

**BID FOR FUNDING FROM AREA COMMITTEE BUDGET
PRO FORMA**

1. **Project title:** Higherford Globes Project
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3. **On behalf of (please include contact details):**
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 - 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
 - c) Does your organisation have its own bank account? YES
 - d) How many signatures are required to authorise a payment from your bank account? 2 of 3
5. **Is your organisation VAT-registered?*** NO
6. **Amount requested:** £1500
7. **Total amount of project:** £2150 (storage, installation, batteries)
8. **Is there match funding for the project from elsewhere?**
If so, please give details: Yes. We will request donations from the public and businesses, use the small profit from the Globe sales or the Higherford 100 club.
9. **Brief details of project:** The idea for the Higherford Globes project originated from the group's desire to brighten up such a prominent location at Christmas time. Starting with a trial in 2014 featuring just 10 globes on one tree, the project has since grown to encompass around 90 globes adorning the trees at Dicky Nook in Higherford. People from far and wide now travel to witness the spectacle of the hanging globes. It's a truly magical sight for all passers-by!

Community involvement has been integral to our project. In the initial stages, we organised workshops for locals to learn how to create their own globes and engaged local schools to craft globes in their respective school colours. Our dedicated team of volunteers, drawn from the local community, diligently retrieve the globes from storage each November. They ensure they are in working order by replacing batteries before transporting them to Dicky Nook for installation. Come January, they repeat the process in reverse, showcasing their unwavering commitment to our community project.

Running such a project comes with its costs. Each year, we conscientiously replace any malfunctioning globes and replenish batteries, incurring expenses of approximately £250 to £300. The cost of storage space for the globes has notably increased to just under £900, while installation expenses amount to approximately £1000. In previous years we had firms offering to undertake the installation for free,

but with the changing financial climate and the length of time involved in undertaking the installation we can no longer secure free installation.

Here are some comments from our social media page –

- *“Driving past I had a tear in my eye when I saw them.... They're beautiful, thank you to the kind people for doing this again.”*
- *“It looks amazing... as we drove past my 2 year old said “it’s magic”!*
- *“they looked fabulous this evening. the Higherford Illuminations”*
- *“They look beautiful. Really make me smile when I drive home in an evening”*
- *“Love driving up to our house and looking at these every night 😊 Hats off to all involved in making this happen!”*
- *“A joy to see at Xmas . So special. Thanks to the volunteers”*
- *“Quite spectacular... I will enjoy seeing them daily”*
- *“Wow it looks stunning”*

9. Main outcomes to be achieved: To sustain community spirit and ensure the ongoing success of the project, allowing all travellers passing through Higherford to witness the magic of the Higherford Globes!

10. When will project be implemented?

Start Date: Beginning of December 2025

Expected Completion Date: Beginning of January 2026

11. Who will undertake the project works?

Jake Sanderson) will do the installation of the globes, which requires specialist equipment so cannot be undertaken by volunteers

12. Are there long-term revenue consequences and how will these be funded?
NO

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