



Town Council Grant

Activities Monitoring Form

1. Contact Details

Organisation name:	FRIENDS FOR LEISURE
Address:	ALBERT CHAMBERS, CANAL STREET, CONGLETON. CW12 4AA.

2. Grant Information

Grant Reference Number:	GR14/2324		
Total project cost:	£1000		

Receipts Attached? Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Receipt Amount:	£1000
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Please list receipts below:

All receipts have been submitted.

HALLOWEEN DISCO	£60.00
CHRISTMAS DISCO	£60.00
RL21 (VENUE HIRE FOR DISCO)	£80.00
DRINKS FOR DISCO	£3.30
FOOD FOR DISCO	£21.20
2 X CHRISTMAS PARTIES	£43.43
MEAL OUT AT THE KING'S ARMS	£102.80
MEAL OUT AT REUBENS	£130.00
FUN SPORTS	£35.00
INSPIRING ANIMALS	£120.00
PANCAKE INGREDIENTS	£9.15
VENUE HIRE (PART)	£305.12
FITNESS WITH BECKY MORLEY	£30.00
	£1,000.00

3. Project Information

When did the project commence?		November 2023	
Did you make a profit from the project? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			

Please explain what difference the project has made to your organisation/local people:

The funding enabled us to provide a range of activities at our Congleton youth groups.

These included:

- A Halloween disco.
- A Christmas disco.
- Refreshments for 2 Christmas parties.
- A meal out at The King's Arms.
- A meal out at Reubens.
- A fun sports session with Everybody Leisure.
- Ingredients for pancake making.
- A Disney dance session with Beckie Morley.
- Venue hire for youth group sessions.

A total of 38 disabled young people attended these sessions and had fun with friends in a safe setting.

Local pubs/restaurants were used to make disabled young people and their families aware of what is available within their community. In addition, staff at the venues are encouraged to welcome people with disabilities.

We use New Life Church for regular youth group sessions. Where this was not available, we used the Masonic Hall and R21 at Congleton Town FC. Again, this promotes community cohesion.

Evaluations from each of the sessions have shown that young people have enjoyed the activities and spending time with their friends. We also seen young people who are shy on arrival, growing in self-confidence when they see people they know and then they get really involved in the activity.

The Halloween and Christmas discos were particularly popular and fancy dress is always a winner!

The sessions were supported by 8 volunteers, who all live locally and willingly give up their time to help at our sessions. All our volunteers are more aware of disability and know that their help is appreciated by Friends for Leisure. One volunteer who lives in Congleton has said, "Being a part of FFL is like being in a family. I love helping at the activities and seeing the young people improving their social skills and increasing their confidence whilst having fun with their friends".

4. Promotion

Please send an electronic photograph of your project/activity. Is this attached? Yes No

Do you give permission for these photographs to be used on the Council's web site and in newsletters?
(Please ensure that you seek permission for anybody photographed). Yes No

Was the grant funding from Congleton Town Council acknowledged in any way? Yes No

Please state how (i.e. on your website, event programme, tickets, etc)
Families were made aware of the funding on reminders sent out prior to activities.

5. Feedback

What is your experience of using the Town Council Grant Scheme? Are there any comments or suggestions for improvements that you would like to make?

It is challenging having to spend the money before receiving the funds.

How did you apply? Online Email Post

Do you feel that you understood the process? Yes No

Please rate the following elements:

	Excellent	Good	OK	Poor
Completing the application form		X		
Relevance of guidelines		X		
Length of the process from submitting an application to receiving notification		X		
Advice given from the Town Council Grants Team (if applicable)		X		