

OXFORDSHIRE LOCAL HISTORY ASSOCIATION (OLHA)

SMALL GRANTS

Guidelines for applicants and application form

January 2026

The **Oxfordshire Local History Association (OLHA)** fosters and promotes the study and publication of local history in Oxfordshire and acts as an umbrella organisation for local history groups, of which there are more than eighty in the county. OLHA also campaigns to protect and improve services for Oxfordshire local historians.

OLHA has limited reserves with which to fund or part-fund local history projects in Oxfordshire. Grants of up to £500 may be available to individuals and community groups to carry out projects:

- over a defined time period;
- which enhance the understanding of Oxfordshire's past and make it more accessible to a wide public; and
- which produce tangible outcomes.

Examples of outcomes include:

- Production of a book, pamphlet, CD or DVD (which can be for sale commercially)
- Mounting of an exhibition
- Enhancement of an existing local history display
- Development of a physical or on-line archive which is made publically accessible

Grants from OLHA can cover, for example:

- Research costs.
- Production costs.
- Exhibition costs.

Preference will be given to projects which:

- Are organised and carried out largely by local volunteers;
- Benefit a reasonably large number of local people and over a long time period (ideally, *ad infinitum*);
- Are well-planned and realistically costed; and
- Demonstrate good value for money.

Recipients of grants will be expected to either:

- Write a short article (c. 1,500 words) on their project for publication in OLHA's annual journal *Oxfordshire Local History*; or
- Give a short presentation (5-10 minutes) on their project at the next OLHA biannual study day.

Requests for funding must be made on the OLHA application form which can be obtained by e-mailing membership@olha.org.uk

Requests for funding will be considered by the OLHA committee at their meetings in early March, June, September and December and completed application forms should be sent to chair@olha.org.uk by mid February, mid May, mid August or mid November.