



Lancashire County Council

Application Form for Funding

Green Partnership Awards Environmental Grants

Full name of your organisation _____

Name of your project _____

For office use: Ref No _____ *Designated Officer* _____



Green Partnership Awards are a partnership between Lancashire County Council and the Borough, City and District Councils of Lancashire, United Utilities, Burnley Community Network, Calico Housing Ltd and Tarmac.



GPA assists groups and individuals to carry out projects to improve their local environment. It aims to provide **money** and **professional advice**.

Grants are available to all groups and organisations, as well as individuals in Lancashire and are awarded **in the region of £500**. We also might be able to support your project in other ways - talk to us if you have project ideas that you want to develop.

Green Partnership supports

- **Practical environmental improvement** projects – their development, implementation and celebration;
- Projects that **develop awareness** and **educate on environmental issues**, such as training courses, production of material and events;

When looking at an application, we consider if the project has a lasting environmental benefit, involves the community and benefits the community, local wildlife and landscape.



Some examples of projects we would like to fund include:

- Collection of materials for recycling or reuse
- Community gardening schemes
- Butterfly identification course
- Events such as Apple Day
- Community tree planting & orchards
- Production of leaflets and handbooks

Your project		
What is the name of your project?		
When do you aim to start and finish the work? Do you have a work programme?		
If you are working with a site, <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Where is it located (grid reference, if you know it). • Who owns the land? • Have you made plans for its future maintenance? If yes, please tell us about it. If no, would you like some help with this aspect? 		
<p><i>Health and Safety</i></p> <p><i>Please note that applicants receiving a Green Partnership Award must accept responsibility for the health and safety of their project, assessing risks to the public and participants, both during the project's development and on its completion.</i></p> <p><i>Applicants should ensure that they have sufficient liability insurance to cover their project.</i></p> <p><i>If you require help in this area please contact us prior to sending in your application.</i></p>		
<i>Child Protection</i>	Yes	No
Will your project involve you and/or members of your group working with unsupervised children or vulnerable adults?		
<p><i>If you or members of your group will be working with unsupervised children or vulnerable adults as part of your project, you should ensure that you undertake a risk assessment and check that you have considered the implications for child protection and safety.</i></p> <p><i>You will need to develop a child protection policy and undertake enhanced criminal records bureau (CRB) checks for any staff or volunteers working unsupervised with children or vulnerable adults.</i></p> <p><i>If you require any help in this area please contact us prior to sending in your application</i></p>		

Tell us about your project. What do you want to do? What do you aim to achieve with this project?

Please provide us with copies of letters of support, site plans, photographs, cost estimates or quotations if you have them

How much money do you need and how do you plan to spend it?

How much money are you asking for?

£

What is the total value of your project?

£

**Do you have other sources of income?
Please include amounts!**

- Grants:
- Other financial resources:

Do you have contributions in kind (e.g. volunteers, use of equipment and facilities)? **Please estimate the value.**

How do you plan to spend your grant if you are successful (e.g. £50 on publicity material, £150 on shrubs, £50 on tools)?

Who should the cheque be made payable to (please provide bank details, schools please specify subjective and objective codes)?

Who will benefit from your project?

How did you find out that there is a need for this activity (e.g. community consultation)?

Which particular groups of people do you hope will benefit from this funding? If you ticked black or minority ethnic groups, please say which groups

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Community in general | <input type="checkbox"/> People with a mental illness |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Carers | <input type="checkbox"/> Refugees/asylum seekers |
| <input type="checkbox"/> People with a learning disability | <input type="checkbox"/> Children |
| <input type="checkbox"/> People with a physical disability | <input type="checkbox"/> Women |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lone parents | <input type="checkbox"/> Men |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Drug or alcohol dependent people | <input type="checkbox"/> People dependent on benefits |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ex-offenders | <input type="checkbox"/> Black or minority ethnic groups |
| <input type="checkbox"/> People who are gifted or talented | <input type="checkbox"/> Blind people |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Unemployed people | <input type="checkbox"/> Visually impaired people |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Under-19 year-olds not in education, employment or training | <input type="checkbox"/> Deaf people |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> People who are hard of hearing |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Please describe) |

How many people will benefit from your project?
How do you expect the funding to help these groups of people?
Where do most of the people live that you hope will benefit from this funding (town or district)?
What are the wider environmental and/or social benefits of your project?

Declaration

I certify that the information provided in this application is accurate and that all the necessary Health & Safety and Child Protection issues have been considered and addressed were relevant.

Signed.....

Date.....

Please return to:

**Environmental Projects Team
Lancashire County Council
Environment Directorate
Guild House
Cross Street
Preston
PR1 8RD**

If you have any questions or difficulties with the application, please contact us – we will help you with any problems!

For more information or help with your application contact the Environmental Projects Team on 01772 530650, projectsteam@lancashire.gov.uk

SUSTAINABILITY GUIDE AND CHECKLIST

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT - *What on earth does it mean?*

It is about local communities enjoying a good quality of life which is in harmony with the environment and wider communities now and for generations to come

Sustainable development is about doing things in a way that:

- *shows respect for the environment*
- *encourages a good sense of community spirit*
- *improves the economic well being of the local area*

It is about trying to achieve these three objectives at the same time.

There are many ways you can make your project more sustainable - these are just a few ideas:

WASTE MINIMISATION

- ✓ *Buy recycled products*
- ✓ *Avoid buying over packaged goods*
- ✓ *Recycle any packaging such as bottles*
- ✓ *Compost your green waste*
- ✓ *Make log piles - these are good habitats for wildlife*
- ✓ *Recycle woody prunings by putting them into your log pile*

PURCHASING SUSTAINABLE PRODUCTS

- ✓ *Say 'no' to peat, alternatives are available*
- ✓ *Choose independently certified timber e.g. Forest Stewardship Certification (FSC)*
- ✓ *Use solvent free or low VOC (volatile organic compounds) paints, ask your retailer*
- ✓ *Use recycled paper and envelopes etc. for your administration materials*
- ✓ *Choose Fairtrade products where available*

SUPPORTING THE LOCAL ECONOMY

- ✓ *Buy local products*
- ✓ *Use local workforce*

WATER CONSERVATION

- ✓ *Use a mulch on your planted beds and around trees*
- ✓ *Choose drought resistant plants*
- ✓ *Use water butts on buildings*
- ✓ *Avoid the use of sprinklers and hose pipes*

PEST AND WEED CONTROL

- ✓ *Avoid using slug pellets - these also can kill the predators such as birds and hedgehogs that eat slugs. Instead encourage predators by creating log piles, putting up bird boxes*
- ✓ *Avoid using chemical herbicides*

CREATING A NEW ENVIRONMENT

- ✓ *Build on what is already there*
- ✓ *Provide access for all people*
- ✓ *Incorporate new wetland habitats where appropriate, not just ponds and lakes but also marshy areas such as bog gardens*
- ✓ *Incorporate food growing schemes such as community orchards*
- ✓ *Remember to create areas of shade - the sun's rays can be harmful in causing skin cancer*
- ✓ *Choose plants that are beneficial to wildlife such as lavender and buddleia. Most native plants are also good for wildlife*
- ✓ *Choose appropriate plants that are compatible with local conditions such as soil type, seaside conditions, aspect etc. Choose native plants in natural environments such as woodlands*
- ✓ *Choose herbaceous plants, bulbs and flowering shrubs rather than annuals*
- ✓ *Think about the long-term maintenance of your project at the start. All environments need some form of maintenance*

MAINTENANCE OF AN EXISTING ENVIRONMENT

Although Green Partnership Awards are not normally for ongoing maintenance of sites, they can be awarded to projects that change the maintenance regime to one that is more sustainable. For example:

- ✓ *Hedge laying instead of cutting*
- ✓ *Changing the maintenance of grass to encourage wildflowers*
- ✓ *Sensitive woodland maintenance to encourage a diversity of wildlife*

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- ✓ *Involve as many local people as possible of all ages and abilities*
- ✓ *See your project as a training opportunity*
- ✓ *Incorporate community art*

ENCOURAGE WILDLIFE IN YOUR GARDEN

- ✓ *Choose plants that are more attractive to native wildlife, for example, birds are attracted to berry-bearing plants in winter, such as holly. Also favourites with birds are natives like crab apples, hawthorn, honeysuckle, rowan, and sunflowers. Native plants are a good option*
- ✓ *Allow some of your plants to go to seed to provide winter food for seed-eating birds. Save your own seeds for next years plants!*
- ✓ *Maintain some 'untidy' corners to provide over wintering sites for insects*
- ✓ *Use organic methods of pest control such as hand weeding, applying mulch, using weed-suppressant fabric and planting good ground cover*
- ✓ *Provide additional food for wildlife in winter, such as bird feeders. Provide nesting boxes for birds and even bats. Nest boxes are excellent substitutes for the holes in old trees*
- ✓ *Plant perennials with broad flower heads to encourage bees into your garden in summer*
- ✓ *Compost your garden waste to provide free organic matter, which is beneficial to the soil*
- ✓ *Be more tolerant of the odd weed - some of these are native plants after all!*
- ✓ *Have a water feature - even a simple bowl can encourage frogs and other wildlife, which will feed on bugs and snails. Dragonflies will often breed in them, and many birds may use them to drink and bathe*
- ✓ *Install a water butt to collect rainwater, which is better for plants and saves water in times of drought*
- ✓ *Keep a pile of logs in an undisturbed corner of the garden to provide shelter for insects and mammals - hedgehogs may find a home there and they like to feed on slugs and snails*