## HARTLEBURY PARISH COUNCIL

## **Grant Application Form**

Please read the Council's policy for awarding grants before completing this form.

Name of Organisation	Hartlebury Castle Preservation Trust Registered Charity No:1127871
Name, address and telephone number of contact	Robert Greenwood, Trustee Hartlebury Castle, Hartlebury, Worcestershire, DY11 7XZ 01299 253 337
Nature of Organisation	The Trust was formed with the aim of acquiring Hartlebury Castle from The Church Commissioners for the use and enjoyment of the community and to allow the nationally important Hurd Library to remain intact and located within the castle.
Number of Members - % living in Parish	The five founding members all lived in the Parish. The Trust now enjoys wider support through-out Worcestershire and beyond. Twenty percent of members live in the Parish. The current membership is 85. They are backed up by The Friends of Hartlebury Castle and the Hurd Library who have a similar number of members. There are 150 volunteers who help, many live in the village.
How does the organisation benefit the community?	The Trust's vision is that Hartlebury Castle is, through careful stewardship, cherished, celebrated and understood, providing an unmissable experience that inspires, informs and delights all who visit.
Amount of grant sought	£500
Purpose of grant	To install hand rails to steps and extend estate fencing to improve safety and access to the grounds and café. The steps from the carriage Circle to the Queen Elizabeth Walk provide the initial access to a circular walk around the moat and through the coppice with views of the Castle can be seen, flora and fauna discovered and history explored.
Total cost of project	Estate fencing         £794         (July 2019 quotation)           VAT         £158.80           Design         FoC         (pro bona service)           Installation         FoC         (by Volunteers)           Total         £952.80
Other sources of income	The Trust's principal income is derived from admissions (shared with the County Museum) and events such as weddings. Due to Covid 19 there has been no income for nearly four months. Although now open on a limited basis the visitor numbers are very modest and bookings, understandably extremely scarce.
Additional information relevant to application	The lack of income and the predicted slow return of visitors and events is a serious issue for the Trust.
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