

**BID FOR CAPITAL FUNDING FROM AREA COMMITTEES
PRO FORMA**

1. Short project title: Barnoldswick Town Junior Football Club Machinery Project.....

2. Bid submitted by: Andrew Gill (Committee Member)

3. On behalf of (please include contact details): Barnoldswick Town Junior Football Club

c/o 9 Holme Close, Sough, Barnoldswick, BB18 6UG

4(a). Does your organisation have a constitution? Yes

(b). Does it have a board of governors/directors or a committee that oversees its work? Yes, we have a Junior Management Committee

(c). Does your organisation have its own bank account? Yes.....

(d). How many signatures are required to authorise a payment from your bank account? Two

5. Is your organisation VAT-registered?* No.....

6. Amount requested: £3,000.....

7. Brief details of project:

The Junior Football Club has 260 playing members, with teams from Tiny Town aged 4 years, up to 18 years with 2 girls' teams. The Junior Club is a Football Association Chartered Standard Club. We use our home pitch for matches and use the adjacent Victory Park Council pitches for training and hire these pitches for 11v11 matches and 7v7 games. We also hire the Barnoldswick Cricket pitch during their off season for training and small 7v7 games.

The Junior Club proposes to purchase new machinery equipment –including a tractor, Quadraplay for treating the pitch, multi splitter for aerating the pitch and a large ride-on grass mower. We have obtained 3 competitive quotations with cost ranging from £29,000 to £31,000, including VAT.

We plan to share the use of the equipment with our Senior Barnoldswick Town Football Club and the adjacent Cricket Club. In return, both clubs will provide their groundsmen/expertise to maintain our pitch. We have also approached Pendle Council to allow us to use the equipment to maintain their 7v7 pitches and they have agreed to this.

The Barnoldswick Senior Club has three adult teams including the First Team, who play in the Northern Counties Premier Division. They play on the nearby Stadium Pitch and have an adjacent training area. The Barnoldswick Cricket Team play next to our ground. They have 2 senior teams playing in the Ribblesdale League and u9, u11 and u13 mixed teams playing in the Ribblesdale Youth Cricket League. Barnoldswick CC is an ECB Clubmark club and an accredited ECB all-stars Cricket Centre. They

currently have over 200 senior members and 60 junior members, all from different cultural backgrounds.

8. Main outcomes to be achieved: The purchase of the equipment will enable juniors and seniors of the respective clubs to play on pitches for many years to come, which are safe and in good condition. The Quadraplay and multi slitter will allow the pitches to be treated through the Autumn and Winter which will allow more games to be played on grass and thus reduce cancellations and costly 3G pitch hire.

It will also strengthen the links between the 3 Clubs and allow them to continue their active roles within the Community and give more opportunities to get people together and active.

9. When will the project be implemented? As soon as we have enough funding. The Junior Club has applied to the West Riding Football Association for a large project grant. The application is progressing and they have indicated that if the Club can raise £10,000, they will provide the balance subject to their usual grant criteria.

10. Who will undertake the project works? The Club has obtained 3 competitive quotations for the machinery. The purchase will be made in consultation with the West Riding FA and the Senior Barnoldswick Town Head Groundsman.

11. Is there match funding for the project from elsewhere?
If so, please give details: The Junior Club has raised £5,000. Unfortunately we have just heard that our recent application to Lloyds Bank for £5,000 has just been unsuccessful. We have just obtained £2,000 from the Barnoldswick Town Council at their meeting in September. We have also applied to Skipton Building Society for a grant of £500 and we are waiting a decision in early October.
The £3,000 requested would allow the whole project to proceed.

12. Are there long-term revenue consequences and how will these be funded?
No. The Senior and Junior Football Club have a long term lease with Pendle Council and as part of this we are responsible for our own maintenance. The upkeep and management of the Junior Club is funded by annual player subscriptions and fundraising. As part of the FA grant application we will have an annual set aside budget to deal with running and servicing of the equipment.

**Please note that grants inclusive of VAT will only be awarded where the organisation is not VAT-registered and is unable to reclaim VAT*