

I am greatly honoured to have been re-appointed as Chair of the Halton Lune Trust, the grant awarding charity for the Halton Lune Hydro.

I thought it might be helpful to offer some advice as chair regarding what makes a good grant application, this applies to the Halton Lune Trust and to most grant making bodies.

- 1/ Is it within the Trust's Objectives and under the Charity Commission rules?
- 2/ Is it within the geographical area funded by the Trust?
- 3/ Is the application from a recognised charitable organisation or community body.  
We do not accept applications from private individuals or businesses.

**Only applications that meet the above can be legally considered.**

- 4/ The Trust generally expects that any projects will have funding from other sources so that the Trust is not being asked to fund the full cost of a project. If an organisation is serious about wanting to complete a proposal, then it is reasonable to expect them to raise money towards it and to seek other sources of funding. This allows the Trusts very limited funds to support a larger number of projects.
- 5/ If funding within grant criteria is to support an event and any profit is to be donated to charity, then the Halton Lune Trust as a registered charity could be a recipient. Our only income is the donations we receive, including donations from private individuals and organisations.
- 6/ Finally, is it of benefit to the wider community, perhaps broadening the scope, or involvement in a particular recreational activity? Are you creating beauty for the benefit of all?

Each application is considered on its own merits and within available funds, a previous grant having been awarded is not indicative of the charity approving the funding for a future similar project/event.

On behalf of all the Trustees we look forward to reviewing applications and hopefully supporting your project to continue improving our villages.

Revd Jonathan Sewell  
Chair Halton Lune Trust  
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