

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

1. **Project title:** PA SYSTEM
2. **Bid submitted by:** REV DAVID HARGREAVES
3. **On behalf of (please include contact details):** ST MARY'S CHURCH, TRAWDEN
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- 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
(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:** £340.39
7. **Total amount of project:** £340.39
8. **Is there match funding for the project from elsewhere?** No
If so, please give details: N/A

9. Brief details of project:

The system would be available for use at Church and other Village activities, such as the Act of Remembrance, annual Carol Singing, the Trawden Show and events in the Community Centre. Whilst St Mary's would act as the system's custodian, it would be available for use by the wider village community.

To illustrate the benefits, St Mary's Church is responsible for organising the Trawden Act of Remembrance at the Village War Memorial every November. This is attended by around 200 people annually. There is currently no amplification available for the speakers, resulting in many people being unable to hear all or part of the Act of Remembrance, depending upon the ability of individual speakers to project their voice. Audibility is also significantly affected by weather conditions. A small Bluetooth speaker has been used to play music and accompaniment for the single hymn for the last three years. This is adequate for those close to the front, but is again inaudible for those towards the back.

When faced with a similar issue some years ago, St Michael's Church Foulridge received a donation for a QTX QR12BT stand-alone PA System and carrying bag and this has proved to be robust and more adequate for the role at their village war memorial, adjacent to the noisy A56 main road.

It is proposed to purchase the same PA System and a similar robust bag for its transportation and protection from inclement weather. These are currently available on Amazon, for a total cost of £337.39. Added to this is £3.00 for batteries to reach £340.39.

10. Main outcomes to be achieved: The purchase of such a system will hugely improve many Village activities, making both speech and music audible to all, no matter how far they are away from the host / speakers / singers and no matter how loud or quiet individuals are.

11. When will the project be implemented? As soon as funds are allocated.
Delivery by Amazon would be within 24 hours of the funds being received.

12. Who will undertake the project works? Rev David Hargreaves, through Amazon Prime

13. Are there long-term revenue consequences and how will these be funded?
No long-term consequences. This is a one-off purchase with no ongoing costs. The experience from Foulridge St Michael's is that the system is robust and will operate maintenance-free for many years.

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