

Appendix 2. Kimpton Folk Festival

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Version	Issue Date	Changes
1.0	NA	First Draft (BE)

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Name of Organisation	Kimpton Folk Festival			
Organisation Type	CIO			
Ward	Codicote & Kimpton			
Project Type	School			
Green option considered?	None.			
NHC Councillor involvement that may constitute a conflict of interest	None known.			
Previous financial support within six years	From Southern Rural Community Forum: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> £750 in March 2023 towards providing free entertainment at the Kimpton Folk Festival. 			
Documentation reviewed and approved*	Safeguarding	Yes	Accounts	Yes
	Demonstrates clear governance	Yes		
Total applied for	£1,500	Total project cost	£5,000	
Officer Summary				
<p>Kimpton Folk Festival (KFF) organises the annual festival that brings nationally recognised folk musicians to multiple venues in Kimpton, offering free performances and attracting over 500 attendees. Alongside the main festival, KFF support local businesses, promote community music-making, and host free pop-up concerts, helping to raise the profile of Kimpton and other local villages as a vibrant and welcoming place.</p> <p>For the 2026 festival, KFF is partnering with The Living Theatre and local primary schools to deliver a special children's performance and a series of drama workshops. The aim is to engage over 400 children from rural communities in creative activities that foster confidence, connection and community spirit. The programme includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Four 45-minute workshops in each participating school in the months leading up to the festival. Two workshops on the day of the festival. Two performances on the day of the festival. <p>The total cost of this project is £5,000. KFF is requesting £1,500 from the forum to cover The Living Theatre's fees for delivering the workshops and performances. Other costs include marquee hire, traditional craftspeople, materials for creative sessions and live music from local performers. Further funding is being sought from Kimpton Parish Council and through festival-led fundraising to cover these costs.</p> <p>This initiative builds on the festival's existing community engagement, which already includes free performances, local school choirs, and maypole dancing. It responds directly to the Children's Commission's 2022 call to connect children with their communities, especially those facing rural isolation or financial barriers. By offering inclusive, creative opportunities, the project will help children develop social bonds, self-esteem, and a sense of belonging, while enriching the cultural life of the wider community.</p>				

*Funding will only be released on receipt and approval of all supporting documentation