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Reference	JNLXLZHX	Community Chest Grant		
Name of Organisation	The Farmland Museum			
Organisation Type	Charity 289555			
CCVS Registered	Yes			
Parish	Waterbeach			
Landowner	We own or have a long term lease on the venue			
Project Type	Equipment / capital purchase			
Green option considered?	Yes- more energy efficient			
Documentation Status	Safeguarding	Yes	Accounts	Yes
	Quote	Yes	Mission Statement	Yes
District Councillor Support	Cllrs Anna Bradnam, Judith Rippeth (Cllr Paul Bearpark pending)			
Parish Council Support – does the PC support this project in principle	Yes			
Have the parish council supported the group financially previously? If yes when, what did the group purchase? and how much?	The museum received around £1,000 in funding from the PC about 10 years ago in return for offering a discounted season ticket to local residents			
Officer Summary				
<p>The Farmland Museum (<a href="http://www.dennyfarmlandmuseum.org.uk">www.dennyfarmlandmuseum.org.uk</a>) started in 1997. Situated in Waterbeach, the museum showcases artefacts and displays which tell the story of rural life in Cambridgeshire and the Fens, as well as engaging our changing communities with the history of our unique landscape. Visitors come from across South Cambridgeshire, with many local families returning regularly to take part in educational and craft activities for children. Educational visits and outreach sessions are also offered to local schools and youth groups.</p> <p>Currently there are three members of staff, 35 regular volunteers and over 11,000 visitors per year. Visitors pay admission charges to access the museum and all tickets are valid for 12 months.</p> <p>The Farmland Museum is working hard to become a sustainable, self-funded organisation. As part of this drive, the ‘Docky Box’ café at the museum was improved in 2021 to generate much-needed income to fund their core activities. Since then, the café has gone from strength to strength and is generating higher than anticipated returns.</p>				

To date, the cafe has been using domestic appliances, including domestic fridges. However, the success of the café means that the current 10-year-old fridge is working beyond its intended capacity and it is struggling to maintain the correct temperature through the constant opening of its doors. To enable the service to be quicker and safer they would like to install a commercial prep counter fridge. This would not only support the café staff in delivering the best possible experience for visitors, but it will keep food at safe temperatures all year round. It is also set up in a way that doors can be kept closed throughout service, meaning the overall energy usage will be reduced.



Total costs including VAT are £1,799.99, all of which are being requested from the Community Chest. The museum received around £1,000 in funding from the PC about 10 years ago in return for offering a discounted season ticket to local residents.

**Cllr Anna Bradnam:**

*I am more than happy to support your application to the Community Chest Grant Fund for funding for a commercial fridge. I know how hard you have worked to improve the café over the years "...". All of the refurbishment work has been done in house and with the help of staff and volunteers. You really make every penny count.*

*The Docky Box café has grown in scope and reputation and offers delicious food and drinks. The Annual Pass for the Museum, "...” means the café has become a welcome drop-in for many local residents including myself and in turn this earns welcome and much-needed income for the Museum. Supporting the purchase of a commercial fridge will make it easier and safer for the café to continue to provide an excellent range of food.*

*"..." This sounds a very reasonable and justifiable application from the Farmland Museum.*

**Cllr Judith Rippeth:**

*Yes, I support as a catering fridge will help with the smooth and safe running of the café which plays an important part in the income that the Farmland Museum receives. The museum is a valuable community asset and somewhere which many local people enjoy visiting.*

**Cllr Paul Bearpark:**

**Parish Council:**

*Waterbeach Parish Council have nothing but good to say about the Farmland Museum, and we are in full support of your project.*

Total Project Cost:	£1799.99	Total Applied For:	£1799.99
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Reference	PQRNWJDZ	Community Chest Grant
Name of Organisation	Sawston Youth Group	
Organisation Type	A limited company registered by guarantee and an	

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	independent registered charity- 1136849			
CCVS Registered	Yes			
Parish	Sawston			
Landowner	Sawston Village College			
Project Type	Equipment / capital purchase			
Green option considered?	Rechargeable equipment			
Documentation Status	Safeguarding	Yes	Accounts	Yes
	Quote	Yes	Mission Statement	Yes
District Councillor Support	Cllr Brian Milnes (Cllr Libby Earle pending)			
Parish Council Support – does the PC support this project in principle	Not asked – advised to ask			
Have the parish council supported the group financially previously? If yes when, what did the group purchase? and how much?	Yes- £1,500 in 2020			
Officer Summary				
<p>Sawston Youth Group (<a href="http://www.syg.org.uk">www.syg.org.uk</a>) formed in 2001 and is one of the biggest and well-known youth groups in South Cambridgeshire. Currently 72 children attend along with 23 adult volunteers- from the parishes of Sawston, Great Shelford, Stapleford and Whittlesford. Based at Sawston Village College Marven Centre, fun activities are provided each week for four difference age groups, and these include a marching band on a Thursday night, educational programmes (planning a first aid course in November) and the DofE award scheme. They have also supported many local events with their band - Sawston Fun Run, Sawston Remembrance Day, RBL events, Parish Council events. Leaders also provide free support to run the Soham Brigade Youth Group each week.</p> <p>The group is also affiliated to the Boys' Brigade movement who provide staff training, staff qualifications, public liability insurance and safeguarding.</p> <p>Members are charged £45 per term but for only two terms as summer activities are not charged for.</p> <p>The group would like to provide the children (plus other local groups such as Scouts, 1st Sawston Boys' Brigade, Guides) with activities that encourage team building, co-operation, strategic skills and physical wellbeing and exercise. A request has come from the children to do Laser Tag. This would encourage the young people to learn cooperation and strategy skills and hopefully strengthen bonds and improve communication skills. Exercise being an active game and can be a stress relief. It would also have a lasting impact and could be used many times as part of their programme.</p> <p>Total costs for 8 rechargeable Laser Tag sets (enough for up to 32 players) and 30 nerf guns are £1,731.58, all of which is being requested from the Community Chest:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 8 rechargeable Laser Tag sets including vests- £1,279.92</li> <li>• 30 nerf guns- £368.70</li> <li>• Extra foam bullets- £19.98</li> <li>• 48 Safety glasses- £62.98</li> </ul>				

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There is no lease or agreement in place with the college, but the group pay for hire of the Marven Centre (Youth Centre) and have been meeting here for the past 22 years.

**Cllr Brian Milnes:**

*I'm happy to support you in this bid. Good luck with the bid.*

**Cllr Libby Earle:**

The Chair of Sawston Parish Council attended the group's presentation evening as guest of honour on April 24 2023, where he presented many DofE awards and, met with the young people and parents. Financial support of £1,500 was granted by Sawston Parish Council in 2020 to help pay for the annual insurance and capitation fee as the group could not meet during lockdown. No further request has been made since then.

Total Project Cost:	£1,731.58	Total Applied For:	£1,731.58
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Reference	ZHTWSJHB	Community Chest Grant		
Name of Organisation	Sew Positive			
Organisation Type	Charity 1192682			
CCVS Registered	Yes			
Parish	Haslingfield			
Landowner	This question is not relevant to my project			
Project Type	Materials Startup costs			
Green option considered?	Recycling materials used			
Documentation Status	Safeguarding	Yes	Accounts	Yes
	Quote	No	Mission Statement	Yes
District Councillor Support	Yes- Cllrs Lisa Redrup and Michael Atkins (Cllr Ariel Cahn pending)			
Parish Council Support – does the PC support this project in principle	Yes			
Have the parish council supported the group financially previously? If yes when, what did the group purchase? and how much?	PC next meeting takes place on 11 September and a decision will be made after this			
Officer Summary				

'Sew Positive' ([www.sewpositive.org](http://www.sewpositive.org)) was formed in December 2020 and helps people mend, repair, upcycle and repurpose clothes to calm the mind, improve mental health and wellbeing, and contribute towards a more sustainable and climate-positive approach to textile waste.

Their sewing workshops and community groups (virtual and real) bring people together to have a collective sense of purpose in the creation of a simple sewing project or product, while also

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encouraging a social dynamic and meeting place. Those attending learn skills to mend their clothes rather than throwing them away, make different choices in terms of fabrics they might use, and are encouraged to use of various charities for upcycled fabrics including Emmaus, Re-imagine and Re-Use Centre, and charity shops. Embroidery threads and other donated materials are used as much as possible and volunteers help with the repair of their sewing machines.

Sew Positive would like to run the following community workshops to engage communities into projects:

- The City Council Communities Event 'Food for the Planet' at Akeman Community Centre, Cambridge on 27 October.
- The 'Let's Go Circular' festival of events at Grand Arcade, Cambridge on 23 October-A drop-in Sewcialise event will take place in the morning for general sewing and mending, then an activity based on recycling textiles in the afternoon.
- An event with South Cambridgeshire library service
- A 'Taster event' in Northstowe (date tbc)

Total project costs are 2,000:

- Event and Public liability insurance- £100.80
- JustGiving fees for 12 months online donation platform and sponsorship processes- £216
- Zoom licence for 12 months- £172.68 for online workshops.
- Hire of venues for face-to-face workshops- £500
- Materials for workshops and volunteer expenses- £1010.52

The Cole Trust are providing £2,000 to pay for the salary to delivery of projects.



A number of approaches are used to identify those facing social exclusion, covering unemployment, financial hardship, ill health (mental and physical), discrimination, poor education, relationship and family breakdown, poor housing, crime, substance abuse and dependency. This includes targeting housing associations based on their knowledge of the area, social prescribers, GP practices, health and social care providers and leafleting in public spaces such as community centres and libraries, advertising across different media (e.g. radio and newspaper) and social media, as well as setting up stalls in public spaces such as supermarkets and at community events. Individual social exclusion is a big area of need, but groups also face social exclusion. Examples include university students arriving in Cambridge to start their studies mid-epidemic and unable to take part in the usual student social activities; people working for employers who have newly moved to Cambridge for work, but are now working at home, unable to socialise or meet new colleagues or working alone.

The Charity already benefitted from Community Chest funding of £1,000 back in March 2021 (application DFGDHTLL) for start-up costs and £1,800 in March 2022 (application GBWVCCSF) for set up costs and materials to support their workshops and charity.

### **Cllr Lisa Redrup:**

*Thank you for the information about Sew Positive and for discussing Sew Positive's activities and your Community Chest application with me. It was good to be reminded of how the CommunityMasks4NHS initiative raised over £40,000 for the NHS, as well as to learn about your community workshops and how they support social inclusion and positive mental health while also teaching how to upcycle textile waste. I fully support your application.*

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**Cllr Michael Atkins:**  
*I am similarly delighted to support.*

**Cllr Ariel Cahn:**

Total Project Cost:	£2,000	Total Applied For:	£2,000
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Reference	FZDBPPQK	Community Chest Grant		
Name of Organisation	Emmaus Cambridge			
Organisation Type	Charity 1064473			
CCVS Registered	No			
Parish	Landbeach			
Landowner	Emmaus Cambridge			
Project Type	Start-up costs			
Green option considered?	Distance travelled will be less			
Documentation Status	Safeguarding	Yes	Accounts	Yes
	Quote	Yes	Mission Statement	Yes
District Councillor Support	Yes- Cllrs Anna Bradnam, (Cllrs Paul Bearpark and Judith Rippeth pending)			
Parish Council Support – does the PC support this project in principle	Not asked			
Have the parish council supported the group financially previously? If yes when, what did the group purchase? and how much?	Not asked			
Officer Summary				

Emmaus Cambridge (<https://emmaus.org.uk/cambridge/>) is a charity superstore, formed in 1992 that provides meaningful work, companionship and accommodation for up to 50 People. Based in Landbeach, the Emmaus community gives people the opportunity to take stock of their lives, deal with any issues they might have, and often re-establish relationships with loved ones. People can stay as long as they need it- the longest resident has been there for 18 years and is 77 years old.

Residents (Companions) come from far and wide including Italy, Lithuania, Latvia, Poland, Ukraine plus every part of the U.K. Companions have to fill out an application and then be interviewed before being accepted. Those accepted will receive their accommodation, food, utilities and all other essentials for daily living. They must sign up to working 40 hours per week within the community and social enterprise and sign off all benefits except housing benefits.

Fitness Rush Mobile (<https://www.fitnessrush.co.uk/mobile/>) is a mobile gym in a van that visited Emmaus Cambridge for six weeks with the last session ending on 30 August. It proved very successful and was well attended by the companions since they have limited access to

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local gyms because of the cost and location. These sessions had a maximum capacity of eight people and were funded by The Evelyn Trust and Fitness Rush. The same eight people attended these sessions, but others have shown interest in joining. Although already in existence for 6 weeks, Community Chest Grant funding for start-up costs are being requested to provide 3 more 6 week sessions at a total cost of £1,800.

If successful, future funding will come from local fundraising and other grants.

**Cllr Anna Bradnam:**

*I fully support the application from Emmaus to the SCDC Community Chest Fund, for funding to enable the Fitness Rush Mobile Gym to attend Emmaus. The encouragement, guidance and support that the mobile gym and its trainer is giving the Companions will give them the confidence to have a go at exercise and give them a huge boost to their confidence. Having lost funding from another charitable body, I hope SCDC feels able to support this application.*

**Cllr Paul Bear Park:**

**Cllr Judith Rippeth:**

Total Project Cost:	£1,800	Total Applied For:	£1,800
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Reference	VRGQPVTC	Community Chest Grant	
Name of Organisation	Brainstrust		
Organisation Type	Charity-1114634		
CCVS Registered	No		
Parish	Bassingbourn		
Landowner	N/A		
Project Type	Equipment / capital purchase and Materials		
Green option considered?	Yes- Runners are encouraged to car share/walk/cycle to the event where appropriate.		
Documentation Status	Safeguarding	Yes	Accounts
	Quote	No	Mission Statement
District Councillor Support	Yes-Cllr Susan van de ven		
Parish Council Support – does the PC support this project in principle	Yes		
Have the parish council supported the group financially previously? If yes when, what did the group purchase? and how much?	Yes		
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Brainstrust (<https://brainstrust.org.uk/>) was formed in 2006 to provide personalised support and build resources that help people with a brain tumour and their loved ones live the life they want after diagnosis. They work with people in the clinical setting to secure the best possible care for people with a brain tumour and campaign to solve real issues. The organisation is made up of 19 staff. volunteers, patients and supporters come from across the whole of the UK. In Cambridgeshire alone there are 137 team Brainstrust members/supporters.

The Brainstrust bass belle 10 miler (<https://brainstrust.org.uk/get-involved/bass-belle-10-miler/>) is an annual 10 mile running event starting and finishing at Bassingbourn Village College with the route including Litlington and Abington Pigotts. This year the event will take place on Sunday 26th November 2023. The race limit is 465 and runners can be of any ability although need to be over 16 to take part. The event was originally set up by the applicant as part of his previous business which organised events with a charitable element. In 2023 the race was incorporated into the Brainstrust portfolio and is now a full charity event with all proceeds going to the charity. The run allows community groups (in the past this has included scout groups, sports clubs and school PTA's) to fundraise and to encourage more people to take up running for their health and wellbeing.

Early bird entry costs to take part were £22 affiliated or £24 unaffiliated until 31st July and £25.50 and £27.50 from 1st August. Finishers receive a race pack by post prior to the event and a bespoke medal, water and chocolate on completion, with winners and the highest fundraiser also receiving a trophy. Runners can come from anywhere in the UK but are mainly from Bassingbourn, Litlington, Abington Pigotts and Melbourn. A few runners also come from Arrington, Barton, Bourne, Cambourne, Caxton, Comberton, Coton, Duxford, Fowlmere, Foxton, Guilden and Steeple Morden, Meldreth, Orwell, Papworth, Wimpole, Whaddon, Shepreth and Sawston.

Costs to put on the event are on average £3,500-£4,000 and this is needed for the chip timing, medals and trophies, first aid cover, publicity costs, venue costs, race number costs and racepacks. £500 has been requested from the Community Chest to help cover these costs. Remaining costs will come from

- sponsorship from 10 local businesses-£2,000
- Herts County Council Locality Budgets and some other donations-£450
- The entry fee from the first 50 runners

Bassingbourn Parish Council have provided marshal support for the event and will possibly provide a financial contribution for the drinks for the marshals -to be confirmed.

All remaining money generated from ticket sales will go directly to the charity.

Runners are encouraged to car share/walk/cycle to the event where appropriate. To minimise the use of plastic, runners are asked to bring their own water bottles. Those plastic bottles that are provided at the water stations will be collected and recycled.

Cambridgeshire County Council Traffic Management Centre are aware of the event..

**Cllr Susan Van De Ven:**



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Total Project Cost:	£3,500- £4,000	Total Applied For:	£500
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Biodiversity Application:

Reference	HBCKJJQW	Community Chest Grant		
Name of Organisation	Cambridge Past Present & Future			
Organisation Type	Charity- 204121			
CCVS Registered	Yes			
Parish	Stapleford			
Landowner	own or have a long term lease on the venue			
Project Type	Materials			
Green option considered?	The estate management team will be overseeing the project and will make the most sustainable choices when it comes to using equipment and third party contractors			
Documentation Status	Safeguarding	Yes	Accounts	Yes
	Quote	Yes	Mission Statement	Yes
District Councillor Support	Cllrs Peter Fane and (Cllr William Jackson-Wood pending)			
Parish Council Support – does the PC support this project in principle	Yes			
Have the parish council supported the group financially previously? If yes when, what did the group purchase? and how much?	Have stated that legislation prevents the Parish Council providing financial support to other organisations			
Officer Summary	<p>Cambridge Past, Present &amp; Future (CPPF) has been operating for more than 95 years. The Charity owns, cares for and opens to the public the following sites:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wandlebury Country Park</li> <li>• Coton Countryside Reserve</li> <li>• Cambridge Leper Chapel</li> <li>• Bourn Windmill</li> <li>• Hinxton Watermill</li> </ul> <p>CPPF is the only independent, local charity that looks at the bigger picture of the development of Cambridge and works to protect the amenities, green spaces, historic buildings, character and setting of Cambridge and its neighbourhood for the benefit of the public. A programme of 100+ educational, cultural and recreational events for take place. Currently there are 2000 members, each paying £27 or £37 a year.</p> <p>Wandlebury Country park has been welcoming visitors since the 1960s. They host more than 100,000 visits a year and the park is open from dawn until dusk all year round and is free to enter, although there is a small charge for parking.</p>			



**History:** After the last ice age, the Gog Magog Hills would have been covered in trees. The woodland would have been gradually cleared for use in building, fires and to create land for agriculture. Eventually it would have been an open landscape of grassland grazed by sheep and this probably made Wandlebury an attractive location for training horses. The establishment of a significant stables and country estate at Wandlebury in the 1700s resulted in trees being planted for the purpose of landscaping the grounds and to provide a source of wood for the estate. These are now the very old trees that can be found at Wandlebury. Since CPPF took ownership of the estate in 1954, thousands of trees have been planted, creating the avenues of trees which are enjoyed by visitors as well as new blocks of woodland. Many trees were planted following the great storm of 1987 when Wandlebury sadly lost many of its large trees. This history means that Wandlebury now has a diversity of trees and woodlands: old trees which are in decline and need care, young trees and woodlands that need nurturing and woodland coppice that requires ongoing management.

**CPPF manages the woodlands with the following objectives:**

- Biodiversity: to maintain and improve value for nature.
- Public enjoyment: to allow the public access to woodland.
- Safety: to manage the risks of harm to people and property posed by trees.
- Heritage & Landscape: to manage the damage that trees pose to the nationally important archaeology and built heritage and to have consideration of the historic estate.
- Tree health and resilience: to manage the risks posed by pests, disease, climate change and visitor pressure.

**How these objectives are achieved:**

**Veteran Trees:** Old trees which are in decline provide valuable wildlife habitat and also provide aesthetic character. CPPF try and prolong their lives by carrying out arboriculture work to reduce the risk that the tree will collapse. This work can also help to make the tree safer and avoid it having to be taken down for safety reasons. Even when the tree dies, ideally, they try and retain a standing trunk because of its habitat value. This work is carried out by professional contractors. The amount of work required varies from year-year but would average out at 1-2 trees per year.

**Restoration, Diversity & The Next Generation** CPPF carry out a range of tasks to improve the value of the woodland for nature, ideally creating a woodland which has a diversity of ages, species composition and light. Many of the newer woodlands need thinning out, this reduces the number of trees allowing those that remain to grow large and to provide more benefits for nature (and are more aesthetically pleasing). Other work includes coppicing, tree planting, creating rides, planting woodland ground flora, installing bird and bat boxes and a woodland wildlife

feeding station. This work is mainly carried out by the Estate Team supported by volunteers but they can also use contractors for coppicing works.

**Safety:** This work involves regularly checking trees which grow near roads, paths, seating or buildings – and then dealing with any trees which are considered to pose a safety risk, or which have already fallen down. This work is carried out by the Estate Team and specialist contractors depending on the work required. Work on large trees that are still standing is carried out by contractors. As an example, one of the paths at Wandlebury because awns closed as there are several large Ash trees which are dying from Ash-die back disease. The cost of making them safe was quoted at £8,000 and CPPF have taken the decision to close the path for several years as they do not have sufficient budget to carry out the safety works.

**People:** CPPF manage an area of woodland for school educational visits so that children can catch and learn about woodland mini-beasts. A den-building area is provided for informal play- this is also designed to discourage den building in other areas of the park (dead wood is an important habitat). They also maintain paths through woodland (some of which require wood chippings) and carry out work to minimise the impact of visitors on the woodlands (removing litter, providing dog bins, blocking up informal paths). This work is carried out by the Estate Team with support from volunteers.

**Heritage:** Wandlebury is a nationally important archaeological site, designated as a Scheduled Ancient Monument. The remains of the iron-age fort were planted with trees during the 18th century, some of these have grown at angles and are likely to damage the archaeology of the ditch if they are uprooted. As a result, Historic England have designated the heritage as being “at risk”. CPPF are now managing the trees to minimise the risk of damage to archaeology, this typically means carrying out work on those trees which may cause damage. This work is carried out by professional contractors usually as one large project but due to the sensitivity of the work also involves staff costs to manage this work and deal with statutory agencies.

**Landscape:** Unfortunately, the avenues of trees at Wandlebury have not been managed since they were planted. The trees should have been thinned but are now too close together, so can't grow to their full potential. Many are also suffering from pest damage. The avenues are very popular with visitors and CPPF would like to be able to manage them so that they can be enjoyed by future generations. These would be one-off projects which would involve devising solutions and carrying out tree works. This work would be carried out through a mix of Estate Team and contractors.

**Equipment, Materials & Training:** In order for the Estate Team to carry out this work they use a variety of equipment and materials which must be regularly replaced through wear and tear. This includes chainsaws, bow saws, tree saws, loppers, litter pickers, PPE, all-terrain vehicle, etc. Tools and machinery also have to be cleaned, maintained and serviced. Working with dangerous equipment such as chainsaws requires certificated training qualifications which have to be maintained.

**Cost of managing Wandlebury woods and trees:** The costs vary from year-year but those provided below are based on these being averaged out. Inevitably all these costs will rise with inflation but are based on recent figures. Staff costs include only wages, NI and pension and those people directly doing the work. They do not include the overhead costs associated with employing these staff such as work premises, heating, etc and management costs. VAT is included. Contractors' costs are mostly based on their experience of similar works and are not quotes. The costs in the project budget do not include those associated with the general management of the country park, such as wardening and the provision of visitor facilities such as toilets, litter bins, benches, car parking etc.

### **Woodland Management Costs – Wandlebury**

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<b>Item</b>	<b>Staff Costs £</b>	<b>External costs £</b>	<b>Total £</b>
Veteran Trees	362	1,150	1,512
Restoration, Diversity & Next Generation	4,706		4,706
Safety	949	1,000	1,949
People	2,173		2,173
Equipment, materials & training	777	4,750	5,277
<b>Ongoing Annual Costs</b>	<b>8,967</b>	<b>6,900</b>	<b>15,617</b>
Project: Heritage	1,130	10,000	11,130
Project: Ash Die-back Path	150	8,000	8,150
Project: Beech Tree Avenue	1,836	14,000	15,836
Project: Varley's Tree Avenue	475	4,000	4,475
Project: The Slip Tree Avenue	475	4,000	4,475
<b>Total Projects Costs</b>	<b>4,066</b>	<b>40,000</b>	<b>44,066</b>

£2,000 has been requested from the community Chest to assist with the above woodland management costs. Requests for funding have been made to the following organisations and outcomes will be announced at the end of September:

- Chapman Charitable Trust £1,500
- Illumina Community Grant £15,000

The shortfall will be met by the CPPF charitable reserves and through fundraising every year to make sure as much of the most urgent work can take place.

### **Stapleford Parish Council:**

*Stapleford Parish Council writes in support of your biodiversity project which involves undertaking extensive woodland management on veteran trees, improved safety, woodland management and biodiversity, education at Wandlebury. The Parish Council wishes to support all endeavours which increase biodiversity, and it is more important than ever, given the critical situation we find ourselves in. Unfortunately, legislation prevents the Parish Council providing financial support to other organisations, so it is unable to provide any funds toward your project. We wish you every success with your project.*

Please note CPPF were also awarded £2,000 Community chest funding for a pollinator garden project in Sep 2022.

### **Cllr Peter Fane:**

*I'll be happy to support this*

### **Cllr William Jackson-Wood:**

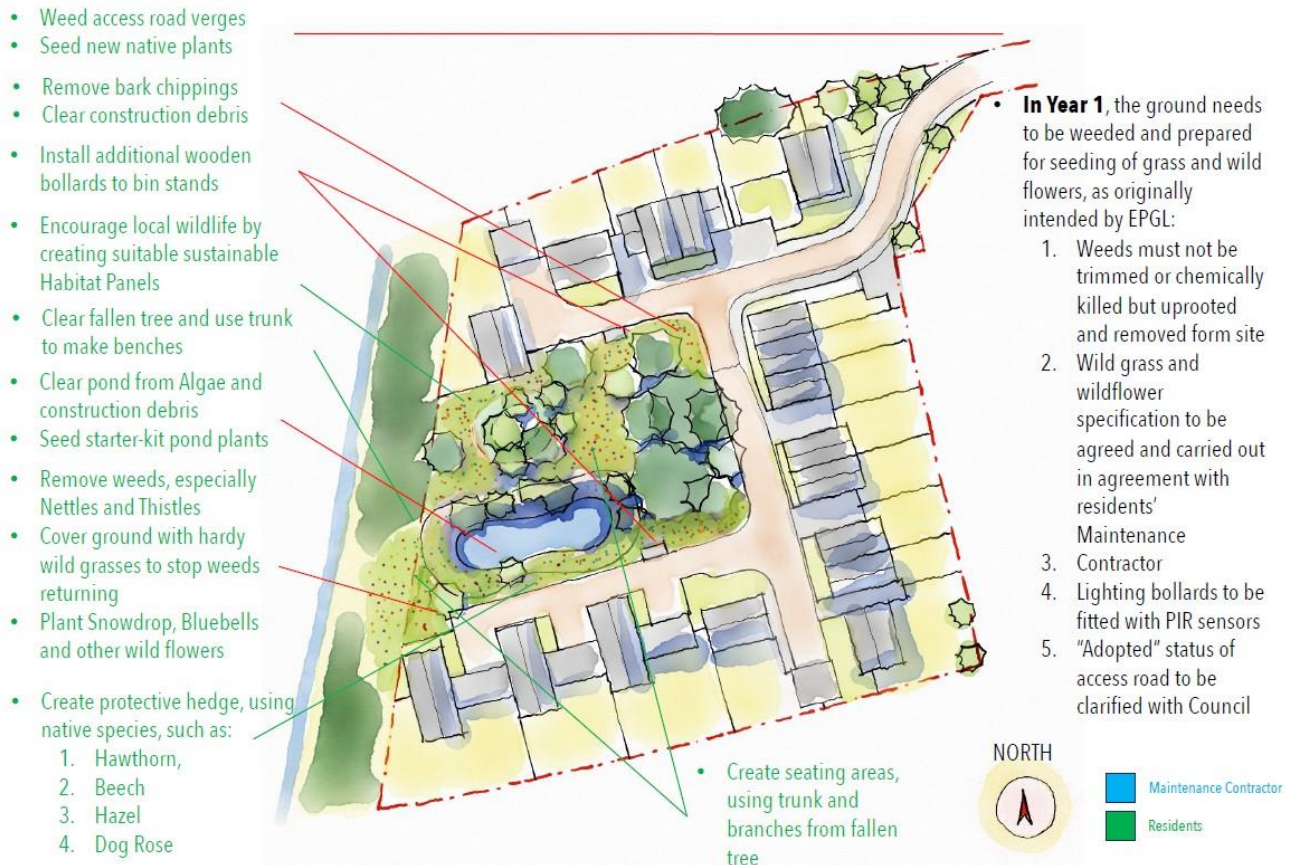
Total Project Cost:	£44,066	Total Applied For:	£2,000
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**Deferred applications:**

Reference	WZFKKHFR	Biodiversity		
Name of Organisation	Marvell Green Management Company			
Organisation Type	Private Company Ltd by Guarantee (not for profit)			
CCVS Registered	No			
Parish	Meldreth			
Landowner	18 homeowners and Marvell Green (Meldreth) management company limited			
Project Type	Start-up costs			
Green option considered?	Biodiversity project			
Documentation Status	Safeguarding	Yes	Accounts	Yes
	Quote	Yes	Mission Statement	Yes
District Councillor Support	Yes- Cllrs Jose Hales and Cllr Sally Ann Hart			
Parish Council Support – does the PC support this project in principle	Yes			
Have the parish council supported the group financially previously? If yes when, what did the group purchase? and how much?	Awaiting outcome			
Officer Summary				
<p>Marvell Green is a collection of 18 homes set back from Meldreth High Street. The homeowners of Marvell Green are members of Marvell Green Management Company, and each own a share of the freehold of a wooded 'green' piece of land. SCDC are the owners of seven of these properties (4 affordable rent properties, and three Shared Ownership properties). The ownership and maintenance of the common area are regulated by a covenant, which is administered by the Management Company. The sale of any given property transfers that share of ownership to the new owner. Each homeowner pays a service charge of around £350 annually. SCDC also pays a service charge to the management company for the affordable rent properties.</p> <p>The site has its own approach road from Meldreth High Street, leading to shared grounds, where a pond was created. The latter connects to a stream which bounds the eastern edge of the site and separates it from an adjoining nature reserve. Inhabitants of the land include Muntjacs, rabbits, bats, frogs, dragonflies, bees and a variety of birds.</p> <p><b>Marvell Green Wildlife Corridor Project:</b> Both the residents of Marvell Green and South Cambridgeshire District Council planners are keen to preserve this land and enhance it as a natural wildlife environment. Therefore, in the Spring of this year, residents came together and started clearing the site from construction rubble, nettles and thistles.</p>				

Development Control Policies DPD NE/6 states that priority for habitat creation should be given to sites which assist in achieving targets in the Biodiversity Action Plans". After many months of workshops and meetings, residents came to an agreement on a vision for enhancing the biodiversity of the site for the benefit of the local wildlife. This will involve planting native hedges and trees, aquatic plants and a wildflower meadow:

## Phase 1 / 2023 - **Clear & Seed**



Plans for the wildlife corridor include:

- promoting wildlife on the Green
- actively preventing monocultures from forming to ensure that the Green remains a wildlife corridor
- retain the ivy, as it is 'one of the last nectars' for wildlife
- asking a tree surgeon to assess the health of our trees, and prune them as necessary
- add to the Big Sow, by collecting seeds from surrounding areas.

The residents intend to link the Marvell Green project to both the Arts and Science, in terms of:

1. Research, monitoring the development of the site's wildlife as a prototype for new residential biodiversity enhancing developments
2. Projects, that involve children and adults in the creation of nature-inspired Art by opening up Marvell Green to the public as a garden on an annual basis and use the occasion to raise both awareness and funds.

Total project costs towards the rewilding of the Green (800m<sup>2</sup> of shady area and 350m<sup>2</sup> of sunny area, plus the banks of the pond) are £2,000 all of which has been requested from the Community Chest:

- Rotavator hire- £120
- Skip hire- £300
- Grass and wildflower seeds- £900
- 20kg slow grow grass (shady area)- £110
- 1kg woodland and heavy shade wildflower mix (shady area) - £190
- 10kg species rich grass (sunny area)- £90
- 2kg chalk and limestone wildflower mix (sunny area)- £320
- 1kg pond edge wildflower mix- £190
- Aquatic plants for pond- £340
- Equipment - seed spreader, rakes, shovels, wheelbarrows- £340

With eight people working full days, this could be done in one weekend to avoid labour costs. All costs are based on quotes and estimates obtained from Boston Seeds and Wrights Mowers in Shepreth.

**Lee Hillam (Principal Operations Manager – Environment):**

*Our current involvement with this works is advisory and permissive in respect of the SCDC Drainage Bye-Law's (this is an SCDC Awarded watercourse), However, we are supporting what is being suggested (we have not taken sight of an official proposal as yet). Our watercourse team and equipment have also been offered to assist with this project but this will not happen now until the Spring as the project organiser has said he is looking to take up a slower start to the works.*

**Cllr Jose Hales:**

*I know about this application as I recommended that the group apply to the community chest. The intention is that the land once completed will be open to all, in fact the group want to encourage the primary school in the village to engage too. They also hope that they will be able to arrange the site in such a manner that also allows children from the scope school and older residents from the dementia unit at Maycroft care home.*

**Cllr Sally Ann Hart:**

*I feel pleased to confirm I am able to support this application - I visited the site recently with my colleague, Jose Hales and it was wonderful to see what a fantastic job the community has already done to nurture and improve this open space.*

**This application was deferred from the August Grant's Advisory Committee meeting pending further information regarding:**

- The management structure, including what involvement each of the members have in the scheme.
- Whether members will be remunerated through this grant and if so, how much.
- Whether any of the annual service charge is allocated to this project or will SCDC be funding all the costs

**The Applicant has provided responses as below:**

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The structure of our management company is nothing unusual. It was set up by the developer to enable the maintenance of all shared areas. Any residents, who chooses to, can be a director, while our managing agent is currently JanetEva Ltd., based in Melbourn. All residents are therefore members of the management company by virtue of paying a service charge towards maintenance. This includes the Council itself, who owns some of the properties at Marvell Green.</li> <li>We are NOT seeking to be remunerated through this grant, which would only cover plants and equipment.</li> <li>We have already allocated £925 out of our service charge towards the project; this is the maximum we are able to afford under our “gardening budget”, as we are only in the first year of accruing our maintenance fund.</li> </ul>			
Total Project Cost:	£2,000	Total Applied For:	£2,000

Reference	GLCTVTDW			Community Chest Grant
Name of Organisation	Abington Village Institute			
Organisation Type	Charity- 300358			
CCVS Registered	No			
Parish	Great Abington			
Landowner	Own or have a long-term lease on the venue			
Project Type	Improvements to community buildings and spaces			
Green option considered?	Yes- recycled plastic is being used			
Documentation Status	Safeguarding	Yes	Accounts	Yes
	Quote	Yes	Mission Statement	Yes
District Councillor Support	Cllrs John and Henry Batchelor			
Parish Council Support – does the PC support this project in principle	Yes			
Have the parish council supported the group financially previously? If yes when, what did the group purchase? and how much?	Both Great and Little Abington Parish Councils have been asked to support the project. A decision is awaited.			
Officer Summary				

Abington Village Institute is a community hub and village hall serving the villages of Great and Little Abington. The Institute is accessed widely by the local community. There are many, wide ranging, regular user groups. It offers a community cafe facility three times a week, hosts many private bookings for family gatherings and events, plays a central role in most major community events and celebrations and is the normal polling station venue for Great and Little Abington.



At the rear of the building there is an area of raised decking which forms part of the emergency exit for Institute users. The timber substructure which supports the decking is showing signs of failure. On several occasions repairs have been carried out to replace sections where the timber has rotted due to the damp environment. The Institute would like to replace the substructure with structural, recycled plastic to provide a long-term solution to the problem and make it safe the Institute for users. Some time ago the timber surface was replaced with recycled plastic. The success of this material further influenced their decision to use the same material for the substructure.

Total project costs for materials and labour are £12,800 and £2,000 has been requested from the Community Chest to:

- Dismantle existing structure.
- Clear ground and dig two shallow trenches. One parallel and next to the building the other parallel at the outer edge of the decking.
- Fill with hardcore and concrete to form solid base for the supporting posts.
- Build new decking and steps in recycled plastic.
- Refit existing decking boards.
- Close in under deck with spaced decking boards.
- Horizontal plastic planks for handrails



Both Great and Little Abington Parish Councils have been asked to support the project. A decision is pending.

**Cllr John Batchelor:**

*I am aware of this organisation which runs the primary meeting facility and café on Abington High Street. The building has been there for many years and is in need of significant work to its foundation. I fully support their application which will allow them to continue to provide this important facility for the community.*

**Cllr Henry Batchelor:**

*Equally happy to support, they did approach me before submitting the bid, so am well aware of the proposal and the vision of the project.*

**This application was deferred from the August Grant's Advisory Committee meeting pending further information regarding:**

- whether they have sought permission to use a combustible material adjacent to a fire exit
- details on what material the wall surrounding the fire exit is composed of
- confirmation if the building is owned or leased and if it is leased what type of lease is in place and whether it include a repairing lease.
- when confirmation will be received from Great and Little Abington Parish Councils on the request for funding

**The Applicant has provided responses as below:**

- We have not sought permission to use this material in this location. We are seeking to replace an existing structure which is made of timber with recycled plastic which will not

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deteriorate in the same way that the timber does. The existing timber is clearly combustible but this does not present a hazard in this location.

- The wall either side of the fire exit is timber and glass. The structure which we are going to replace is actually outside the building and is not enclosed.
- The building is fully owned by Abington Village Institute charity
- Great Abington Parish Council agreed at its last meeting to provide just over £9,000 towards this project.

Total Project Cost:	£12,800	Total Applied For:	£2,000
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