



## End of Grant Report

It is a requirement of the Grant Funding terms and conditions of Wolverton & Greenleys Town Council that you complete an End of Grant Report. This report will be presented to the Town Council at a Full Council Meeting.

Please complete the form, and return to Tracy Pearson, Community Officer, Wolverton & Greenleys Town Council, Creed Street, Wolverton, Milton Keynes MK12 5LY, along with any additional evidence and any unspent grant money within the next 14 days.

Event or Project title: [MKCommunity Boat set-up costs](#)

Name of Organisation, [Bedford & Milton Keynes Waterway Trust](#)

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a) Please remind us of the aims of the grant and how this has been fulfilled.

**The purpose of the grant** has been to help the Trust to fund and complete the full set-up so that Electra is ready to run all types of cruises, safely and competently, serving all sectors of the community. Electra was launched into the GUC on 5<sup>th</sup> May and is now berthed at Campbell Wharf Marina. Fit-out and trials have been completed, crew recruitment and training are well underway and public cruising is planned to start in July. Public response has been overwhelmingly positive, publicity has been extensive and Electra was formally named on 28<sup>th</sup> May. involving Cllrs Moss and Saunders. Discussions continue on targeting cruises for W&GTC citizens.

b) Have all the aims been met? If not, what part of the project failed to deliver (to include activity, materials or supplier) what was expected?

**All the set-up aims have been met**, and we are on programme to start cruising in July. Marina mooring is in place and we are progressing a shore base within the Campbell Wharf local commercial centre. Contributions have been received from 8 canalside parish and town councils and we are yet to approach the remaining 3. We expect to convene the first Community Boat stakeholder group in the autumn and are in discussion with several parishes about financial allocations in future budgets to pump-prime the canalside and community projects that will spin off from Electra.

c) Please include your end of project evaluation. Is this what you hoped for? Please feel free to include pictures of your event.

The most relevant evaluation is whether, after set-up, Electra is in the water, fully equipped and ready for a programme of public cruising. That is demonstrably the case and two W&GTC councillors have experienced this first-hand. We are confident that, subject to Covid restrictions, we are set up, in a position to start public cruises from July.

d) Please evidence the number of people that the project / event has reached. This would include planning, participants, project leaders etc.

So far the project has reached 40 volunteers, including the project management team, and we have presented to 80-100 in promoting the project. 35 people attended our Electra naming event. Radio, web and social media audiences have reached several thousand. As the project is for set-up rather than delivery of cruises, the only beneficiaries of cruises have been organisers, trainee volunteers and VIPs. We are on target, Covid restrictions willing, to deliver 100 cruises in 2021 serving 5-600 passengers.

e) Please include any feedback that you may have been given, publicity that you may have acquired or produced.

See trifold brochure attached

f) Please attach a final set of financial accounts for the project that include proof of expenditure, such as receipts and invoices.

See invoices and summary attached

Signed



Position: [Trustee/Director Bedford&Milton Keynes Waterway Trust](#)

Date: 11<sup>th</sup> June 2021



Please tick this box to agree for your details to be held for a period of 6 years subject to the Freedom of Information act.