

# RUSHMOOR BOROUGH COUNCIL RECORD OF EXECUTIVE DECISION



## Decision taken by individual Cabinet Member

### DECISION MAKER

Councillor Sophie Porter, Healthy Communities & Active Lives Portfolio Holder

### DECISION AND THE REASON(S) FOR IT

#### Farnborough Airport Community Environmental Fund grant requests from:

- **£8,000 Fleet Pond Society** for Wellington Reedbed Viewing Platform
- **£1,000 awarded to Hartlands Mens Shed** for Community Garden Improvements

The Community Environmental Fund commenced in 2001. It is levied by Farnborough Airport on business aviation movements at a rate of £2 or £5 per aircraft movement (dependent on aircraft).

The fund is available to groups and organisations under the following criteria:

- Located within 5 kilometres (3 miles) from the centre of Farnborough Airport (taken to be halfway down the main runway) and is demonstrably and regularly affected by aircrafts travelling to and from Farnborough Airport
- Has public access to be available to be enjoyed by the community as a whole and result in the improvement of an outdoor facility or area
- Includes an environmental improvement
- Projects may include: -
  - Green or open spaces
  - Natural habitats
  - Environmental improvements
  - Community projects with an emphasis on improving the local environment

There is £8,686 available for allocation from the Community Environmental Fund.

### DATE DECISION TAKEN

14 November 2025

### ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED

*(Those examined by officers and generated by consultation, etc)*

None.

### ANY CONFLICTS OF INTERESTS DECLARED

*(Conflict of interests of any executive member who is consulted by the officer which relates to the decision. A note of dispensation should be attached).*

N/A

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Sophie Porter \_\_\_\_\_

Designation \_\_\_\_ Healthy Communities & Active Lives Portfolio Holder \_\_\_\_\_

## Farnborough Airport Community Environmental Fund applicant bid

<b>Applicant name and address of project site:</b>	Fleet Pond Society, 40 Fir Tree Way, Fleet, Hants, GU52 7NB		
<b>Purpose of grant:</b>	Wellington Reedbed Viewing Platform		
<b>Grant amount requested:</b>	£8,000	<b>Total cost of project:</b>	£8,000
<b>Previous grants from this fund in the last five years:</b>	n/a		

  

Criteria met?	Y/N	Comment
• Located within distance?	Y	<p>The Wellington Reedbed Viewing Platform is accessible and well used by the public and has views of Fleet Pond. There are two benches on the platform which offer visitors a place to relax and enjoy the surrounding.</p> <p>This project aims to replace the existing platform, which is at risk of becoming unusable.</p> <p>Replacing the viewing platform at Wellington Reedbed will benefit many, including local families, nature enthusiasts, birdwatchers, and school groups. It will enhance accessibility, safety, and engagement with nature, while failure to replace it would risk exclusion, disrepair, and declining visitor experience.</p>
• Regularly affected by air movements?	Y	
• Public access enjoyed by whole community?	Y	
• Result in improvement of outdoor facility/area?	Y	
• Include an environmental improvement?	Y	

  

<b>Other sources of funding for this project:</b>	£0	None
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<b>Accounts:</b>	<b>Income:</b>	£9,387	<b>Expenditure:</b>	£6,649	<b>Balances:</b>	£38,560
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<b>Additional information:</b>	<p>The project will include the design of the platform, removal of the old one and building the replacement. Volunteers from the Fleet Pond Society will complete the work. The aim is for the project to last a week and to be completed by the end of March 2026 before the bird breeding season has commenced.</p>
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<b>Aim of organisation/group:</b>	<p>The Objectives of the Society (FPS) are to:          To stimulate public interest in and appreciation for Fleet Pond and its surroundings. As well as promoting the preservation and maintenance of Fleet Pond and promote its use as a public amenity and a Site of Special Scientific Interest and Local Nature Reserve.</p> <p>They also carry out a lot of the maintenance of the public areas and facilities at the Fleet Pond Nature Reserve.</p>
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<b>Application recommendation:</b>	£8,000
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## Farnborough Airport Community Environmental Fund applicant bid

<b>Applicant name and address of project site:</b>	Hartlands Men's Shed, Building 505, The Old Site Office.		
<b>Purpose of grant:</b>	Community Garden Improvements		
<b>Grant amount requested:</b>	£1000	<b>Total cost of project:</b>	£1265
<b>Previous grants from this fund in the last five years:</b>	n/a		
<b>Criteria met?</b>	<b>Y/N</b>	<b>Comment</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Located within distance?</li> <li>Regularly affected by air movements?</li> <li>Public access enjoyed by whole community?</li> <li>Result in improvement of outdoor facility/area?</li> <li>Include an environmental improvement?</li> </ul>	Y Y Y Y Y	<p>Hartlands Men's Shed created a community garden earlier this year and would like to make further improvements by creating new raised beds.</p> <p>In addition to the environmental improvement, this project will also enhance the mental health and wellbeing of members, their families and the wider community.</p>	
<b>Other sources of funding for this project:</b>	£265	Sale of goods made at Hartlands Men's Shed	
<b>Accounts:</b>	<b>Income:</b>	£	<b>Expenditure:</b>
		£	<b>Balances:</b>
		£	
<b>Additional information:</b>	The project will be for the purchase of raised beds and topsoil for their community garden. The members of the men's shed will be undertaking the project.		
<b>Aim of organisation/group:</b>	Hartlands Men's Shed supports people's wellbeing and mental health through relationships, sharing and community engagement. The members come from a wide area of Rushmoor and Hart. It teaches many new skills to members from all walks of life and improves the environment by creating a community garden and reusing & repurposing old wood.		
<b>Application recommendation:</b>	£1000		