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1. Introduction

The Capel Show is run entirely by volunteers for the benefit of our local community. All profits from the Show are returned to local good causes. In the last year alone, the Show donated £26,300 to community projects.

Following the 2025 event, the committee anticipates a surplus of approximately £16,500 available for distribution.

The Friends of Capel Church will continue to receive around half of the surplus, in line with tradition. The remaining funds will be distributed through this open grant application process.

2. Purpose of the Grants

The purpose of Capel Show community grants is to:

- Strengthen community life in Capel and neighbouring villages
 - Support charities, voluntary groups, clubs, and societies that make a difference locally
 - Ensure the success of the Show directly benefits our community
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3. Who Can Apply?

We welcome applications from:

- Registered charities and charitable trusts.
- Community groups, clubs, and societies (with a local bank account).
- Schools, churches, or village halls for community-benefit projects.

We cannot normally fund:

- Individuals or private businesses.
 - Organisations without a clear link to Capel or its surrounding villages.
 - Activities or causes that fall outside the Capel Show's charitable aims of supporting local community life, education, culture, heritage, and charitable good causes.
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4. How Much Can You Apply For?

There is no fixed maximum grant. The Capel Show Committee aims to support a range of local good causes, making awards that reflect both the funds available and the scale of local projects.

As a guide, in 2024 the Show distributed £26,300 to community groups and charities, with individual grants ranging from £600 to £5,600.

Beneficiaries included:

- 24th Dorking Scouts – £1,000
- Air Ambulance – £1,500
- Capel & Beare Green Magazine – £1,200
- Capel Choral Society – £600
- Capel Community Chest – £1,000
- Capel Village Memorial Hall – £5,600
- Car Show Infrastructure – £1,500
- Dorking Food Bank – £2,000
- Friends of St. John The Baptist Capel Church – £9,600
- St Catherine's Hospice – £1,500
- Temple Lane Allotments – £1,600

For 2025, the committee expects to make around £16,500 available for distribution. Approximately half of this will go to the Friends of Capel Church, with the remainder awarded through this open grant process.

5. Application Process

Online Application Form – available on the Capel Show website.

Supporting Information – applicants will be asked to provide:

- A short description of the organisation and its purpose.
- Details of the project or activity for which funding is sought.
- The amount requested and a simple breakdown of costs.
- Declaration of any other grants applied for or awarded.
- Latest accounts or financial statement (where available).
- Bank account details for payment (optional; securely held if provided).

Matched Funding – The committee may consider matched-funding proposals where applicants are also raising funds independently.

Deadline – All applications must be submitted by 31 January 2026.

Decision – The Capel Show Committee will review all applications in January and February 2026. Grants will be awarded and announced by 31 March 2026.

Rolling Applications – Applications can be made at any time, but those received after 31 January will be considered in the next cycle.

6. Criteria for Assessment

Applications will be considered against the following criteria:

- **Local Impact** – Does the project clearly benefit Capel and surrounding communities?
- **Community Involvement** – Will the grant support activities that engage and include local people?
- **Need** – Is there a demonstrated need for funding, and is the amount requested reasonable?
- **Sustainability** – Will the project create lasting benefit, or support the long-term vitality of the community?
- **Diversity of Support** – Preference may be given to organisations or causes that have not recently received significant Show funding.

7. Transparency and Reporting

The committee's decisions are final and will be published openly.

Successful organisations may be asked to provide a short note or photos showing how the grant was used, so that we can share the impact with the community.

Data Protection: Personal information collected as part of the application process will be used only for administering grants and payments. For details, see our Privacy Notice at [capelshow.co.uk/privacy]

8. Timeline at a Glance

- Applications open: October 2025
 - Deadline: 31 January 2026
 - Decisions announced: February/March 2026
 - Funds distributed: by March 2026
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9. Contact

If you have questions about eligibility or need help with the online form, please contact the Treasurer at glenn@capelshow.co.uk.

CAPEL SHOW COMMITTEE, October 2025