



APPLICATION FOR GRANTS OVER £300 2025/26

Thank you for your interest in applying for a large grant from Newbiggin by the Sea Town Council. Please ensure you have read the information below and filled in the form completely.

If you require any advice or guidance, or help with completing the form please contact Newbiggin by the Sea Town Council on 01670 851833 or at ask@newbiggintowncouncil.gov.uk.

Completed forms to be returned by email to the address above or posted to: –Newbiggin by the Sea Town Council, 76 Front Street, Newbiggin by the Sea NE64 6QD.

NEWBIGGIN BY THE SEA TOWN COUNCIL LARGER GRANTS POLICY

1. To be eligible for funding, applicants must:
 - Have a written governing document (for example a constitution, memorandum and articles of association, set of rules or trust deed).
 - Have at least three members on their management committee/board.
 - Have a bank or building society current account in the name of the organisation.
 - Be a community, voluntary or charitable organisation that works within the local community or with specific groups of people including, but not limited to, older people, young people, people with disabilities or people from black or minority ethnic groups from the local community.
 - Have an appropriate safeguarding policy – if working with children and young people or vulnerable adults.
 - Have an adopted equal opportunities policy or statement.
 - Show evidence that the service provided is needed by the community and that it has community support.

Please provide copies of the following:

- Governing document
- Latest audited accounts or most recent bank statement
- Safeguarding policy
- Equal opportunities policy

2. Grants will only be made to community and voluntary organisations for the benefit of the area covered by Newbiggin by the Sea Town Council and that will contribute positively to the Newbiggin area and the community of Newbiggin by the Sea.
3. Grants will not be made to:
 - Organisations that discriminate on grounds of age, disability, being married or in a civil partnership, gender reassignment, pregnancy and maternity, race including

colour, nationality, ethnic or national origin, religion or belief, sex and sexual orientation.

- Private organisations operated as a business to make a profit or surplus.
 - “Upward funders”, i.e. local groups whose fund raising is sent to their central Head Quarters for redistribution.
 - Organisations who wish to pass on money to other individuals or groups.
 - Individuals.
 - Organisations whose function is primarily undertaken by the Health Authority or Northumberland County Council’s Social Services.
 - Schools, colleges, and academies that receive central Government or Principal Council funding for delivery of the core curriculum, for grants towards delivery of the curriculum and general building maintenance or new builds.
 - Religious buildings for maintenance of the fabric of the building and new builds.
 - Political organisations or projects.
 - Activities that are completely funded from another funding sources.
 - Any expenditure incurred or committed before we confirm our grant.
 - Finance loans or interest payments.
 - General funding for your organisation or others.
4. Grants will not normally be made for ongoing running costs. Where an application is for running costs, the applicant should detail the plans to find future running costs from alternative sources. Where grants for running costs are made, no guarantee of future funding is implied.
5. What can the grant be used for?
- Funding for a new project, setting up a new group or local forum.
 - Funding for capital items that will help the organisation e.g. equipment.
 - Events, training and/or capacity building.
6. The Town Council will normally only consider grant applications for £2000 or less
7. The Town Council will only consider an application if accompanied by the required financial and organisational information, and if a representative attends a Finance and HR Committee meeting to speak to the application.
8. Grants will only be considered at quarterly meetings of the Finance & HR Committee

Deadline for application	Meeting Date
6 th July 2025	16 th July 2025
9 th November 2025	19 th November 2025
11 th January 2026	21 st January 2026
29 th March 2026	8 th April 2026

9. The Town Council will only provide one grant per group or organisation in each financial year, unless clear, exceptional circumstances are demonstrated. Grants are awarded for one year only and you should not rely on a grant in future years. The Town Council will not consider multiple applications for support for the same project in the same year. Applicants who can demonstrate a significant impact across the town, particularly for vulnerable residents may be considered for a longer-term funding agreement. This will require the organisation to enter into a Service Level Agreement

with the Council which will include regular monitoring and reporting, and an agreed exit plan.

10. The Town Council welcomes applications that demonstrate how one-off grant funding will lead to greater self-sufficiency and lessen the need for future applications.
11. Applications for funds regarding security measures, applicants must seek the support of the local police.
12. If the project involves vulnerable children or adults, the organisers must advise if they have the support of Adult Social Care or Children's Services (One Call) at Northumberland County Council.
13. If awarded a grant, Newbiggin by the Sea Town Council will require an agreement form to be signed prior to the funds being released. This will include recognition of the grant by way of a plaque, sign or sticker (to be provided by the Council). The Council would welcome an invitation for the Mayor to visit the project and attend any official opening. The Council can assist with the promotion of such events and associated press releases.
14. It is expected that funds will be spent within six months of issue. An End of Grant Report will be forwarded prior to 6 months after issue of monies. This is to be completed and provided to the Town Council within 6 months of the funding being transferred. Evidence may also include receipts, photos and reports. In exceptional circumstances the deadline for spending the grant may be extended to an agreed time. An extension must be explained and requested on the End of Grant Report. Should evidence of the monies being spent as agreed not be received the Town Council will request the return of the funds.
15. Councillors would welcome an invitation to see what was achieved with the funding as part of the report.
16. Please note, the application form will become a public document when considered by the Finance and HR Committee. Personal and bank details will be redacted.

Date for review: May 2026

APPLICATION FORM FOR GRANT 2025/26

Please read the policy on pages 1, 2 and 3 **before** filling in the form.

1. Name/Address of Organisation:

NEWBIGGIN BOXING CLUB

13 GIBSON STREET

NEWBIGGIN BY THE SEA

NE64 6UU

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Name of person making the application: [REDACTED]

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Position in organisation: VOLUNTEER - ADMINISTRATION

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Contact phone number: [REDACTED]

.....

Email address: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

About Your Organisation

2. Does your organisation:

Yes

Have its own bank account, which requires two unrelated people to authorise cheques and make withdrawals?	YES
Have at least three members on its management committee	YES
Have a constitution, terms of reference or set of rules (<i>please contact for help with this if needed</i>)	YES
A Safeguarding Policy for working with children and vulnerable adults	YES

3. Are you a registered charity? Yes/No: NO

If so, please give your charity number:

4. Is your organisation part of, or affiliated to, a larger organisation? NO

If so, which:

5. Aims and objectives of your organisation; What does your organisation do and how does it benefit the residents of Newbiggin by the Sea?

The coaches at Newbiggin wish to enthusiastically offer their knowledge, experience and skills to help a diverse range of adults and young people in the community helping them with their emotional and physical wellbeing.

The club successfully delivered non contact boxing sessions to the community last year which research and evidence highlights the need for the project to keep going.

The aim and objectives is to fully equipt the gym and deliver two sessions per week for people living with Parkinson's, veterans, young people from the pupil referral unit, young people displaying anti-social behaviour, female only classes, and sessions for referrals from GP's.

The coaches aim to improve the emotional and physical wellbeing of each individual who attends the classes.

Newbiggin Community Boxing Club has been serving the community since 1986. Over the years, we have

witnessed the positive impact that our programs have had on the physical and mental well-being of individuals, particularly the youth. Our boxing club serves an average of 50 members daily clearly showing a need for a project of this nature. We are based in a rural community where there are massive levels of poverty. Our members come from not only Newbiggin but also Lynemouth, Ashington, Widdrington, Linton and Blyth Community insight data shows that of 1,900 children aged 0-19, 31% are in relative low-income household compared with 20% across England average. There is a lack of opportunities locally, Youth unemployment (JSA/UC claimants aged 18-24) (Jun-23) stands at 8.6% against England average of 4.9% and

Working age workless benefit claimants (Nov-22) at 12.5% against and England average = 7.9%

The overall crime rate is higher than the average across England. The rate is 143.9 in Lynemouth, Newbiggin,

Ashington compared with 88.2 across England Index of Multiple Deprivation - 67.8% (England average =

20.0%) We only ask for members to pay £1 per session to keep costs low, we will be offering donated food from asda from the diner to ensure that members are fed. Food poverty and nutrition is an issue across South Northumberland and so with improved facilities we hope that we will help raise awareness to improve diets and behaviours. We will also use the diner to create volunteering and job opportunities, giving people a first step on the ladder to progress closer to the labour market. Over the last 9 months Committee Members have been engaging and networking with both public sector and voluntary sector organisations. We have used this time holding one to one meetings or group forums to build

our links within Newbiggin and across other areas. The feedback and discussions have helped to shape the project ideas and priorities.

The project will be delivered by qualified England boxing coaches who hold up to date DBS enhanced cleared ,first aid and safeguarding certificates.

With over 30 years of experience in coaching and delivering a professional service to the Newbiggin as well as the wider community.

The coaching team alongside Paul Scott who is the club/project treasurer who leads the day to day running of the project. We identified the need for admin support which thankfully we have volunteers to adopt the role. Our older members train to become volunteers and assist in the training and educating of the younger members of the club. Peer mentoring sessions and the promotion of role models in the club raises members self-esteem and drive to be the best that they can be. One of the coaches is the driving force and has transferable skills working as children's homes manager for 30 years.

The research carried out highlighted lack of provisions and facilities which developed the idea of creating the project. This enforced the need for the project if not funded there would definitely be an absence for the community. We have served the community for over 30 years working in partnership with the local police and other statutory organizations.

The project has researched the need for a class to be organised for people in Newbiggin as well as the local area as there are other projects delivering successful courses throughout the country. Expressions of interest have been sent out on facebook, web site, Parkinson's UK and posters placed in GP practises gaining interest. We have also attended a Parkinsons group in Morpeth which made it clear for the need of a Parkinson's class to be set up in Newbiggin.

Referrals have been received from social subscribers to attend non contact boxing classes to help patients manage/improve their emotional and physical wellbeing.

The community support workers have enquired about a cohort of young people attending non contact boxing sessions to deter them from anti-social behaviour.

The pupil referral unit in Northumberland are currently attending a non contact boxing session however they have requested availability for more sessions up until christmas.

Veterans of newbiggin are keen to have a class organised for them to help with their physical and emotional wellbeing.

Referrals have been received via email, text messages inquiring about female classes to help with mental health, confidence, nutrition and physical fitness.

Enquiries have been received via the web page, facebook, emails, text messages and phone calls.

7. Where does your organisation meet? Newbiggin Boxing Club - Gibson Street.....
8. How often do you meet?
Daily.....
9. How many members does your organisation have?
60.....
10. How many people will benefit from this funding?
60-100.....
11. How many of these are Newbiggin by the Sea Town Council area residents?
.....80.....%
12. How much funding are you applying for? £1949.95.....
13. What is the total cost of your project? £1949.95.....
14. Briefly describe the project or purchase you would like the funding for:

We are looking to add a piece of equipment to our gym. 2 Dual Adjustable Cable Pulley Machine

A dual adjustable cable pulley machine is a versatile piece of gym equipment that offers a wide range of exercises for strength training. It is particularly good for:

Versatility: It allows for a variety of exercises targeting different muscle groups, making it suitable for a full-body workout.

Functional Training: It mimics real-life movements, improving overall strength, stability, and coordination.

Customizable Resistance: Users can adjust the weight on each side of the pulley to customize the resistance for different exercises.

Space-Saving Design: Its compact size makes it ideal for home gyms, garages, and other limited spaces.

Safety: The cable system provides a smooth and controlled range of motion, reducing the risk of injury during exercises.

These features would make the dual adjustable cable pulley machine a valuable addition to our gym and an ideal piece of equipment for our younger/older/Parkinson members.

15. Which of the Council's priorities does the project contribute to?
 Raise the aspirations and prosperity of all our constituents, especially the young YES
 € Improve our environment, providing a clean, tidy and aesthetically pleasing place to live, work and visit. YES

- € Encourage and support an increase in tourism YES.
- € Increase the skills base within the town, supporting adults into work YES
- € Support an aging population. YES

16. How will you spend the money you are applying for? Please remember that Newbiggin by the Sea Town Council do not normally give grants for running costs unless associated with a specific project:

Item	Amount
BULLDOG GEAR DUAL ADJUSTABLE PULLEY MACHINE	£1949.95
	£
	£
	£
Total	£1949.95

17. How else are you funding your project? Include grants from other organisations, fund raising and existing reserves:

Source	£	Confirmed?
SPONSORSHIP	3800	
SUBS	8600	
SHOWS	7500	
VARIOUS UNSUCCESSFUL FUNDING APPLICATIONS	0	UNSUCCESSFUL
EXPENDITURE	£19,117	
Total		19,900

18. How will the funding benefit the community or residents of Newbiggin?

The funding will benefit the residents of Newbiggin offering them a gym they can attend for £1 per session. It encourages the youth to get involved and stay off the streets. Its a place for veterans, those with Parkinsons, female only sessions. Its a community hub inclusive of everyone.

19. How do you know that the groups you work with, or the local community, want this project to take place? Please detail any consultation undertaken:

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20. How will this funding lead to greater self-sufficiency and lessen the need for future applications?

21. The Council is keen to ensure that environmental impact reduction and opportunities for environmental enhancement are mainstreamed through its work.

How will this project help improve the environment and what mitigation measures will be put in place to limit environmental impacts such as use of single use plastics, waste generation, sustainable travel or reducing energy usage:

We have set days, classes and hours. We encourage our members to walk to the gym where possible or car share. We also have use of an equipped kitchen within the building so the need for water bottles isn't necessary

22. How is your organisation normally funded? Not applicable to new organisations:

Subs from members £1 per session, sponsorship from local companies, home shows help us raise some funding.

23. What are your current/planned subs/fees/charges?

24. The Council wishes to ensure that its limited grant budget goes to help those most in need. The Council will not normally fund events or activities for which a charge is made e.g. tickets for a dinner or a fee to attend a club. If it is intended to have a charge, please let us know how much people will be charged to access this project and what steps are to be put in place to ensure as many people as possible from Newbiggin are able to access the project.

If a surplus is to be made please detail how and when these funds will benefit the communities in Newbiggin:

£1 per session so it is available to everyone, this helps maintain the building costs i.e. rent/electricity.

25. Have you applied for any other funds/grants towards the cost of this project or purchase? Please include details below: NO

26. What fund raising activities took place in the **last** 12 months and what fund-raising activities are planned for the **next** 12 months, if any?

We have held home shows in the last year and have others planned for 2026. We also did a bucket fundraiser at Asda and hope to be able to organise another in 2026.

27. Anticipated income/expenditure for the next 12 months?

28. boxing season 25/26 3 home shows September, January and May raising approximately £6000 to cover rent, heating water bills

29. Details of any grants or financial support received from local authorities including Newbiggin by the Sea Town Council in the past three years with dates:

NIECP fund £73290 windows, flooring, equipment and revenue May 25
Jan 24 Improvement fund £5000 new toilets
Improvement fund May 25 £2000 firewall, fire doors emergency lighting
August 25 improvement fund £2900 equipment
29 November 23 £3000 Karbon homes Diner
November 24 community foundation £3700 equipment

30. Grants from non-local authority sources in the last three years with dates, if you have any:

NO

31. Has the project that you want the funding for already happened? No (delete)

32. Will you be passing the funding on to any other groups (except to pay for goods and services)? No (delete)

33. If the funding is for work with vulnerable adults or children, do you have the support of One Call at Northumberland County Council?

Yes (name of contact) / No/Not applicable (delete)

Please give us details of the bank account that the grant should be paid into if approved (this cannot be a building society passbook account):

Name of Account: **Newbiggin Boxing Club**.....

Account number: [REDACTED].....

Sort Code: ... [REDACTED]

Please ensure you have read the policy on pages 1 - 3 before signing the form.

Checklist (please tick the appropriate boxes)

Have you submitted the following?

- A copy of your most recent accounts (not more than 12 months old);
- Your most recent bank account statement & details of any other investments/savings (not more than 3 months old);
- A copy of your constitution / terms of reference / set of rules;
- A copy of the notes from your last Annual General Meeting;
- Details of your organisation's officers;
- A copy of your safeguarding policy if your group works with vulnerable adults, or children;
- A copy of your adopted equal opportunities policy or statement;
- Any other documentation you feel may help in assessing your application.

Privacy Notice

In accordance with the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR), I/We agree that Newbiggin by the Sea Town Council will process and hold personal information about me/us and my/our group or organisation only in relation to this grant application. I/We consent to my/our personal information, including that contained in this form, being stored manually and/or electronically by Newbiggin by the Sea Town Council. It will be held securely and treated confidentially for six years after an application is made. I/We understand that it will only be accessed by authorised staff members to manage the grant application process.

I also understand that Newbiggin by the Sea Town Council may pass details onto an official organisation where required to do so by law or contract. I/We understand that my/our data will be disposed of securely six years after the application and that I/we have the right to correct the information at any time. I/We have been made aware of my/our rights under GDPR.

Declaration:

I/We declare that the information confirmed in this application is correct and that any grant received will be applied as detailed in the request.

I/We declare that we have read the policy on pages 1 - 3 and that our application complies with the policy.

I/We declare that I/we have included all the requested information.

I/We fully understand that if I/we do not include the requested information and/or if mine/our application does not comply with the policy, the application may be rejected.

I/We fully understand that we will need to attend a Finance and HR Committee meeting to present our request.

Signed: 

Name: ... 

Date: 18/09/2025.....

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Grant applications must be checked against the following criteria. Any questions where the answer is no must be reported to the Finance and HR Committee meeting where the application is being considered and must form part of the formal agenda items list for that meeting.

Yes	No (investigate)	
		The grant will result in a benefit for the area covered by the Town Council and will contribute positively to the area of Newbiggin by the Sea?
		Does the grant exclude ongoing running costs?
		If the application is for running costs has the applicant included plans for where future running costs will be found from?
		Is the grant for a group and not for individuals or organisations whose function is primarily undertaken by the health authority or Northumberland County Council's Social Services?
		Is the grant for non-political or non-quasi-political organisations or projects?
		Is the grant application for £2000 or less?
		Does the application include the required financial and organisational information?
		Is this the only application in this financial year from this group or organisation?
		Is the applicant based in the Town Council area? If not, has the applicant detailed what proportion of beneficiaries of the grant reside in the area?
		Is the application for future funding? (i.e. not retrospective)
		Is the grant for the sole use of the applying group and not to pass on money?
		Has the applicant demonstrated how one-off grant funding will lead to greater self-sufficiency and lessen the need for future applications?
		For projects involving vulnerable children or adults, do the organisers have the support of One Call at Northumberland County Council?
		Will a representative be attending Finance & HR Committee?

Assessing officer:

Date of assessment:

Decision (delete as applicable): reject / return for further information / proceed to committee

Approved as agenda item for the Finance and HR meeting on: