

RUSHMOOR BOROUGH COUNCIL RECORD OF EXECUTIVE DECISION



Decision taken by individual Cabinet Member

DECISION MAKER

Councillor Sue Carter, Community Portfolio Holder

DECISION AND THE REASON(S) FOR IT

Farnborough Airport Community Environmental Fund grant requests from:

- **£25,476 awarded to Rushmoor Voluntary Services** for Blooming Minds
- **£5,521 awarded to Frimley Health Charity** for refurbishment of Glade Café Courtyard
- **£635 awarded to The Conservation Volunteers** for Wellesley Woodlands

The Community Environmental Fund commenced in 2001. It is levied by Farnborough Airport on business aviation movements at a rate of £2 per aircraft movement and £5 per aircraft movement where the aircraft is a Boeing Business Jet or an Airbus Corporate Jet.

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
 - Outdoor play
 - Community projects with an emphasis on improving the local environment

There is £68,858 available for allocation from the Community Environmental Fund.

DATE DECISION TAKEN

5 March 2024

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 _____ Sue Carter _____

Designation _____ Community Portfolio Holder _____

Farnborough Airport Community Environmental Fund applicant bid

Applicant name and address of project site:	Rushmoor Voluntary Services, Farnborough Rotary Access Garden, Union Street, Farnborough GU14 7PX		
Purpose of grant:	Blooming Minds		
Grant amount requested:	£25,476	Total cost of project:	£81,602
Previous grants from this fund in the last five years:	£6,000 – Blooming Marvellous (2020)		
Criteria met?	Y/N	Comment	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Located within distance? • Regularly affected by air movements? • Public access enjoyed by whole community? • Result in improvement of outdoor facility area? • Include an environmental improvement? 	<p>Y</p> <p>Y</p> <p>Y</p> <p>Y</p> <p>Y</p>	<p>The site has fallen into a state of disrepair and is not fit for purpose. The funding will be used to redevelop and improve the site, including making it more accessible.</p> <p>To be used for an appropriate space to deliver green social prescribing projects like Blooming Minds for adults who are struggling with their mental health.</p>	
Other sources of funding for this project:	£69,365 £900	Shanley Foundation (awaiting decision) Hampshire County Councillor Fund (awaiting decision)	
Accounts:	Income: £583,557	Expenditure: £615,886	Balances: £533,552
Additional information:	<p>The project is to redevelop the Farnborough Rotary Accessible Garden (FRAG), within the Cove Green Allotments. This will create a sustainable, welcoming space and entrance to the allotments, including a proper ramp for wheelchair access up to the main allotments.</p> <p>The purpose is to offer an appropriate space to deliver Green Social Prescribing programmes and expand the supported volunteering for adults who are struggling with mental health.</p> <p>The site improvement will enable the Community Support Worker to deliver the wider project of recruiting a team of garden buddies to work with her to get the first Blooming Minds programme started.</p> <p>The 10-week programme will initially run three times a year, with six clients on each course. The aim is to recruit three garden buddies for each programme. Blooming Marvellous will base themselves at the site so that it has groups on site four days a week. Once established, the site will be available for other green projects to book and for RVS to run chargeable workshops.</p> <p>A longer-term goal is to involve service users in growing produce for local food poverty projects.</p>		
Aim of organisation/group:	RVS is the Council for Voluntary Service (CVS) in Rushmoor. Their role in the community is to champion volunteering and to help and support any voluntary or community group working in the borough of Rushmoor.		
Application award:	£25,476		

Farnborough Airport Community Environmental Fund applicant bid

Applicant name and address of project site:	Frimley Health Charity, Frimley Park Hospital, Portsmouth Road, Frimley, Surrey, GU16 7UJ		
Purpose of grant:	Refurbishment of Café Glade Courtyard at Frimley Park Hospital		
Grant amount requested:	£5,521	Total cost of project:	£5,521
Previous grants from this fund in the last five years:	None		
Criteria met?	Y/N	Comment	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Located within distance? • Regularly affected by air movements? • Public access enjoyed by whole community? • Result in improvement of outdoor facility/area? • Include an environmental improvement? 	N N Y Y Y	<p>Located just outside the 5km radius, however the Hospital covers the residents that live within the 5km radius.</p> <p>Would have public access when café was open.</p> <p>This will enhance the outdoor space so it is safe and fit for purpose, as well as ensuring accessibility through the addition of wheelchair accessible table, allowing more people the ability to use and enjoy the outdoor space.</p> <p>Improvement of garden beds to increase soil quality and attract more wildlife.</p>	
Other sources of funding for this project:	£500	Frimley Health Charity	
Accounts:	Income: £2,182,000	Expenditure: £1,824,000	Balances: £5,193,000
Additional information:	<p>The main aim of the project is to rejuvenate the Glad Café Courtyard. Some of the current area is closed off due to hazards, such as trip hazards from raised paving stones. This will include recycled plastic furniture, one of which will be wheelchair accessible.</p> <p>There will be new canopies, which will reuse existing frames. These will muffle aircraft and generator noise from the surrounding area, as well as reducing the heat for both wildlife (birds and insects), and visitors during the summer months.</p> <p>A landscape gardener will tidy the beds and ensure all trees are safe.</p> <p>Another part of the project will be to fence off the adjacent office space to allow privacy and confidentiality for those using the space.</p> <p>Ongoing maintenance will be delivered by the volunteer gardening team.</p>		
Aim of organisation/group:	<p>The Charity's aims are to support the work of the Frimley Health Foundation Trust, in providing the highest quality healthcare possible to the local community. They endeavour to support patients, staff and projects where NHS budgets no longer stretch.</p>		
Application Award:	£5,521		

Farnborough Airport Community Environmental Fund applicant bid

Applicant name and address of project site:	The Conservation Volunteers, Wellesley Woodlands		
Purpose of grant:	Wellesley Woodlands		
Grant amount requested:	£635	Total cost of project:	£635
Previous grants from this fund in the last five years:	None		
Criteria met?	Y/N	Comment	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Located within distance? • Regularly affected by air movements? • Public access enjoyed by whole community? • Result in improvement of outdoor facility/area? • Include an environmental improvement? 	Y Y Y Y Y	The whole toileting system, as described below is environmentally friendly, sustainable and reusable. The outcomes of this project will be to increase the participation and involvement of every aspect of our community with our woodland activities. Therefore, the benefits will be increased physical and mental health, connecting our diverse communities, helping prevent social isolation, inspiring aspirations and resilience of our young people by thinking around a problem while reducing costs, both financially and environmentally.	
Other sources of funding for this project:	£0		
Accounts:	Income:	£11,061	Expenditure: £11,434 Balances: £4,015
Additional information:	<p>The aim of this project is to make provision for fully inclusive participation and involvement in all events regardless of ability, age, race or gender.</p> <p>The funding is to purchase an accessible portable composting toilet which can be used at regular and specific planned events in various locations in Wellesley Woodlands, without the need of expensive chemical toilets which constrain where events can be held due to vehicle accessibility, and are not environmentally friendly nor sustainable.</p> <p>A portable composting toilet, in an accessible tent with toilet frame, non-slip mat and handwashing facilities provides what is needed, wherever the events are held within the Woodlands without restrictions, are environmentally friendly and wholly sustainable. This will encourage and allow greater participation.</p> <p>Having an accessible portable composting toilet system will benefit the entire community from schools, nursery schools and colleges as well as minority, marginalised, older persons and disability groups by providing the toileting facilities needed for participation and involvement in the organisations' regular free activities within the woodlands.</p>		
Aim of organisation/group:	The Conservation Volunteers connects people and green spaces for the benefit of both.		
Application recommendation:	£635		