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1. Name of Organisation *

Bradenstoke Amateur Dramatic Society (BADs)

2. Your Name, Address and Status of Contact *

Jim Ryder - Chairman BADs (2025 -), Lillybrook, Lyneham, Wilts
Mandy Hughes Co-Founder of BADs, Ex Chairman (2019 till 2025) and current Committee Member.

3. Telephone Number of Contact *

Jim Ryder 07383087947 Mandy Hughes 07917301662

4. Email Address For Correspondence On The Grant *

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5. Your Email Address (if different)

No answer provided.

6. Is the Organisation a Registered Charity?

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☐ Yes

☒ No

7. Amount of grant requested (Quotes and detailed breakdown of how the money is to be spent must accompany the application) *

£1559.34

8. For what purpose or project is the grant requested? *

Complete mobile lighting and sound equipment for internal and external productions for local amateur dramatic society BADS.

BADS, Bradenstoke Amateur Dramatic Society, formed in 2010 by Patsy Golding and Mandy Hughes, 2 residents of Bradenstoke at the time. All Started from an idea founded on a dog walk and within a year, 2011, BADS first production, Cinderella, was performed on 'stage' at Bradenstoke Village Hall. With a Committee formed from 8 local residents, and a current cast and crew made up from local children and adults, BADS continues to produce a performance each and every year right up until the present, with a Murder Mystery to start rehearsing in Sept 2026 with it 'on stage' in Nov 2026. (Apart from the Covid 19 years, when we had drama reading performances on Zoom). We have also performed in St. Mary's Church, The Cross Keys Bradenstoke, The Abbey Farm (outside productions for Bradenstoke Village Fair), street plays outside The Tudor House and Mummers Plays in the main street. Bradenstoke Village Hall is the official 'home' of Bradenstoke Amateur Dramatic Society, and within a few hours can be turned into a green beanstalk, a fairytale castle, an Italian Pizzeria all with the help of painted backdrops, sets and props all designed and made from residents of the local community.

BADS are a successful local community group, with an excellent reputation, but it has now become evident we have a pressing matter we need to permanently resolve. We have no technical equipment of our own, in the past we have had to beg or borrow lighting, speakers and all the accessories that go with it, but sometimes these are unreliable, out of date or even overkill. For us to remain a core part of cultural and community life and to contribute to support the Village Hall, St. Mary's Church and the Cross Keys professionally, BADS need to be unrestricted in the quality of our productions. Bradenstoke Village Hall and St. Mary's Church come with restrictions in regards to permanent installation like lighting or sound, the historic decor must remain untouched which we have accepted, respected and adhered to. We have the experience in our members and the reputation to be respected to attract future local cast and crew for BADS to progress for many years to come, but that can only happen with up to date fundamental tech equipment.

All requested equipment has been scrutinised and verified as suitable by experts in the trade and our local Bradenstoke Radio DJ and technician. Its by no means overkill but the basic reliable products for our needs. It will become a BADS asset used by BADS tech volunteers who are interested in theatre stage lights and sound.

LIGHTING 1 x Showgear Metal Medium Mobile lighting structure, 4 x Equinox 260 Zoom par 19x15W RGBW (Red, Green, Blue and White) lights, 2 x DAP FLX08 5 pin MF DMX Cable .75m, 2 x DAP FLX08 5 pin DMX Cable 10m.

SOUND 2 x Alto Speakers TX408 powered Speakers, 2 x Speaker Stands for the Speakers in bag. 1 x DI Interface Box to connect to laptop and Speakers, 3 x XLR Cables 10 meter.

9. What will be the total cost of the above project? *

£1559.34

10. If the total cost of the project is more than the grant, how will the residue be financed? *

BADS runs on a very minimal budget. BADS is part of NODA with a yearly fee and subs. We source and make our own costumes and props and for rehearsals and productions dates pay the hourly charge of the Village Hall. We do charge audience and if there is a residue to be financed it would come from BADS own funds or personal donations.

11. What monies is the organisation/club contributing to the project? *

Our funds are limited, and a set figure could not be agreed until we know what the shortfall would be. We are Committee led, so a decision would have to be known and agreed by that Committee. We are aware that this is over the figure we pitched for, but we could only guess at the time. BADS decided for safety and better procurement, we needed expert guidance and advice which we have since taken.

12. Have you applied for grant for the same project to another organisation? *

☐ Yes

☒ No

13. Who will benefit from the project? *

This is beneficial to all the current local crew and cast already involved and connected with BADS. Knowing mobile, reliable and up to date tech equipment will be part of the BADS experience our reputation will increase further. Widening our venue choice to include historic and exciting areas like The Abbey Undercroft, will expand the social extension of the production. Encouraging more involvement from all ages with more modern up to date equipment would be more attractive to all wanting to volunteer to become part of the stage and lighting process.

14. Approximately how many of those who will benefit are residents? *

100% of BADS Committee Members, BADS cast and crew are local. Many have been involved with the Group since its first production in 2011. Supporters and Audience members are all relatives, friends and family who all reside locally. Only this year in 2026 we have gained an additional 4 members to join BADS from Lyneham, Dauntsey and Preston. We are the only local Amateur Dramatics Society that covers our area.

15. What financial information have you included? *

Full quotes of the items required. Breakdown of prices and Full details of products best suited which have been looked over and approved by a leading local expert. Company information .

BADS financial accounts. If more needed this can be arranged via our BADS Treasurer.

Your Details

16. Name *

Mandy Hughes

17. Position *

BADS Co-Founder from 2010. Current Committee Member, Actor, Director and Script Writer

18. Contact Details *

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19. **If you are successful and a grant is awarded, following the event/purchase you will be required to submit receipted invoice/s for the total amount of the award granted. If monies are not spent as specified in the application, they will need to be returned to the Parish Council.** *

☒ I Agree

20. Please email a copy of supporting documents **including your statement of accounts** to Parish.Clerk@lynehamandbradenstoke-pc.gov.uk *

☒ Completed