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Reference	CNXFFJL	Community Chest Grant		
Name of Organisation	1st Cambourne Scout Group			
Organisation Type	Community Group			
CCVS Registered	No			
Parish	Cambourne			
Landowner	This question is not relevant to my project			
Project Type	Equipment / capital purchase			
Green option considered?	Camping Equipment – so children getting outdoors			
Documentation Status	Safeguarding	Yes	Accounts	Yes
	Quote	Yes	Mission Statement	Yes
District Councillor Support	Yes- Cllrs Helene Leeming, Shrobona Bhattacharya and Stephen Drew:			
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?	No			
Officer Summary				
<p>As part of the scouts (www.scouts.org.uk), the 1st Cambourne Scout Group exists to actively engage and support young people in their personal development, empowering them to make a positive contribution to society. Formed in 2002, the group currently has 88 members aged between 6 and 14 plus 22 leaders who attend from Cambourne and its surrounding villages. The group meets at the Primary School on the college campus.</p> <p>Scout Group Equipment Renewal Project</p> <p>The Scout Group require additional resources to expand their initiatives. This includes adding more outdoor activities, and skill-building activities to cater to the diverse interests and talents of the scouts. A significant portion of their equipment requires updating to ensure the safety and effectiveness of their activities. This includes investing in updated camping gear, primarily replacing old and damaged tents and investing in additional outdoor cooking appliances and related equipment. Camping tends to take place out of Cambridgeshire e.g March 22nd at Gradbach, Peak District and Saffron Walden in April.</p> <p>The successful implementation of this project will have a positive effect on the personal and social development of all sections across Squirrels, Beavers, Cubs and Scouts.</p> <p>Total costs are £2,344 and 2,000 has been requested from the Community Chest:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 x 4 Man tents (as recommended for Beavers, Cubs, including space for storage)- £900 • 4 x 3 Man tents (for Cubs, Scouts, and suitable for hiking)- £1,120 				

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- 1 x Hot Water Gas Boiler (for camping at sites, hot water for cooking, washing up)-£212
- 12 x Replacement / Additional Long Handled tongs -£72
- 4 x Replacement heavier duty patrol boxes for camping utensils / cooking equipment- £40

The remaining shortfall will be funded from their recent Xmas tree collection event. Further funding will be required for four more tents and Cambourne Town Council will be approached for this via their community grant, however a decision will not be made until after their March meeting.

Cllr Helene Leeming:

I definitely support this application. Please pass my best wishes on to 1st Cambourne Scouts.

Cllr Shrobona Bhattacharya:

I have full support to your application, please count my support to buy the new camping equipment.

Cllr Stephen Drew:

I fully support your application and wish you well.

Total Project Cost:	£2,344	Total Applied For:	£2,000
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Reference	VKHVHFLF	Community Chest Grant	
Name of Organisation	CamCare UK		
Organisation Type	Charity 1177486		
CCVS Registered	Yes		
Parish	Cambourne		
Landowner	Cambourne Town Council		
Project Type	Equipment / capital purchase & Materials		
Green option considered?	Yes		
Documentation Status	Safeguarding	Yes	Accounts
	Quote	Yes	Mission Statement
District Councillor Support	Yes-Cllr Helene Leeming (Cllr Stephen Drew pending)		
Parish Council Support – does the PC support this project in principle	Yes – application comes from Cllr		
Have the parish council supported the group financially previously? If yes when, what did the group purchase? and how much?	No		
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[CamCare UK](#) is a charity with 125 members that operates in Cambridgeshire and nearby counties to:

- promote equality and diversity and racial harmony for the public benefit by promoting activities to foster understanding between people from diverse backgrounds.
- advance the education of the public by providing opportunities to learn and participate and improve public access to expertise including collaborating with other charities and educational establishments.
- promote such other charitable purposes as may from time to time be determined.

The Charity, which was formed in 2015, creates opportunities for regular meetups and activities and encourages residents of all backgrounds to take part. Tackling loneliness, those aged 60+ and digital inclusion are also the charity's aims and purposes.

Many activities and festivals are provided free of charge throughout the year for Cambridgeshire residents. Examples include events on science and technology, artificial intelligence, Cambourne Science Festival, Family Art Day, cookery projects, Robotics Club, art exhibition, and elderly bus trips, festivals on global languages, international food, pancake-day, kites, Diwali, Holi and mela, international seminars, and CAMTalks seminars.

Cambourne Electronics and Robotics Club (CERC), is the academic wing of CamCare UK and has been dedicated to empowering young people in the Cambridgeshire region with technical and computational skills since 2017. Over the years, CERC has provided STEM education and mentorship to over 2,000 students locally and 4,500 globally. Students have excelled in national and international robotics competitions and the Charity received Best Youth Initiative Award from South Cambridgeshire District Council in 2018 and the Best STEM Initiative Award from Cambridge Independent in 2023. CERC has also been the charity partner of the nation's largest electronics award, Elektra 2023.

The CambSat Youth Satellite project:

The CambSat project, aimed at secondary school students, mainly addresses curricular subjects such as technology, physics, and programming and will offer the practical experience of working on a small-scale space project.

The CambSat itself will be a simulation of a real satellite, integrated within a predefined small volume and shape. This will provide an opportunity for the students to fit all the major subsystems found in a satellite, such as power, sensors, and a communication system, into this minimal volume. The launch (either by a rocket or dropped via a drone or captive balloon) will involve carrying out a scientific experiment and/or a technology demonstration, achieving a safe landing, and analysing the data collected.

The project endeavours to make positive and lasting changes in the lives of participants and communities by promoting STEM (science, technology, engineering, and Mathematics) education, inspiring career aspirations, developing crucial skills, fostering inclusivity, and contributing to the broader goal of a diverse and dynamic STEM workforce.

Total costs for the CambSat project are £2,481.67 and £2,000 has been requested from the Community Chest:

- Oscilloscope- £498.99
- AmbaSat-1 Satellite Starter Kit x 2 £399.90
- AmbaSat-1 Satellite Rocket Kit x 2 £479.90

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- AmbaSat Gateway x 2 £391.90
- Desoldering Station - £259.99
- Laser Engraver - £450.99

The shortfall of £481.67 has already been raised.

The project will be accessed by the wider community through various channels and initiatives designed to promote awareness, engagement, and participation. These include:

- Community Outreach Programs at schools, community centres, and youth organisations within the local community. This will involve presentations, workshops, and informational sessions to inform community members about the project and its objectives.
- Collaboration with Educational Institutions- partnerships with local schools and colleges will provide access to a broader audience of students, educators, and parents.
- Public Events and Demonstrations such as science fairs, open houses, and satellite launch demonstrations, will offer opportunities for community members to engage directly with the project. These events will feature interactive exhibits, hands-on activities, and live demonstrations to showcase the project's impact and achievements.
- Digital Platforms and Social Media to extend the project's reach beyond the local community. Establishing a project website, blog, or social media profile will provide a platform for sharing project updates, educational resources, and success stories with a global audience.
- Community Partnerships and Networks: Collaborating with community organisations, businesses, and industry partners will facilitate access to resources, expertise, and funding opportunities. Building strong partnerships and networks within the community will amplify the project's visibility and support its long-term sustainability.
- Volunteer and Mentorship Opportunities to encourage community members to actively contribute to the project's success. Volunteers may assist with project activities, mentor students, or provide expertise in specialised areas, fostering a sense of ownership and investment in the project within the wider community.
- Publicity and Media Coverage: in local newspapers, radio stations, and online platforms will raise awareness about the project's objectives and achievements. Positive media coverage will attract attention from community members and stakeholders, driving interest and engagement.

Several 'green' options will be integrated into the project, including:

- Educating participants about environmental issues, sustainability practices, and the impact of space exploration on the environment.
- Implementing reuse and recycling practices within project activities will minimise waste generation. Materials and components used in satellite design and construction will be sourced responsibly, and efforts will be made to repurpose or recycle materials wherever possible.
- Emphasising energy efficiency in project operations, such as the use of energy-efficient equipment and technologies, will reduce energy consumption and environmental impact. Participants will also be encouraged to explore energy-efficient design principles in satellite subsystems, promoting innovation and sustainability in space technology.
- Choosing sustainable materials for project components. Prioritising materials with minimal environmental impact, such as recyclable or biodegradable options, will support sustainable manufacturing and waste reduction efforts.

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- Implementing low-impact transportation options for project activities, such as carpooling, public transportation, or electric vehicles. Also, efforts will be made to select project venues that are accessible via sustainable transportation options.
- Prioritising green procurement practices when acquiring project equipment.

Cllr Helene Leeming:

You have my full support for this application.

Clerk of Cambourne Town Council:

Having spoken to the Town Chair, Cambourne Town Council supports your application to South Cambs District Council for the Community Chest. This is an innovative project that will provide a new opportunity to residents of Cambourne and the adjoining villages.

Total Project Cost:	£2481.67	Total Applied For:	£2,000
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Biodiversity Application

Reference	GHRCJLKF			Community Chest Grant
Name of Organisation	Girton Local Nature Recovery Plan Group			
Organisation Type	Other			
CCVS Registered	No			
Parish	Girton			
Landowner	Girton Parish Council			
Project Type	Improvements to community buildings and spaces & Materials			
Green option considered?	Green Project			
Documentation Status	Safeguarding	Yes	Accounts	Yes
	Quote	Yes	Mission Statement	Yes
District Councillor Support	Yes- Cllrs Richard Stobart and Corinne Garvie			
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?	14/06/2023 - £1620			
Officer Summary				

[Girton Local Nature Recovery Plan Group](#) began in January 2023. It is a working sub-group of Girton Parish Council and currently has seven members. The group has developed a 10-year plan with the following aims:

- a) to encourage community awareness and inspire action to help nature flourish
- b) to enhance and extend wildlife habitats throughout the parish
- c) to increase the diversity and abundance of wild fauna and flora in the parish.

Hibbert-Ware Memorial Garden Restoration

Alice-Hibbert-Ware was a passionate and inspiring educator and naturalist who lived in Girton 1931-1944. Her research for the British Trust for Ornithology led to the protection of the Little Owl. The Hibbert-Ware Memorial Garden is a community space in the centre of the village opposite St Andrew's Church was dedicated in Alice's memory in 1948.

The Local Nature Recovery Plan Group would like to refresh the Memorial Garden, so it remains true to its original dedication while showcasing wildlife gardening during the climate emergency. The two-year project will feature native planting, innovative garden techniques (Hügelkultur bed*, bog garden), wildlife habitat creation (including bird and bat boxes), wildflower meadow, paths and new signage. More diverse flora will then encourage wildlife to use the space. Open to the public at all times, it will also show-case wildlife-friendly (chemical free) approaches to gardening and offer a calm space for the community to visit.

There will be a thatched shelter from which the bog garden can be closely observed. Here, a sign will explain more about the garden and the important work of Alice Hibbert-Ware. Rainwater from the thatched shelter will be collected to feed the bog garden. Two arches will lead to the wooded area of the garden and benches overlooking the meadow will allow visitors to observe and admire nature.

Measures will also be put in place to ensure the garden is accessible for those with mobility issues. Volunteers from the village will carry out the bulk of the work (with the exception of activities needing professional input) as well as the ongoing maintenance.

*A hügelkultur is a permaculture method of making garden beds by layering logs, branches, leaves, and other organic plant debris with compost and soil.

Total estimated costs (excluding the thatched shelter) are £11,000 and £2,000 has been requested from the Community Chest for plants, signs and garden arches:




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Item	Details	Cost estimate
A. Bed in front of the memorial garden sign with low growing flowers	Flanked by lavender bushes a bed will be created with Mexican fleabane, phlox subulata, narcissus tête à tête, scabious pink mist and stonecrops such as sedum album and sedum spurium summer glory	£100
B. Two nectar borders providing blooms for pollinators in winter, spring and summer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Two beds 2 x 5m beds consisting of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Polyantha rose Rosa Marjorie Fair (which is a single flowering rose) ○ Geranium Rozanne ○ Perovskia atriplicifolia ○ Nepeta ○ Salvia Nachtvliinder ○ Achilea ○ Erygnium ○ Helleborus orientalis ○ Daffodils ○ Hylotelephium spectabile ○ Alliums (Drumstick & Purple Sensation) ○ Japanese anemone • 1m³ bag of soil conditioner- £76 	£1,000
C. Bog garden with native plants that thrive in this environment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approximately 3 m² Everedge edging- £120 • EDPM pond liner 5x3m with fleece- £170 • Plants- £160: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ yellow flag irises ○ cotton grass ○ purple loosestrife ○ water avens ○ ragged Robin • Sign £35 	£485

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	N.B. The bog garden will be dug at the same time as the hügelkultur.	
D. Thatched shelter with information on the Alice Hibbert-Ware garden	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bus shelter approx. £13,000 • Thatched roof kits that cover 4x4m cost approx. £5,000-£6,000 (without installation) <p>The supplier will provide editorial and design support for the sign which the Council already has agreed to fund and thus is not part of this proposal.</p>	TBC
E. Native plant garden borders	<p>Four borders (one on the bank alongside church lane) will have the potential to host a range of native woodland plants. In order to establish these some trees may need to be cut back so as to allow light in.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Composted bark-£89 per bag • A selection of the following plants will be planted in drifts. Some of these will be cultivated varieties: (gallium odorata), ajuga, hellebore (stinking & niger), wood anemones, wood spurge (euphorbia amygdaloides), lady's mantle, oxslip, common primrose (primula vulgaris), cowslips, native comfrey, viola odorata and dryopteris affinis (native fern which tolerates dry shade once established), aquilegia vulgaris, lesser celandine, lily of the valley, wild garlic, forget-me-nots, geranium pratense, hypericum perforatum (st. john's wort), red & white dead-nettle (lamium purpureum/album), salad burnet (sanguisorba minor), sea campion (silene uniflora), small scabious (scabiosa columbaria), wild marjoram (<i>origanum vulgare</i>), daffodils, teasels. <p>Some of these can be propagated from seeds, others will be bought from nurseries</p> 	£600
F. Shrub border	<p>This will be created including cotoneaster, broom, berberis, rosa rugosa, winterflowering honeysuckle, rosa hugonis and callicarpa (beautyberry) which will provide both blossom and berries or hips:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10 bushes- £20 each <p>Near the existing butterfly bush a patch of nettles will be cultivated so as to direct any peacock butterflies to a perfect nesting site.</p>	£200
G. Hügelkultur bed with foxgloves and a path leading around it and the layed hedge	<p>As the garden will generate many logs, these will be (half) buried in a new hugelbed where patches of soil will be planted up with native woodland plants such as foxgloves, geranium and ferns:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Digging the hügelkultur bed and the bog garden- approx. £1,000, (some volunteer help may be required) • Plants- £100 • 1 x sign- £35 	£1,135

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H. Compost heaps	Two three bay compost heaps will be constructed from donated pallets, placed on bricks. A sign near each will explain the benefits for wildlife and the environment of composting: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • £25 for ironwork • £100 signs 	£125
I. Meadow with paths	This autumn the meadow area will be dethatched and sown with yellow rattle. Next autumn the dethatching will be repeated, and additional native flower seeds will be sown. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hire of dethatcher for a few days- £150 • 200gr yellow rattle seed- £80 	£230
J. Garden arches with native honeysuckle and clematis	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 x arches-£430 plus material to secure it in the ground • 4 x honeysuckle and clematis- £160 	£600
K. Mosaic dedicated to Alice Hibbert-Ware.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8 x 8 ft concrete slab developed with a mosaic onto which one of the memorial benches is placed. 	£3,000
L. Reintroduction of native trees as Sorbaria	Replacing most of the sorbaria (which has become invasive in the garden) with dog roses, blackthorn, wild cherry, hawthorn, rowan, whitebeam, spindle, guelder rose: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 20 trees- £300 	£300
design and project management fee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • £250 design fee and approximately 40 hours of management (which includes the ordering of all the plants and materials)-£1,250 	£1,250
Scythes and a scything course for volunteers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hiring a tutor to give a group of dedicated volunteers a day course in scything-£500 • Two scythes and maintenance equipment- £300 	£800
Butterfly trail	Signs will be pointing to the various caterpillar food plants such as ivy, holly, nettles, garlic mustard and the meadow which provides for many caterpillars too. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A printed plastic sign 20x30cm is £32 plus costs for posts to put the sign in. 	£175
Contingency	10% of the above items	£1,000

The Parish Council have already allocated/paid the following funds towards the project:

- £1,620 for the design and production of an Interpretation Sign for the Garden
- £750 in consultancy fees
- £276.44 for the hire of a Scarifier and purchase of yellow rattle seeds for the establishment of the wildflower meadow
- £75.96 for the purchase of Bat and Bird boxes
- £3,805 towards the Year 2 costs

Remaining costs will come from fundraising and other grants. £980 has already been raised from a just Giving crowdfunding page.

John Cornell (Natural Environment Team Leader):

The application appears to be:

From a credible, locally based community body who appear to have not only this project but wider aspirations around improving land for nature. From an applicant who has some expertise in the planning and delivery of nature restoration at a local level and thus understand the constraints, challenges and opportunities present. From an applicant who cites and present the Local Nature Recovery Strategy (LNRS) in their application materials. From an applicant who has provided extensive supporting materials and plans for the work which include reasonable costings. From an applicant who appears to have provided a balanced and inclusive project description that sits well within the context of the site as it relates to the wider village environment.

From this I would suggest therefore that this is a good project worthy of our support and would encourage you to view it favourably.

Eleanor Haines (Development Officer Climate and Environment):

The application presents a clear recognition of the need to conduct their project in a manner that is mindful towards the climate emergency. The project will serve to educate people of a wide range of ages on nature which will in turn provide an understanding of the importance to protect nature against the impacts of climate change. I would like to ensure that they take note of the need to plant drought resistant plants so that they are able to survive hotter summers which are arising from climate change, especially with the bog garden which may risk drying out. I would like to ensure that there is thought to capturing water from the shelter, not only to provide water to the bog garden, but also to aid in the watering of the other plants. I would also be keen to ensure that responsibility for watering is delegated to named groups/persons to ensure that the plants survive during periods of low rainfall.

Cllrs Richard Stobart and Corinne Garvie:

Cllr Garvie and I are pleased to offer our support for the grant application to be made for Community Chest funding by the Girton Local Nature Recovery Plan (LNRP) Working Group.

“The Group is planning to transform the Hibbert-Ware Garden in Girton Village. The garden was created by the village with support from Girton College and opened in 1948. It pays tribute to the pioneering work of the ecologist, Alice Hibbert-Ware who made Girton her home in 1931. The intention of the project is to refresh the garden, keeping it aligned with the original objectives, while increasing accessibility and demonstrating wildlife friendly approaches to gardening.

“We believe the project offers a number of excellent outcomes that cover heritage and nature recovery, while enhancing a central and significant part of the street scenery of the village.

“We understand that the grant will be supplemented by local charitable giving that will in turn be matched by a contribution from the Parish Council.” We wish you every success with the application.

Total Project Cost:	~£11,000		Total Applied For:	£2,000
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Deferred Application:

Reference	NHLSTMSR			Community Chest Grant
Name of Organisation	Hardwick Pre-School			
Organisation Type	Charity 1059361			
CCVS Registered	No			
Parish	Hardwick			
Landowner	Cambridgeshire County Council			
Project Type	Improvements to community buildings and spaces			
Green option considered?	Nature area plus use of natural materials			
Documentation Status	Safeguarding	Yes	Accounts	Yes
	Quote	Yes	Mission Statement	Yes
District Councillor Support	Yes - Cllr Lina Nieto			
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			
Officer Summary				

This application was first presented at Grant’s Advisory Committee in April 2023:

Hardwick Pre-School (<https://hardwick-preschool.chessck.co.uk/>) is an Early Years setting providing childcare for children aged from 2.5 years old until their commencement at Primary School. The Pre-School began in 1982 and currently looks after 32 children.

The Pre-School is a purpose-built mobile classroom and enclosed outdoor area within the grounds of Hardwick Community Primary School. They would like to improve the outside area of the pre-school- a large section of which is shaded bare ground. This area used to be a grassed but overhanging neighbouring trees mean it does not get sun anymore and has a lot of leaf fall- efforts to reseed with grass have repeatedly failed. During the autumn, winter and early spring the children are unable to use the area as it is very muddy and slippery. This mud has already caused damage to Pre-School indoor and outdoor carpets

Staff and committee have agreed the best solution is to resurface the area with a mix of tarmac and artificial grass. While they will be losing some bare natural surface, the children would then be able to access to the school grounds and pond. Within the middle of the resurfaced area, they would like to include an embedded nature area for the children to explore. The new tarmac area will allow a mud kitchen space with natural resources to be installed, allow staff to chalk various activities such as hopscotch, toy car tracks and enable the children themselves to get creative. The artificial grass will provide an outdoor soft surface area where wooden tree stumps, a wooden bridge and a planting area can be installed. A soft boundary will be installed to help keep trikes away from the mud kitchen area.

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The canopy-covered area will allow for future community events to take place where the wider community can interact with the Pre-school- for example when hosting fundraising events. The improved ground will be accessible to wheelchair users. They are also planning an 'opening' of resurfaced areas once completed, inviting current and prospective preschool parents and the wider local community

Total costs are approximately £6,000 and £2,000 has been requested from the Community Chest:

- Resurfacing works-£5,748.96
- creation of the embedded nature area ~ £250

For the shortfall, they are seeking a contribution from Hardwick Parish Council and have requested £1,000 (please note, although they have been successful in securing a grant, the exact amount is yet to be confirmed). Fundraising has also begun with further events also planned (<https://hardwick-preschool.chessck.co.uk/Fundraising>). Local businesses have also been contacted to see if they can support the project financially.

The Pre-School is situated on land owned by Cambridgeshire County Council. There is no fixed term lease, but a formal agreement exists, and they currently pay rent to the council for the building and land. The Pre-School have always paid for the development and repair of the outdoor space and the building, and the head of the primary school is aware of the planned project.

Green options: Including a nature area within the resurfacing project-includes a hedgehog dwelling. Various natural materials will be used to enhance the area (tree stumps, bark etc).

Cllr Lina Nieto:

As South Cambs District Councillor including the Ward of Hardwick, I am writing in support of Hardwick Pre-School's application to the Community Chest Grant scheme to seek funding for their outdoor resurfacing project.

Hardwick Pre-School is a busy, thriving, non-profit charity organisation which provides a highly regarded early years setting for 2.5-year-old children through to the start of Primary School. In all OFSTED inspections since 2012 it has received an 'Outstanding' rating.

Hardwick Pre-School's staff and volunteer committee are proactively renovating and improving the outdoor play and educational space it provides for children in the village of Hardwick and beyond. By resurfacing a currently muddy, bare area of ground, the full outdoor area around the Pre-School building will become useable and accessible by children, their families and the wider community, providing a marked improvement (and increase) to the space available. This space will enable Pre-School children to exercise and play more outside during the autumn, winter and early spring. It will enable further inclusivity of community participation in Pre-School activities by increasing the size of the space available for use. The Pre-School practitioners intend to embed a nature area within the project, working creatively to develop activity stations to enhance the children's skills development. The project will also visually enhance the approach to the Pre-School and provide a robust, easy-to-maintain and functional space for many years ahead. The resurfacing project is an important and cost-effective improvement servicing the local communities and I am very happy to support this initiative.

The application was deferred pending further information regarding:

- whether a formal agreement between the Pre-School and Cambridgeshire County Council or the School can be sought.

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- whether the proposed area would be suitable for a hedgehog dwelling given that it will be enclosed within an area of tarmac and artificial grass.

Applicant responses:

- Consent given by CCC for permission for canopy area over digging pit and artificial grass.
- They have agreed that a hedgehog house although lovely, would probably never be inhabited due to the hustle and bustle of up to 26 children playing near it.

Further updates:

Due to the government's expansion to the Early Years Funding offer in April 2023, the Pre-School have had an unprecedented number of children on their register and a decision was made to complete the tarmac and artificial grass areas. Had this not been done, almost a quarter of the garden would not have been useable after rain and during mid-autumn into mid-spring. Due to rising costs this was completed for just over £5,000, using some money from their fundraising pot (normally reserved for the purchase of new and replacement toys). However, this now means that old and broken trikes and toys cannot be replaced.

The Parish Council have now contributed £1,000 and Hills, a local property developer, have provided a donation of £500.

The project has been adapted to include the planting of insect attracting plants, bug hotels and bird feeding stations in their raised bed wildlife area and the creation of a sensory garden (around 25% of their cohort have special educational needs and/or concerns about their speech and language). They also plan to plant a raised bed for the children to grow their own fruit and vegetables for snack.

To complete the project £2,207.63 is now required and £2,000 is requested from the Community chest:

- creation of a wooden frame and deck for water and sound walls, to repair the digging pit and complete an area with bark chippings- £1,050
- Two small sheds (£566 each), one for literacy and one for numeracy- £1,157.63

Hills will be contacted again to see if they can provide any further funding as the last donation is from Christmas 2022.

Total Project Cost:	~£6,000	Total Applied For:	£2,000
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