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NORTH HERTFORDSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

AREA COMMITTEE DEVELOPMENT GRANT APPROVAL FORM

1. Committee: **Southern Rural Area Committee**2. Date: **02/03/2017**3. Summary of application: **Funding to assist the staging of this year's Kimpton Folk Festival**Name of organisation: **Kimpton Folks Events**Sum requested: **£1,500**Total project cost: **£14,320**

Brief details:

This year's festival is planned to take place on Saturday July 1st 2017 from 12 noon to 11pm, delivered from the village's Memorial Hall, Kimpton Parish Church, the Village Green, The Boot Public House and the Dacre Rooms.

The organising group is now registered by the Charity Commission as a Foundation Charitable Incorporated Organisation and has a voluntary management committee of 10 people with a further 60 or so volunteers who help with the event.

The festival will comprise of:-

A wide range of local folk musicians with performances by a number of well-known folk musicians including some up-and-coming young local folk musicians.

Performances by groups of schoolchildren from local schools and other local choirs. Music Workshops aimed at introducing all ages to folk music and to help existing musicians improve their understanding and skills.

Folk music sessions (all afternoon), hosted by experienced folk musicians, at which anyone can play and sing.

Morris and Appalachian Dancing, Story-telling in a Tepee, a range of stalls including locally-made crafts, food and beverage focusing on sustainable/organic products (incl. locally-produced foods, soft drinks, real ales) other family-friendly activities incl. face painting

Matched / linked funding: **£ tbc**Funder: **Awards for All**Matched /linked funding: **£ tbc**Funder: **Luton Airport Community Fund**

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Matched / linked funding: **£tbc**Funder: **Other fundraising sources & events**

Comments from Development Officer:

The festival's aims are to:-

- **Provide a stage for local musicians to showcase their talents**
- **Generate increased awareness in folk music, local crafts and community.**
- **Generate an awareness of Kimpton as a local centre of folk music**
- **Stimulate links between Kimpton Folk Club and neighbouring folk clubs**
- **Encourage young people to develop an interest in folk music**
- **Secure the participation of several local schools, including groups of schoolchildren being taught folk songs with the assistance of Kimpton Folk Events members for performing at the Folk Festival**
- **Secure the participation of other local choirs**
- **Provide a family day-out and to further develop a sense of local community among families and local residents**
- **Provide a forum for local organisations and small businesses to promote their existence and activities**

Main concerts will be held in Kimpton Memorial Hall and in Kimpton Parish Church. The Village Green will act as a central location for the Festival, where food, drinks and a range of craft stalls will be located and where a variety of musical performances will take place, including by local choirs.

A series of Workshops (different instruments, singing, song writing) will take place in the Dacre Rooms, close to the Village Green. Folk music sessions will also take place at the Boot Public House, where Morris and Appalachian Dancing will also be performed. Professional assistance with stage set-up / sound system / PA will be secured and provided.

The application is criteria compliant