ENVIRONMENT GRANT SCHEME

TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE £3,000 (per financial year)

The Council is keen to offer grants to help local community groups or organisations to deliver long lasting environmental improvements in the Parish and can grant up to £100 for up to 3 projects. If one project with demonstrable and significant impact comes forward requiring up to £3,000 then one allocation may be made.

TO QUALIFY:
Before applying, each project needs to confirm community participation and meet one or more of the following criteria:

- Improving biodiversity.
- Aiding nature recovery.
- Promoting community participation in environmental improvement.
- Encouraging understanding and appreciation of the natural world.
- Contribute to establishing the feasibility, demand and benefits of a significant project e.g. new woodland, new off-road walking and/or cycling route, creating, or enhancing wildlife corridor(s)

APPLICATIONS FOR FUNDING:
The project must:

- Be a new initiative.
- Have longevity beyond the funding provided by the Council with a commitment to ongoing maintenance if required.
- Include a commitment to inform the wider community about the project and encourage others to act.
- Take place within the Parish boundary and clearly demonstrate a measurable anticipated outcome.

WHO ARE NOT ELIGIBLE?

- Individuals
- Organisations which aim to distribute a profit.
- Organisations which do not work within the Parish boundaries.
- Organisations with no established management committee.

WHAT IS NOT ELIGIBLE?

- Projects that have been completed prior to an application being submitted.
- Ongoing revenue costs for a project.
- Annual maintenance or repair.
- Projects promoting a political party or conflict with existing Parish Council policies.
- VAT that an organisation can cover.

CRITERIA

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- The application should be supported by a project plan and statement of other funding sources – including information about approaches for funding which were unsuccessful.
- The organisation should be able to prove sound financial management and have a bank account requiring at least two signatories.
- The Parish Council will consider the application only if the requested grant cannot be reasonably funded from income and/or reserves of the organisation.
- If the grant is to be the 'seed' funding source for a particular project the organisation should be able to show other sources of funding that will contribute once an initial amount is raised.
- If the Parish Council is to be the provider of 'last resort' the organisation should be able to show it has tried other fund-raising activities or sources of funding.
- The grant should ideally be match-funded, or some other resource provided i.e. labour, by the organisation receiving the grant. Exceptions may apply and can be made at the discretion of the Council. The Council reserves the right to reject any application for any reason.

HOW TO APPLY:
Either download the form from the website …. or contact the Clerk (clerk@woodburyparishcouncil.gov.uk or on 01395 233791) for an application form to be emailed or posted.

Applicants will be advised whether or not they have been successful shortly after the application has been considered. Funds will be made available upon approval or when any additional funding that may be required has been agreed and received by the applicants.

The grant must be used within one year of approval and a Completion Form returned.
