

Appendix 3: Letchworth Arcadians Musical Society

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Name of Organisation	Letchworth Arcadians Musical Society			
Organisation Type	Registered charity			
Ward	All			
Project Type	Arts & Culture			
Green option considered?	N/A			
NHC Councillor involvement that may constitute a conflict of interest	None known			
Previous financial support within six years	None			
Documentation reviewed and approved*	Safeguarding	Yes	Accounts	Yes
	Demonstrates clear governance	Yes		
Total applied for	£1,330	Total project cost	£1,430	

Officer Summary

Letchworth Arcadians Musical Society (Arcadians) have been a part of the Letchworth Arts scene for over 70 years. They are a musical & dramatic society for the benefit of their members, patrons and audiences living in North Herts. Arcadians have been producing two to three shows a year in Letchworth for many years, and these productions are consistently well attended. This clearly demonstrates a strong appetite for musical theatre.

They are presenting the Wizard of Oz at St Francis College Theatre 28 - 31 May and will be rehearsing at Norton Methodist Church and Community Centre on North Avenue in Letchworth.

For this production, Arcadians are keen to involve a younger group of performers. As they currently have no Young Arcadian section, they are opening this show to any young person between the ages of 9 and 16 to come along, audition and take part. They will need to rehearse separately from the adult performers and as such this is going to significantly increase their costs for rehearsal rooms.

Arcadians have made their home on North Avenue and have rehearsed there for many years. They also have their costumes and props on site to avoid extra storage costs. They have looked at costs of other rehearsal space and the current space presents the best value for money. They are therefore looking for funding towards hire of the following spaces at the current North Avenue venue:

- Community Hall in April, which is £20.80 per hour for 27 hours
- Sanctuary in May, which is £26 per hour for 18 hours

They are also looking for funding towards St Francis Sports Hall Hire during show week. The backstage facilities are extremely limited and for safeguarding reasons they must keep the children separate and the only solution is to hire the sports hall which is £400. Alexander Lewis Estate Agents are contributing £100 towards publicity boards.

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