

RHUTHUN TOWN COUNCIL
LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972, SECTIONS 137 AND 145
APPLICATION FORM FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

1.	Name of Organisation applying for Grant: Ruthin and District Civic Association
2.	Organisation's meeting place: Various community buildings in Ruthin
3.	Number for which the Organisation caters: Around 100 members and the wider local community
4.	Is the Organisation affiliated to any other Body? If so, please state: N/A
5.	Is the Organisation a Charitable Body or a Registered Charity? Yes a charity registered with the Charity Commission for England and Wales – Registered Charity Number 702203
6.	<p>Please state as fully as possible the general activities of the Organisation, including details of any specific expenditure or plans for this year or next:</p> <p>Ruthin and District Civic Association is a voluntary membership organization of over 100 members which aims to promote civic pride, secure the preservation and improvement of features of historical and public interest and hold meetings, lectures and exhibitions. The Association also holds annually the Open Door weekend where historical buildings in the town are opened for public viewing, and the awarding of the distinguished Quayle Award.</p>
7.	Tell us how much money you are applying for: £1000.00
8.	<p>Please note how you intend to use the funding:</p> <p>While Ruthin has been a market town for centuries, it also has a rich industrial heritage based on the railway which ran through the town until the early 1960s (closed following the Beeching Report). There are reminders of the railway station and line in the town with architecture and artefacts from the period it was open, but also memories of local residents alive at the time the railway was in town. In 2022, it will be 60 years since the last passenger train came through Ruthin on the 30th of April 1962. The railway station building and accompanying storage sheds located near the town's Brier Roundabout and Craft Centre have long since been demolished but there is one important artefact left in the town of the railway, known locally as the 'railway crane'. It is located in the grounds of Ruthin Craft Centre and now confirmed as being owned by Denbighshire County Council. It was originally used to move coal from the trains to the railway yard at the railway station, and is an essential reminder of the town's heritage. It is an area accessible to the public at all times and located in a prominent area near the vehicular and pedestrian entrance to the Craft Centre. Over the decades the weather has adversely affected the structure and it now needs a programme of conservation works including sandblasting and painting, and treating the wooden boom with a protective coating. The capital element of this project includes this essential work to the railway crane with a budget for specialists to advise on</p>

the work required. It would also include installing an interpretation panel next to the crane detailing the history of the railway in Ruthin in conjunction with Ruthin Craft Centre. The revenue element of the project involves running a series of heritage sessions (either online and/or in person) to collect the oral history about the railway and station in Ruthin through the memories of people who have lived in or been to Ruthin in the past and remember the railway in operation. These memories would then be collected and made into a bilingual community history booklet, which would be available digitally. It would also involve a historical display about the railway in the town's new Civic Centre, The Old Courthouse, with pictures and material available from the Archives at Denbighshire County Council and local residents, as well as a school art competition to draw the railway crane. We will also have a series of lectures about the history of the railway by local historians in cooperation with the local history society, and activities in local schools, youth clubs/societies and care homes, with a paid coordinator to organise and manage the revenue activities of the project. The ambition of the project is to raise awareness of the railway's history in Ruthin and the town's industrial heritage, while conserving one of the last few artefacts of the railway in the town for future generations and engage and educate the local community about their town's history.

The total project cost is £14,000. The Civic Association have already secured £10,000 in funding from the National Heritage Lottery Fund's Fifteen minute grants to fund part of the above activity (the grant scheme is named as such since they want to connect local people with the heritage within fifteen minutes of their home) along with a generous donation of £2,000 from Jones Bros Civil Engineering towards the project. The owner of the crane, Denbighshire County Council have now approved a request to provide £1,000 towards the project, so this funding application is a request for Ruthin Town Council to provide the other £1,000.00 towards the project and to ensure this important artefact is conserved for future generations. The Association is aware that the town council have discussed the crane many times in the past, while many local residents have raised concerns about its deteriorating condition over many years. All marketing material relating to the project will be fully bilingual in Welsh and English with the Welsh appearing first.

Note: as well as completing the application form, a copy of the Organisation's Accounts for the previous year must be submitted - **without it, the application will not be considered.** Also, organisations that receive funding are expected to adhere to the Town Council's policy of giving equal status to Welsh and English, and explain how they intend to do so.

Name of person making the application
(**BLOCK LETTERS**)

Signature ANNE ROBERTS

Role CHAIRPERSON : RUTHIN CIVIC ASSOCIATION

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Date 10/01/2022

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