

# MAULDEN PARISH COUNCIL

## APPLICATION FOR COMMUNITY GRANT

### SECTION 1 - Details of the Organisation

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| Name of Organisation/Group:                     | CPRE Bedfordshire, the countryside charity                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| Aims and objectives of your Organisation/Group: | <p><b>Our mission is to enhance, promote and protect the Bedfordshire countryside, and the ability of local communities to enjoy and value the greenspaces. To achieve our mission, we work with a range of organisations and communities in Bedfordshire.</b></p> <p>Although we are affiliated to the national CPRE, CPRE Bedfordshire is a separate local charity that works with local communities, empowering them to help shape their neighbourhoods. We work with Parish and Town councils and community lead groups and offer advice and planning knowledge. Through supporting local residents to set up their own local action groups we aim to empower those directly involved to campaign on planning issues in their immediate areas. We maintain a team of planning volunteers who can also bring a wider perspective with regards to local and national planning policies and provide experience based best practise advice.</p> <p>Local planning doesn't operate in a vacuum and CPRE Bedfordshire aims to respond to consultations on other major projects in the County on behalf of all residents. Projects such as East West Rail, the London Luton Airport expansion and the Universal theme park will all have a ripple effect on local communities.</p> <p>As local people become more responsive to planning that threatens their greenspaces and local infrastructure, the work of CPRE Bedfordshire is becoming more sought after resulting in increased volunteer hours dedicated to supporting local communities such as Maulden, where they have worked on several planning applications in the past.</p> <p>Through our Planning Workshop we aim to provide invaluable knowledge and insight to anyone who needs to know and operate in the planning arena, whether they are local Councillors, members of local action groups or MPs.</p> <p>But it is not all planning - our mission to enhance, promote and protect the Bedfordshire countryside extends to other projects such as hedge planting and restoration through the Hedgerow Heroes programme, which resulted in some infill planting in Maulden. We promote landscapes, community ventures and the rural economy with our Living Countryside Awards and use social media to publicise our activities and campaigns. We also seek to enhance local greenspaces and raise awareness of the benefits of nature to people and planet - we know that the countryside and urban greenspaces are important for people's wellbeing and loss of these can have a detrimental impact on communities and individuals.</p> |

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|                                                            | CPRE Bedfordshire aims to support any local community so that it can work to maintain these precious environments that benefit all. |
| Address of Organisation/Group:                             | 43 Bromham Road, Bedford MK40 2AA                                                                                                   |
| Contact name, address, telephone number and email address: | Jane Lee<br>Manager<br>43 Bromham Road, Bedford MK40 2AA<br>Tel: 01234 880624<br><br>Jane.lee@cprebeds.org.uk                       |
| Please provide details of your last year's accounts        | Accounts enclosed? <b>Yes</b>                                                                                                       |

## SECTION 2 - Application details

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| Please describe the project for which you are seeking a community grant:                     | <p>This grant would support our team of planning volunteers to continue working with communities such as Maulden to ensure that the community and parish council are aware of any planning issues and have good advice and guidance on how best to respond to these.</p> <p>We will monitor the Local Plan Review and will raise awareness of this while providing advice to parishes and the community on how to respond. The recent call for sites has several proposed areas around Maulden which could affect to local area if applications are sought.</p> <p>With a continuing increase in calls for support, we want to develop and expand our Planning Team through further recruitment, so we can take on more work and broaden our skills base, especially with the emergence of projects such as the Univeral theme park and increasing applications for solar energy parks – which seem to be springing up all over the County.</p> <p>We will offer workshops on planning to help parish councils, local action groups and others who represent the community develop knowledge and skills in this area.</p> |           |         |                 |         |             |       |                           |       |         |         |
| <p>Please state the total cost of your project:</p> <p>Please provide a detailed budget:</p> | <p>To support our volunteer team and fund staff and premises costs for campaigns and specific activities, our predicted cost for 2025 is £29,560</p> <p>Outline budget for 2025:</p> <p>Expenditure -</p> <table> <tr> <td>Salaries:</td> <td>£25,400</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Office expense:</td> <td>£ 3,860</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Governance:</td> <td>£ 100</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Living countryside Awards</td> <td>£ 200</td> </tr> </table> <p>Expected Income -</p> <table> <tr> <td>Grants:</td> <td>£14,000</td> </tr> </table>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Salaries: | £25,400 | Office expense: | £ 3,860 | Governance: | £ 100 | Living countryside Awards | £ 200 | Grants: | £14,000 |
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|                                                                                                       | Branch shares: £ 8,300<br>Donations: £ 750 (incl Gift aid)<br>Interest: £ 200<br>Workshop: £ 1,000<br><br>Budget enclosed? <b>No</b><br>Last year's Annual report and accounts are provided with this application.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| Please state the size of grant you would like:                                                        | £500                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| Please indicate how you intend to fund the balance of your project:                                   | Funding for CPRE Bedfordshire comes from donations, membership fees and grants from trusts and parish councils; we are dependent on individual support and other sources of income such as grants to fund our work and fill the short fall in our operating budget. Our team of planning volunteers and trustees give their time and knowledge for free but need the support of staff and premises. Funding this is often challenging as many grant making organisations don't include this type of provision in their application criteria. It is therefore vital that we seek financial assistance from a broad range of providers so that we are in a position to support local communities in the future. Assistance from Parish Councils such as yourselves is essential to assist with the charity running costs. |
| Have you had any previous grant from Maulden Parish Council? Please state how much and when received. | Yes<br>£500 in 2024                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |

### SECTION 3 - Approval by Applicant

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| <p>I ...Jane Lee.....(<i>insert name</i>)</p> <p>being the ...Manager..... (<i>insert position</i>)</p> <p>of ...CPRE Bedfordshire.....(<i>the organisation</i>)</p> <p>hereby apply for a grant of £500 - the amount shown in Section 2 above.</p> <p>I confirm that the information given in this application is correct.</p> <p>Signed .....  .....</p> <p>Date .....08.07.2025.....</p> |
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After completion, please return by post or e-mail to:

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Ampthill,  
Beds MK45 2TB                      email clerk@maulden-pc.gov.uk

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Decision .....

Date of Council Meeting ..... Minute No .....