also helps us make better decisions and improve social skills.

Our club is all about bringing people together. We're working hard to make tennis even more inclusive and diverse

Upgrading our facilities not only enhances our club but also invites more members from the local community. We're using social media and press to share inspiring tennis stories, highlighting the sport's accessibility, and it's already attracting new members.

We're dedicated to welcoming individuals from diverse backgrounds, genders, and ages and especially creating more opportunities for women and girls to join our tennis community.

This spring, we are embarking on a community outreach program aimed at primary and secondary schools. Through this initiative, we will introduce tennis to students, encouraging them to join coaching sessions at our club. Additionally, we will extend invitations to their parents to participate in fitness sessions at our facilities

In addition to our efforts to promote tennis, we are excited to announce our plans to introduce pickleball at our club. As one of the fastest-growing sports in the UK, pickleball presents an excellent opportunity to attract new players to our club. With only two other locations (Barnsley & Hoyland) in South Yorkshire offering this sport, we believe we can capture a significant portion of the local pickleball community. Pickleball can be played on one of the tennis courts in addition to tennis.

The success of our community outreach initiatives and the introduction of pickleball hinge on our ability to provide suitable facilities. Therefore, we urgently require funding to resurface our tennis courts and accommodate the growing interest in tennis and pickleball

Your support will play a crucial role in maintaining the affordability of tennis at our club, ensuring that the benefits of this sport are accessible to all. We are excited about the positive impact this project will have on our community and appreciate your consideration

7. What activity will you put on or project will you undertake if we give you a grant and when will it take place?

Our three outdoor courts urgently require resurfacing, as they were last addressed 18 years ago. Without prompt action, we risk being unable to participate in Sheffield & District Tennis League matches.

The resurfacing project is critical to maintain the viability of our courts and to ensure continued participation in league matches. The total cost of the project is £53,916, representing the most cost-effective quote we have received.

Currently, the club holds funds amounting to £25,000. To bridge the funding gap, we are seeking support to cover the remaining £28,916.

Given the urgency of the situation, we aim to commence the resurfacing as soon as we secure the necessary funds. Our participation in league matches, is vital to our club's identity.

8. How does the project help address the demands of development in the parish?

Being the only tennis club in north Sheffield, our club plays a pivotal role in providing tennis opportunities to our local community. The absence of overlapping catchment areas emphasizes the importance of our continued operation.

To maximize our community impact, we aim to expand our membership base. According to LTA guidelines, a club can have up to 40 members per court. With our three courts, we have the potential to welcome an additional 60 members.

Increasing our membership not only aligns with LTA recommendations but also has a positive ripple effect. The rise in members will lead to a corresponding increase in club revenue. This, in turn, will facilitate easier maintenance and improvement of our club facilities.

The urgency of our situation lies in the need to sustain our unique position in the community. Your support will directly contribute to our efforts in expanding our membership, ensuring the long-term sustainability and enhancement of our club facilities

**9.** Does your group receive funding from anywhere else? Please state the amount of funding you have received from other funding bodies in the last 5 years, including Ecclesfield Parish Council. Please include if you have applied or received any additional funding for the project you are requesting the grant for.

In our commitment to securing the necessary funds for the court resurfacing, we have initiated a crowdfunding campaign have provisionally secured a potential grant from Sports England of £7.5k. However, to receive this grant, we must raise £17.5k ourselves.

As of now, we have managed to raise £1.3k and we still have a significant way to go to reach our fundraising goal with less than 4 weeks to go.

In 2022 The Parish Council granted us £648 for the cost of new signage.

**10.** Please give us a detailed breakdown of what you want the funding to pay for and provide quotes to support your application:

Item requested	£ per item/activity	Total
Resurface of 3 outdoor tennis courts	£53,916	£53,916
	£	£
	£	£
	£	£
	£	£
	£	£
	£	£
	£	£

<b>Total cost of activity</b>		<b>£53,916</b>
<b>Total cost of grant requested from us</b>		<b>£10,000</b>

**11. You must provide a copy of your latest financial accounts together with a copy of an up-to-date bank statement.**

**12. Please list all the people who are authorised to make withdrawals from your account.**

Name	<input type="text" value="Stephen Hague (Chairman)"/>	Name	<input type="text" value="Alex Spodkiewicz (Treasurer)"/>
Name	<input type="text"/>	Name	<input type="text"/>

**13. How many people have to sign for each withdrawal?**

**14. Please give details of your bank account including bank, account number and sort code.**

**15. Would all applicants please note that it is a requirement of the Parish Council that photographic evidence is provided of the event/purchase.**

Please note that the Parish Council is subject to Freedom of Information Act 2000 and other related legislation. This means that most of the information you supply to the Council will probably be public. If you do not want any information released your grant cannot be considered.

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## **Declaration of intent**

This application needs to be signed by the person whose name appears as the contact at the beginning of the form.

**I can confirm that the organisation named on the front of this form has authorised me to make this application.**

**I can confirm that *all* the answers to the questions are true.**

Name	Stephen Hague		
Position in group	Chairman		
Signed	STEPHEN N HAGUE	Date	5.2.2024

The Parish Council has been advised to request a short questionnaire on any risks there may be in respect of applications for financial assistance. Therefore in order to be satisfied that there will be no legal implications for the council if they do give a grant in response to your request, please reply to the following few points.

QUESTIONS	TICK BOX OR ANSWER
1. Does the applicant/your group have adequate <b><u>public liability insurance in the Group's name</u></b> to a minimum of at least £2 million cover for any activities etc. which may benefit from the council's grant. <b>Please supply us with a copy of your certificate along with your application.</b>	yes
2. Is the premium paid up to date (give date)?	Yes
3. Have police checks (DBS disclosure) been carried out for group members who deal with children and vulnerable adults	Yes
4. What steps have been taken to minimise any accidents, loss or damage to property or people or property.	Risk Assessment
5. Do you agree to repay the Parish Council if the event does not take place or the items that the grant is requested for are not purchased? Any unspent Grants, full or partial must be repaid to the Council unless otherwise agreed. Failure to do so may result in legal and other action by the Council and affect future grant assistance.	Yes
6. Will the lack of a grant stop the event taking place or seriously curtail or reduce the activities of the group in any way?	Yes
7. Has the health and safety of members of the group or the public participating in an event been properly assessed and have satisfactory conclusions been drawn from this assessment?	Yes
8. Are you satisfied that all possible risks have been adequately covered by the systems and	Yes

procedures you have placed in force for the event or for the use of the equipment purchased from the grant?	
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Signed by Chairman...STEPHEN N HAGUE.....Date.....5.2.2024.....

Signed by Secretary .....CHERYL LUNN.....Date.....5.2.2024.....

**GRANT PAPERWORK CHECK LIST**

**PLEASE TICK THE BOXES BELOW TO SAY YOU HAVE INCLUDED THE  
FOLOWING PAPERWORK WITH YOUR GRANT APPLICATION FORM:**

Up to date bank statement	<b>x</b>
Up to date year end accounts	<b>x</b>
Up to date Public Liability Insurance	<b>x</b>
Quotations for what you require the grant for	<b>x</b>