

1. GRANT APPLICATION FORM

This application form may be used for grant applications up to £500 in the financial year. Organisations may only receive one grant per financial year. Please refer to policy and guidance notes when completing this form.

SECTION 1: ORGANISATION AND APPLICANT DETAILS		
1.	Name of Organisation/Individual.	Wheel Education Cycling Club
2.	Name and address of contact for this application.	
3.	Telephone number/s of contact for this application.	
4.	Email address of contact for this application.	
5.	Status of organisation (if registered charity, please include number).	Not for profit organisation
6.	How long has the organisation been established?	4 th August 2022
7.	Brief description of purpose of organisation.	<p>Wheel Education Cycling Club are based in Billingham, and is made up of Secondary School pupils that are keen to develop their cycling skills further in their free time and for many this is the first time they have ever ridden on the road. This is an inclusive club with an aim to attract pupils who wish to have fun, make friends, challenge themselves, and are willing to commit to the tough training required over the winter months.</p> <p>In past years the hard work and training has culminated in incredible cycling challenges, including the Coast to Coast, Edinburgh to Billingham and an incredible tour of France and Belgium with stunning scenery and challenging hills.</p> <p>We would love to take this group to France in 2025 and are fundraising to make this accessible to all pupils regardless of their financial situation. For pupils that don't have a road bike we are able to loan these and we would like to offer a team kit to all new members at a reduced cost, again making this accessible to all. The money will be spent on travel / accommodation, food, training kits and further cycling equipment as required such as bikes and parts such as inner tubes.</p>

		The ultimate aim is that these pupils become adults who love to cycle and continue to do this either individually or as part of a cycling club, we have strong links with local cycling clubs and Schools in the area. Throughout the Summer months we have managed to offer collaborative group rides for members of Wheel Education Cycling Club and Stockton Wheelers Cycling Club to build on these links.
8.	Are you part of/affiliated to a larger organisation?	No
9.	How many members do you have that reside in Billingham?	All members of the group currently attend Northfield School, this is an extension of the after School cycling club.
10.	Is there an annual subscription/membership fee?	Yes - £10 per year per member
11.	Please provide contact details for another senior member of your organisation.	
12.	Please provide contact details for an independent referee.	Colin Leckonby

SECTION 2: FUNDING

13.	Total cost of funding?	£4500
14.	Amount of grant requested? (max £500)	£500
15.	How much has already been raised towards the project?	£3500
16.	How will the balance be funded? (if applicable).	

17.	Has any further grant funding been sought for this project? If so, please specify details.	Yes – we successfully applied for a grant from Stockton Borough Council and received £1000.
18.	Have you sought more than one quote for the project? (Please enclose copies).	N/A
19.	Does the organisation have its own bank account with a minimum of two signatories?	Yes

Please include with your application:

- Accounts for the last two year (draft accounts will be accepted if not yet audited);

Start up groups without two years of accounts should enclose a signed bank statement and business plan with their application.

SECTION 3: PROJECT DETAILS

<p>20.</p>	<p>Please briefly describe the project, including:</p> <p>Where it will take place?</p> <p>How the community of Billingham will benefit?</p> <p>How the project supports the community?</p> <p>How you have identified the need for this project?</p> <p>How you will assess the success of the project?</p> <p><i>(If necessary, please supply further details on a separate sheet of paper).</i></p>	<p>We would love to open the provision of this Club to all Secondary School pupils throughout Billingham and the surrounding area following on from the Bikeability training that a number of primary School pupils within the area complete in years 5 & 6. Currently, members of the group are from Northfield School, Billingham due to a separate after school provision. The impact on all members is phenomenal with massive physical and mental health benefits for all. All members of the group are aware of the importance of nutrition, hydration and fuelling the body for long rides and take responsibility for their well being when planning ahead for rides. We believe we are an important asset for the Community and would like to continue building these relationships. We are proud that we attract male and female participants as we are aware of the difficulties in getting females involved in sport and maintaining this into adulthood.</p> <p>We are based in a deprived area where physical and mental health issues for the adult population is a main issue, the area also has issues relating to high crime, such as knife and serious violence. Wheel problems in your target area and how you will address them. Ensuring all residents are living a fair, equal and healthy life? Education aims to provide a focus for these members through physical activity which also has massive benefits for mental health. Training sessions are completed in groups with coaches individually tailoring these routes/distances on the individual needs of the group. We aim to build the group confidence as a group and individually. We require members to build upon their fitness independently by completing additional miles but we want this to be in a safe and secure environment and therefore during the winter months encourage riders to use indoor facilities whilst completing group rides outside.</p> <p>The decisions regarding the running of this club ultimately lies with the Children. This Club is run for these members so it is vitally important that what we offer works for these members and their family. We work closely with all parents / guardians regarding organising dates and times for rides, additional opportunities such as mountain biking and are in regular contact during these rides to keep parents / guardians updated. We have discussed with the group of pupils and parents the need to fundraise for the Club and all are actively committed to this with a sponsored 100 mile bike ride and raffle planned in April. They have also had a stall at a Winter fair organised by the Pupils in order to raise funds for the club. For many within the group, this has been the first sports club where they have been committed after discovering the traditional sporting routes of football, rugby, dance, gymnastics, swimming etc just weren't for them. Our aim is to offer this to all pupils regardless of their financial background.</p>
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21.	How many people in Billingham do you expect to benefit directly from the project?	They are seven members that have completed the necessary fitness and training required. From September to March this group of youngsters have proven their dedication and commitment and have cycled just under 10,000 miles as part of their training.
22.	Please advise the timescale for the project.	This is an ongoing project that we would like to develop year on year, attracting additional pupils. We are organising fundraising through sponsored rides and raffles in the upcoming months and are keen to connect to local businesses within the Community. The current fundraising is focused on July 2025 but any additional funding raised will be used to plan and develop the next challenging rides in 2026.
23.	Will the project require ongoing financial support? If so, how will this be funded?	This is an ongoing project that we would like to develop year on year, attracting additional pupils. We will continue to fundraising through sponsored rides, raffles, stalls at summer/winter school fairs and are also keen to connect with local businesses within the Community.

SECTION 4: CHECKLIST

Please enclose the following with your application:

24.	Two years of accounts (or for start up groups, a signed bank statement and business plan)	
25.	Quotations for the project (if applicable)	
26.	Organisation's constitution or set of rules	
27.	Any other relevant supporting information regarding the project	

SECTION 5: SIGNATURE AND DECLARATION

Please initial next to points 28 - 35 and sign below to acknowledge the terms and conditions of submitting this grant application.

No application will be considered unless this section is completed in full and signed by the contact person named in question 2.