

Appendix B

Applicant: Wantage Summer Festival 2005

Brief Outline of Project:

Wantage Summer Festival is seeking a grant towards the cost of presenting the festival from 12 June - 11 July 2005 in Wantage and surrounding area. The main focus of the festival is approximately 45 Arts, Crafts, Community Groups and individuals, to include Choral Groups, performers from Wantage Music Festival, Camera and Art groups, churches, actors and dramatic societies. As in previous years, the month long programme of activities has been devised and supervised by local volunteers.

Wantage Summer Festival is an umbrella organisation which funds all workshops, programmes, tickets and all publicity materials. All entrance and ticket fees go to the individual groups involved.

The festival is celebrating its tenth anniversary in 2005. Its ongoing success confirms the Vale as a centre of artistic excellence and enhances community spirit by involving a large number of schools, churches and artistic groups. It is estimated that several thousand people, representing a cross-section of the Vale community, attend festival events.

Financial Information:

Total Project Cost	£6,500
Balances	£2,711 at 30.09.04
Running Costs	£3,989 for 2004 Festival
Own Contribution	Volunteer time and labour
Grant Sought	£2,475
Previous Awards (Vale)	2003/04 £3,500 2002/03 £3,000 2001/02 £3,000 2000/01 £3,000 1999/00 £3,000
Parish Support	Wantage Town Council £1,025
Other Support	£3,000 Awards for All

Officer Comment (Abigail Brown, Arts Development Officer):

The Wantage Summer Festival is an essential event in the cultural calendar of Wantage. Bringing together all the local performing arts groups to create a focus for their achievements. The grant mainly gets spent on the publicity and marketing of the festival events, which helps to attract local residents and visitors to events and activities.