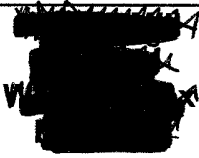
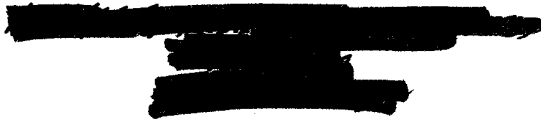


ICKLESHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Application form for grant aid for the financial year 2018-19

1. Your organisation	Your answers to our questions	Details of enclosures
a. Name of organisation	Sussex Wildlife Trust	
b. Legal status of your organisation, e.g. charity. Please give reg.details/ number if any.	Registered Charity No.207005	
c. Location/Address		
d. Name of main contact person in your organisation. e. Their address. f. Telephone number g. Email address h. Their position in the organisation	<p>Alison Ross</p>  <p><u>alisonross@sussexwt.org.uk</u> Senior Grants Officer</p>	
2. Your application a. How much money are you requesting?	£1,000	
b. Purpose of the grant? Please supply details of the <i>specific</i> purpose of the money you require from the Parish Council.	The grant is being sought to support the capital programme for the construction of the Rye Harbour Discovery Centre	
c. How much money is already available for your proposal? Please give details and sources.	See attached breakdown	Funds raised to 09/03/19 – capital programme.doc
d. Please supply your accounts for the past full year and details of reserves and balances.	See attached	SWT Annual Accounts 2017- 18.pdf

<p>3. The need you are proposing to meet.</p> <p>a. Has an assessment of need been made? Please provide details.</p>	<p>The Discovery Centre is designed to meet the increasing – and pressing – need for improved visitor and education facilities on Rye Harbour Nature Reserve. It is designed to replace the dilapidated former visitor room at Lime Kiln Cottage, which suffers from flooding, damp, and a lack of either toilets for visitors or suitable education space for visiting school groups.</p> <p>The Centre will also specifically meet the need identified by Icklesham Parish Council in its Local Action Plan Action 20 – “Promote the attraction of Rye Harbour as a visitor destination” – by offering a year-round programme of exhibitions and activities to encourage visits outside the traditional peak season and develop a more robust, sustainable visitor footfall to the reserve throughout the year to support local shops and services.</p> <p>Considerable work has been undertaken into the identification of need/demand for the new Centre within both the local community, business community, as well as with wider agencies relevant to the wider conservation of both the reserve and wildlife.</p> <p>This [redacted] extensive consultation and survey work into the need for the new centre including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Initial survey of 2000 members of Friends of Rye Harbour Nature Reserve charity recording overwhelming support for a new facility. • Assessment of need by the Local Nature Reserve Management Committee. • Regular monitoring of the growing numbers of visitors to the reserve from Rye Harbour car park data, recording upwards of 360,000 visits in 2017, an increase of 8% annually. • Options appraisal by Sussex Wildlife Trust • x 3 on-site & online visitor surveys with 96% highlighting support for improved visitor facilities. • x 3 open information days in Rye, Rye Harbour & Winchelsea Beach, with 93% highlighting need for improved education facilities. • Consultation surveys with x 20 local schools all supporting the development. • Open meeting at Rye Harbour Village Hall to attended by 70+ local people to listen to needs of local resident and business community & ensure Centre supports local services. • Presentations to local parish councils • Presentations to local societies & groups, resulting in x 25 letters of support from organisations (see attached). 	<p>Letters of support.pdf.</p>
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<p>b. Who will benefit from your proposal?</p>	<p>The new Centre will deliver extensive benefits to wide range of communities and organisations. These include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Residents of Rye Harbour, Rye, Winchelsea Beach & surrounding areas • Regular & occasional visitors to Rye Harbour & Rye Harbour Nature Reserve • Primary, junior & secondary school pupils throughout the local area • Post-16 students seeking training opportunities in conservation & other subjects • Members of the local community suffering from physical disability or mental or learning impairment. • Local shops and services • Local societies and groups wishing to use the facility for meetings/ talks • Volunteers at Rye Harbour Nature Reserve • Rye Harbour Nature Reserve staff 	
<p>c. How many local people/others will benefit?</p>	<p>The new Centre is designed to offer a dynamic new facility for enjoyment and learning for everyone throughout the local area and beyond, with dedicated facilities and activities for visitors, families, dog-walkers, school groups, the disabled older members of the community.</p> <p>It is conservatively estimated to be visited by 90-100,000 people annually.</p>	
<p>d. If premises are involved in your application: i) do you own the premises? ii) or lease the premises? iii) Date and term of the lease and any necessary consent of owner.</p>	<p>The Centre will be wholly owned by Sussex Wildlife Trust once it is constructed.</p>	
<p>e. Have you made other applications, that are still outstanding, for the money you are requesting from the Parish Council?</p>	<p>No</p>	
<p>f. Have you previously received grants from this Council?</p>	<p>Yes</p>	

Application signed by [Signature]

Dated [Signature]

Name and telephone number if not main contact

Position in organisation Senior Grants Officer

**Please complete this form as fully as possible and return to:
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Enquiries: 07714 169901**

Please note that grant applications are considered twice a year in March and September.