



## Small Grant Application

**Name of Organisation**

SENUG  
The South East Northumberland Rail User  
Group

**Contact Name**

[REDACTED]

**Position**

[REDACTED]

**Address for correspondence:**

[REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

**Preferred contact for Grant Aid correspondence**

Letter ( ) Telephone ( )

Email (✓)

**Bank Details:**

[REDACTED]

Please tick to show you have read and understood the **Data Protection Statement** in the attached guidelines ( ✓ )

**What is the status of your organisation?** (Please tick)

Registered Charity ( )      Voluntary Organisation ( ✓ )      Community Group ( )  
Tenants' Association ( )      Other, please specify

If applying for the first time, please give a brief description of your group/organisation:

SENUG – The South East Northumberland Rail User Group – is a voluntary organisation that promotes rail travel and campaigns for better rail services (and bus – rail integration) in, within, to, from and through South East and East Northumberland, representing the interests of both existing and potential rail travellers in the area. By 'potential', SENUG means those who would use rail services if only the trains went where they want to go, at the time they want to go, at a price they can afford, and in a clean, safe, secure, accessible and easy to understand manner.

SENUG has led the campaign for the re-opening of the Ashington Blyth & Tyne railway line (now known as the Northumberland Line) which will provide a passenger rail link between Ashington and Newcastle for the first time in 60 years. Once opened, SENUG will continue to campaign for further improvements and extensions to the line, to better improve rail connectivity in Ashington. These are listed on our website at <https://www.senrug.co.uk/our-campaigns>.

We are a nationally respected and award winning group with over 200 members and 1,700 facebook followers.

**Please include the following with your application:**

- ✓ Your constitution or governing document, or written aims and objectives.
- ✓ Up-to-date financial information, including latest accounts and bank statement.
- ✓ A set a basic core policies or statements:
  - ✓ Health & Safety
  - ✓ Equality and Diversity
  - ✓ Safeguarding
  - ✓ Data Protection and GDPR

**Please contact us if you are unsure about any of the above. We will support any group to achieve the required policies, in accordance with our work to promote Equality and Diversity in Grant Aid Allocation, and our obligations under the Public Sector Equality Duty 2022.**



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Does your organisation work in partnership with any other organisations? Yes No (please circle)
If yes, please give details below:

We work closely with train companies, statutory organisations with a role in specifying or influencing train services, elected representatives and persons standing for office, neighbouring Rail User Groups and pro-rail campaign groups, and Railfuture – the national voluntary pro-rail group campaigning for a bigger and better railway, to which SENRUG is affiliated. We seek to maintain close relationships with the press and our activities and campaigns are often featured in local and sometimes national media.

Please provide details of membership/users:

Table with 3 columns: Number of Members/Users?, Do members/users pay a subscription fee?, Subscription Fee?, and Number of paid employees/volunteers.

What percentage of members/users live in Ashington? Based on informal analysis of members' postal addresses, approx 4% of individual members live in Ashington and 14% of corporate members are based in Ashington.

Please use this space to tell us how your organisation serves the residents of Ashington or contributes towards the wellbeing of the town and residents.

It is our belief that better transport connectivity helps regenerate communities and diminishes economic deprivation and social exclusion.

The further extensions to the Northumberland Line that we are campaigning for, along with softer issues such as bus / rail integration (including physical, timetable and fares integration) and simpler, easier to understand rail fares, will bring yet more economic advantages, making Ashington a more attractive place to live with better access to jobs, training and leisure, which will in turn assist Ashington in retaining and attracting more businesses, increasing the appeal of the town yet further.



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**Amount of small grant requested (up to £500)**

**£500**

Small Grants can be awarded towards specific projects, 'start-up' costs or maintenance/running costs (see Small Grant Guidelines) and must be spent in the financial year awarded, for the purpose given. You can only receive one small grant in any financial year.

**Please give full details of the purpose of your Small Grant application:**

We are requesting a donation to contribute towards our project costs for the 5 year period October 2024 to September 2029 for hosting, updating and maintaining our website, printing at least 12 copies of our award winning Newsletter, and producing a new full colour double sided DL sized leaflet highlighting our campaigns.

The breakdown of these costs are as follows:

Website hosting, maintenance and update support based on a fixed cost for 5 years of £295 + VAT per year = **£1,771**

Printing 12 x 8-page A4 Newsletters over the five year period based on the average cost of £98 for our last 3 8-page Newsletters = **£1,180**

Design & Print 2,500 copies of a DL sized leaflet, full colour both sides, based on a cost of **£510, which** was the current price at March 2024, when our last leaflet was printed. (This price includes VAT on the design but VAT not applicable to the printing element).

Total project cost = **£3,461**  
(All figures rounded to the nearest £)

Of the total **£3,461**, we are suggesting Ashington Town Council might like to contribute **£500**.

**NB** We gratefully acknowledge previous funding of £50 from Ashington Town Council in 2019 towards our project costs for the 5 year period 2019 to 2024, which is publicised on our [website homepage](#) (please see the bottom of the page) and in [Newsletter 35](#) (page 7)

**Please attach a copy of your latest financial statement together with a copy of your most recent bank statement for each bank account your organisation maintains.**

**UNRESTRICTED BALANCES WILL BE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT WHEN AGREEING AWARDS**



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**DECLARATION**

- ✓ I confirm that to the best of my knowledge and belief, all the information in this application is true and correct.
- ✓ I agree to any disclosure or exchange of information about this application which Ashington Town Council deem appropriate for the administration, evaluation, monitoring and publicising of Small Grants.
- ✓ I understand that acceptance of this application by Ashington Town Council does not in any way signify that the organisation is eligible to or will receive a Small Grant.
- ✓ I have included the documents and policies required.
- ✓ I have included an up-to-date Financial Statement and copies of bank statements.
- ✓ I understand that the Council will *freeze* or *withdraw* funding or *reject* future applications if certain conditions are not met and/or there is evidence of unlawful activity, malpractice, or other behaviour that the Council deems improper.
- ✓ I agree to verify that Grant Aid has been spent for the intended purpose.
- ✓ I agree to inform the council of any significant changes to the membership or running of the organisation.

Signed <i>Dennis Fancett</i>	Print name Dennis Fancett	Date <i>14th August 2024</i>
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Date application received	Application successful? Yes/No	Proposed Award £
Any additional information requested:		