Grant Application to Batheaston Parish Council from Batheaston Twinning Association October 2026

Outline of how a grant will be used

One of the main activities of BTA is to organise annual visits to and from the communities of Batheaston and Oudon in France. It is the turn of Oudon residents to visit Batheastonin 2027. The visit usually costs about £1000.

In previous years we have organised a community event to which Batheaston residents are invited free of charge. In 2025 there was a large party in the Village Hall with a live band to celebrate 20 years of twinning. In 2023 there was a barn dance. Both events attracted about 75 Batheaston residents who enjoyed the cultural exchange with our French visitors. £300 of the grant would go towards the cost of this community event.

During the previous visit an after school event was organised by our French visitors three of whom were teachers. Parents, children and teachers from Batheaston School attended. It is anticipated that such an event called a Le Goutier in French will be held again. £100 of the grant would be towards the cost of this event.

Members of BTA had occasionally played Boules/Petanque in the Secret Garden. Several members wished to make this a more regular event. At the BTA stall at Batheaston Summer Fete people were invited to register their interest in playing and a mailing list of 30 people was created. Boules has been played twice weekly (weather permitting) since August, alternating between using a path in the Secret Garden and the Boules Piste in Alice Park. Approximately 8-10 people attend per session with an age range from 14 to 75+. Already new friendships have been made in Batheaston. Whilst some BTA members have one or two sets of Boules sometimes there are just enough for those new to the game to play. BTA would like to use £100 of the grant to purchase more sets of Boules. In the spring we would then be able to advertise taster sessions for Batheaston residents to come along and have a go.