Chilternrailways

Station Adoption

Funding adoption groups and bank account requirements (last reviewed May 2025)

We are committed to ensuring that station adopters are not financially burdened by the work they do at our locations. To support you, we offer a range of funding options, including a small grants scheme and a case-by-case review process for additional expenses.

Grant funding

Each year, we provide a blanket grant of either £300, £450 or £600 to every approved station adopter, calculated based on annual station footfall. This funding is allocated to cover all your costs for the 12-month period within the financial year, and we aim to disburse this grant to you no later than June of each financial year.

The goal of this grant is to help offset the costs associated with maintaining and enhancing the station, ensuring that you can carry out your work without incurring out-of-pocket expenses.

However, we understand that your actual costs may sometimes exceed this amount. In such cases, we are happy to assist further.

Case-by-case review of expenditure

In addition to the standard grant, we have a process for reviewing additional expenditures on a caseby-case basis. If you find that your annual grant does not cover all your expenses, you can submit a request for further funding to the Stakeholder Executive. Each request will be carefully evaluated to ensure it aligns with our objectives and covers costs directly related to the station's upkeep and enhancement.

Payment

To facilitate the payment and reimbursement process, we will send funds to the bank account we have on file for your group. Please ensure that we have up-to-date account information and let us know immediately if there are any changes to your account details. For security reasons, payments can only be made to a business or community bank account. Unfortunately, we cannot process payments to personal accounts directly.