GRANT APPLICATION

When considering an application, the Trustees will give due consideration as to how it might meet the aims of the Wilson Memorial Trust, which are:

- **the prevention and relief of physical and mental sickness and disability, and the preservation, protection and promotion of mental and physical health and well-being, including the provision of equipment, facilities and services which supplement and support but which are not contracted to be provided by the local Health Authority or any other part of the National Health Service;**
- **the advancement of education, particularly relating to the benefits of good health and prevention of sickness;**

The objects of the Trust are primarily for the benefit of residents in the area covered by the Steyning Medical Practice.

Name of organisation .....Steyning for Peace (together with Bramber and Upper Beeding)

Name of contact: Kim Hope……

Email and phone number: kimkhope@btinternet.com 01903 815473…….

Date of Application……28/09/2026……

Amount of Grant Request…£500……

Total cost of project…Unknown/ongoing…….

SUMMARY OF AIMS OF ORGANISATION

STEYNING FOR PEACE was founded by local residents in response to the turbulence and continuing conflict experienced in the world at this time.

Our mission statement reads:

Steyning for Peace is a group promoting peace through action in the community, raising awareness about conflicts, and injustice in society and worldwide, through workshops, talks, films and vigils.

We aim to be the Peace we cultivate through meditation, and shifting our human understanding toward empathy, compassion, connection, and awareness as an integral part of nature.

PROJECT FOR WHICH GRANT IS REQUIRED

(Please use extra paper as required in order to give full details)

We are a relatively new group, serving the residents of Steyning, Upper Beeding and Bamber. Our aim is to offer different activities for people to gather together and explore the concept of peace in this turbulent world. For example on Sunday we ran an afternoon of singing, clowning, and meditation at the Steyning Centre and Fletchers Croft, which gave the participants a time when they could feel less helpless about everything that is going on in the world (Sudan, Palestine, Ukraine and closer to home with violence and anti-immigration demonstrations).

We have a silent vigil in Steyning HIgh Street each month to coincide with the Farmer's Market.

We have had talks from visiting speakers, discussions, and have shown films. In November we will be having a workshop run by a volunteer from the Alternatives to Violence Project. The AVP approach is that "the experience of violence or abuse undermines self-respect and self-esteem which in turn puts people at a significant disadvantage in their dealings with others in society (family, friends, neighbours) potential employers, and official agencies such as health, housing, benefits and education, thus perpetuating feelings of frustration, isolation and/or hopelessness".

DESCRIBE THE SECTION OF COMMUNITY THAT WOULD BE SERVED BY THE PROJECT AND ESTIMATED OR ACTUAL NUMBER OF USERS

All residents in Steyning, Bramber and Upper Beeding.

HOW DOES THIS PROJECT CONFORM WITH THE AIMS AND OBJECTIVES OF THE WILSON MEMORIAL TRUST?

We believe that our activities give people a sense of hope and help them with their mental health. Helplessness can play a key part in undermining mental health. Too many people are feeling helpless in this troubled world, and belonging to Steyning for Peace gives them knowledge and skills and a sense of belonging which is vital for the times we live in.

ARE THERE ANY LIMITATIONS, REAL OR IMPLIED, WHICH PRECLUDE ANY INDIVIDUALS FROM USING THE FACILITY ON THE BASIS OF RACE, RELIGION OR DISABILITY? IF SO, PLEASE PROVIDE FULL DETAILS

Absolutely not - all are welcome.

HOW IS ANY SHORTFALL BEING MET (IF APPLICABLE)

At present we ask for donations to cover the cost of hire of rooms at the Steyning Centre, printing of leaflets, and refreshments. There is a Core Group of four people and we have subsidised some of the activities ourselves.

HAVE YOU MADE ANY OTHER GRANT BIDS WITH ANY OTHER ORGANISATIONS FOR THIS PROJECT (please give details)?

Not as yet

HAVE YOU RECEIVED ANY FUNDS FROM THE WILSON MEMORIAL TRUST BEFORE (*If so what funds were received)*

No.....

IF SUCCESSFUL HOW WILL YOU ACKNOWLEDGE AND GIVE RECOGNITION OF THE AWARD TO THE PUBLIC.

We will make sure your generosity is acknowledged on all publicity material.

IF SUCCESSFUL HOW WILL YOU EVALUATE THIS PROJECT IN ORDER TO UPDATE THE TRUSTEES AFTER SIX MONTHS AND A YEAR?

The core group will invite members to tell us what difference being involved with Steyning for Peace has made in their lives. Asking such questions as:

- When did you join Stenying for Peace?
- How often have you come to meetings?
- Do you believe the meditation at the beginning of each meeting is helpful?
- What else would you like Steyning for Peace to do?
- What difference has Steyning for Peace made to your life?

IF FUNDING IS REQUIRED FOR AN ON-GOING PROJECT HOW WILL YOU FUND IT IN THE FUTURE?

We intend to register with the Register of Social Change to research other potential funding sources.

IF SUCCESSFUL, WHO SHOULD THE PAYMENT BE MADE TO AND WHERE SHOULD IT BE SENT?

We don't yet have a bank account, so at present our finances are being carefully watched by David Littlejohns who lives in Bramber.

ANY OTHER COMMENTS

We realise that your main focus is on the health and well-being of residents in the local area. We believe that we contribute to the mental health of the people who have joined Steyning for Peace as it gives them a sense of purpose and the opportunity to be with like-minded people who are also wishing to contribute to a more peaceful world.

PLEASE PROVIDE THIS COMPLETED FORM TOGETHER WITH RECENT ACCOUNTS OR STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE AND DETAILS OF PROJECT COSTINGS BY POST OR EMAIL TO:

SIMON ROBINSON, 25 MILL ROAD, STEYNING, WEST SUSSEX, BN44 3LN

OR WILSONMEMORIALTRUST@GMAIL.COM

YOU WILL RECEIVE AN ACKNOWLEDGMENT AND POSSIBLY A REQUEST FOR FURTHER INFORMATION BEFORE BEING NOTIFIED OF THE OUTCOME OF YOUR REQUEST IN DUE COURSE.

ALL GRANTS FOR LESS THAN £1,000 CAN POTENTIALLY BE APPROVED WITHOUT A MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES BUT ALL OTHERS MUST BE VOTED ON AND APPROVED AT A FULL BOARD MEETING