



## Application Form

### Community Gardens Award (CGA) in memory of Elspeth Thompson

*Please read the Application Guidelines carefully before completing this form to ensure that you are eligible within the CGA's terms of reference.*

<b>1. APPLICANT ORGANISATION/GROUP</b>
Name: BRACE
Location of organisation/group:  Llanfyllin, Powys
Purpose/nature of the group: Community building, resilience, food production, education, networking and sustainability
<b>2. REPRESENTATIVE MAKING THIS APPLICATION</b>
Title and name: Mr. Steven Jones
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<b>3. PROPOSED PROJECT (Brief Summary) – Outline in the box below the key aspects of your project and why you think it should be considered for a CGA</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Based in the public institute of Llanfyllin, an open and inclusive community space</li> <li>• Have been offered a highly suitable piece of land, adjacent to the institute</li> <li>• Existing good relations with Town council, who support this initiative</li> <li>• Strong community network already established; we hold bi-weekly meetings in another nearby public space to discuss various community issues</li> <li>• From this a strong interest in community gardening has evolved</li> <li>• Already have a track record, having successfully created a community heritage orchard 2014-18. It has been named <i>Cae Bodfach</i> <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=emU5WeN_kVc">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=emU5WeN_kVc</a></li> <li>• Very strong organic/ permaculture/ biodiversity aware approach and ethos to gardening and landscape design.</li> <li>• We will engage in demonstration, training and support with anyone with an interest in horticulture</li> <li>• Our aim is to be a support hub for a wider network of community-led cultivation of the edges, hedges and other unloved places uncultivated spaces</li> <li>• Our twin core objectives are to support food growing across the community and to promote and enhance biodiversity in line with local conservation priorities.</li> <li>• We also have a depth of experience in offering support and training in these areas.</li> </ul>



<b>4. DURATION</b>	
Start date: April 1 <sup>st</sup> 2020	Completion date: March 31 <sup>st</sup> 2021
<b>5. COMMUNITY GARDEN AWARD (CGA) AMOUNT</b>	
Estimated cost of the entire project:	<b>£ 4,673</b>
Total raised through other sources of finance:	<b>£ 990</b>
Amount of CGA sought:	<b>£ 3,683</b>
<b>6. PLAN OF ACTION</b> – Please provide as detailed a plan of action as possible, this should include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The different stages of the project (e.g. start/middle/end date – including any key milestones)</li> <li>• What is to happen at each of the stages</li> <li>• How it is to be accomplished and who will be involved</li> <li>• What specific plants and trees are to be used (if any)</li> <li>• Whether local suppliers have been or will be approached to source any materials</li> <li>• What security measures there are to ensure any equipment purchased for this project will be safely stored or looked after</li> <li>• Whether there is adequate insurance cover in place (if relevant)?</li> <li>• How the project will be sustained in future years?</li> <li>• Attach drawings and/or photographs of the site (Maximum of 6 images)</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Pre-project:</b> Stakeholders were keen to work with us due to the success of a previous project the community orchard known as <i>Cae Bodfach</i>. The group BRACE grew out of regular meetings staged by the One School One Planet project, exploring community and school led responses to climate change.</p> <p>We began negotiating with the relevant stakeholders in September 2019. We used local conservation groups, climate action groups and other special interest groups to recruit project core members and promote wider engagement. The initial survey work was led by a Permaculture design Course team in April 2019 who wanted a real potential project to evaluate as part of their course.</p> <p><b>1) September – Jan: Project establishment phase</b>  Having surveyed the Llanfyllin area and established planters with herbs in the town square as an invitation, the group was offered the site behind the public institute. Since then we have surveyed and mapped that site.</p> <p>2) Have established a pattern of regular Tuesday morning volunteer sessions since September, these have been well attended.</p> <p>3) Site design process is well under way and we are also consulting with direct neighbours and Town Council to optimise the plan</p> <p>4) Paths established. Main growing areas identified and mulched in preparation</p> <p><b>Site establishment phase – Jan - April</b></p> <p>1) Complete first stage of design phase. Baseline observations and biodiversity survey</p>	



- 2) Clean up site, prune and trim all shrubs, further consultation with design process, undertake more formal health and safety assessments. To be led by experienced volunteers, Steven Jones, Alison Alexander and Jay Greer.
- 3) Prepare a planting plan for the season. Led by Sue Doleman and Ophelia camp
- 4) Volunteer and group induction and support. Le by Richard Stephenson

### **Composting plan - February**

Identify areas for woody waste, leaf mould, perennial weeds and regular compost (no food waste). Vermiculture and bokashi, biochar and other amendments

### **April - June Next level of infrastructure implementation (key elements provided by this funding)**

- 1) Raised bed installation (soil/ humus creation already under way)
- 2) Tool shed and covering polytunnel
- 3) Begin planned fruit tree step overs and other key structural plants
- 4) Not all the garden is fully accessible, we will ensure certain areas are designed with accessibility in mind. Part of the garden area borders a hard surface suitable for wheelchairs & pushchairs

### **On going**

The intention is use plants and voluntary time generated in this garden to extend our reach out into the surrounding town, community, verges and to maintain the orchard and coppice areas we have already developed within *Cae Bodfach*, which is less than 100m away on the other side of the road.

### **Public engagement events July – November**

The group will stage 4 public events on related themes at the site to encourage wider inclusion and participation

### **November – March**

- 1) Evaluation and recording of achievements. These will be logged on a project website or blog.
- 2) In house training support and skill sharing.
- 3) Planning for next season

### **Specifics**

- Local wood merchant identified, for raised beds
- Introduced yellow rattle to wildflower areas
- Security: the site relatively secure, relationships with neighbours established and an understanding of any precedents. The tools will be locked in the proposed shed which is overlooked by next door buildings
- Fruit trees supplied by local specialist, Tom Adams and Bill Bleasdale. We favour Welsh heritage varieties
- Native wildflower and edge plants will be propagated and spread around the wider area
- Herbs and medicinal plants will be promoted
- High organic standards to be always maintained
- There is a publicly accessible toilet on the site
- We have access to a kitchen and classroom within the institute (rent anticipated in plan)

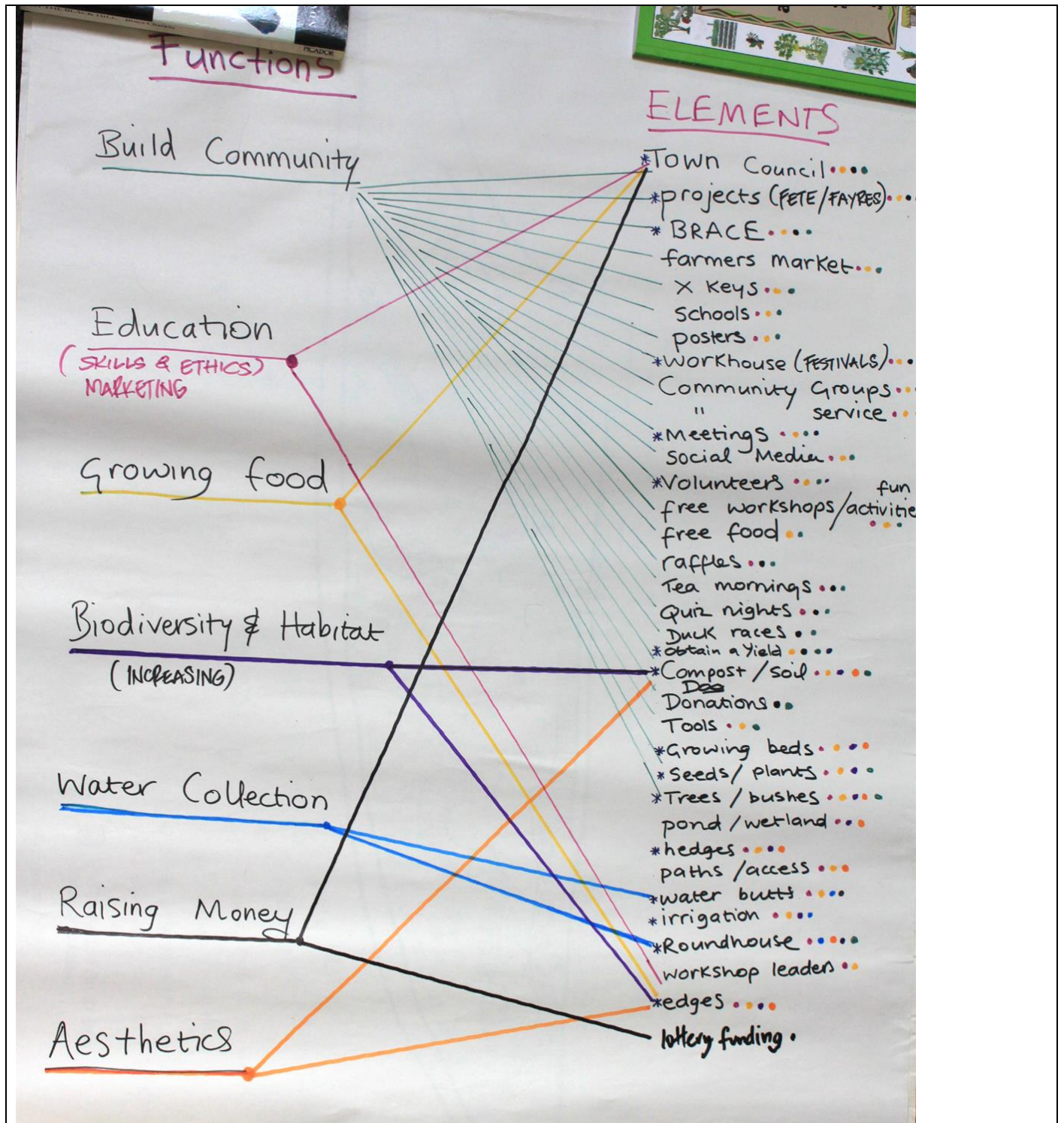


- Whether there is adequate insurance cover in place (if relevant)?  
The project will take out public liability insurance covered by donations and an event if required
- **How the project will be sustained in future years?**
  - 1) The project is embedded in an active community
  - 2) Strong core team, mainly but all are retirees and expressing a long term interest
  - 3) Good relationships with neighbours, especially Town Council and Institute
  - 4) Very low running costs, post establishment
  - 5) Surplus produce will be used for community development links
  - 6) Strong links to local high school also, within walking distance
- Attach drawings and/or photographs of the site (Maximum of 6 images)

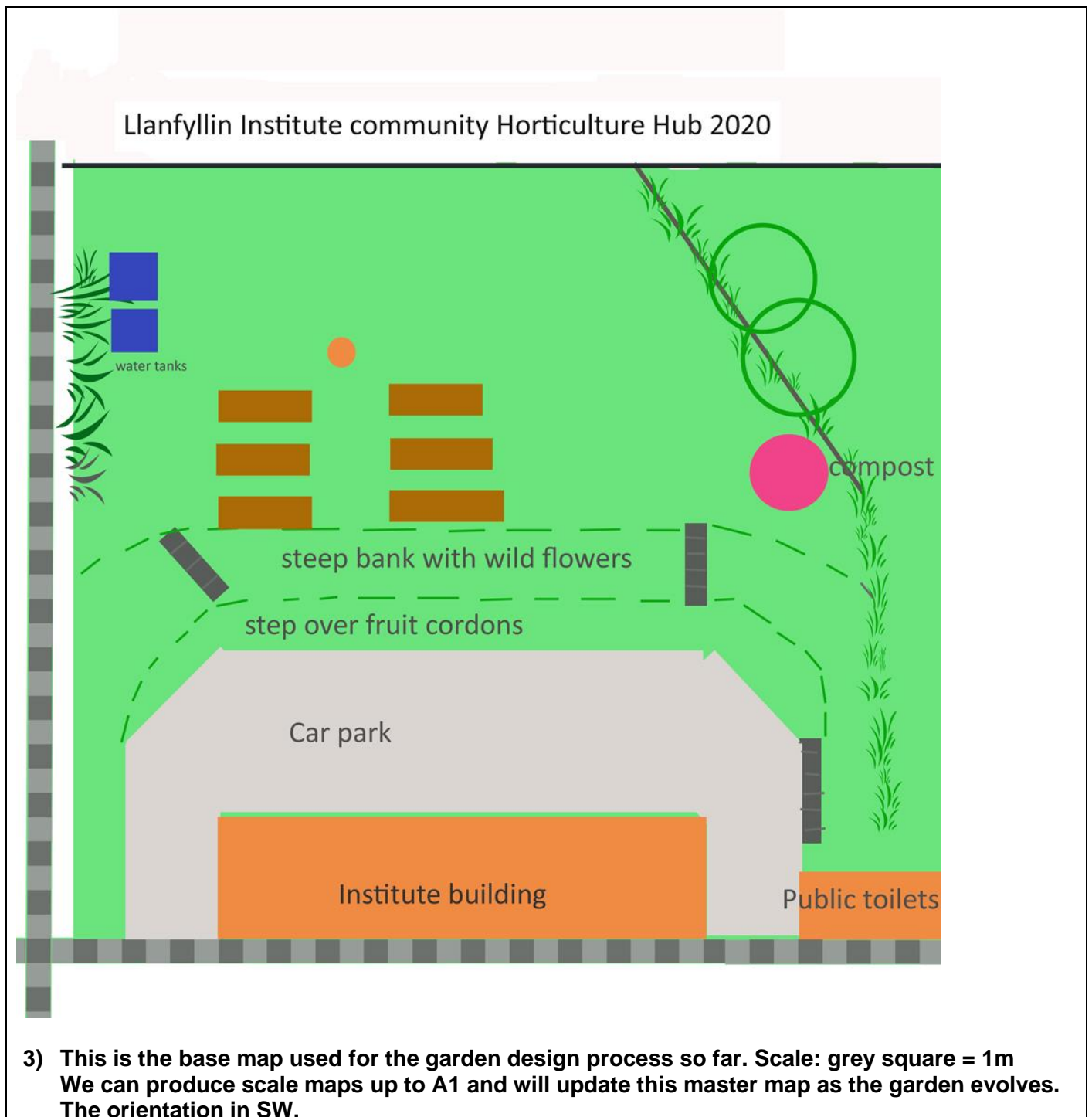


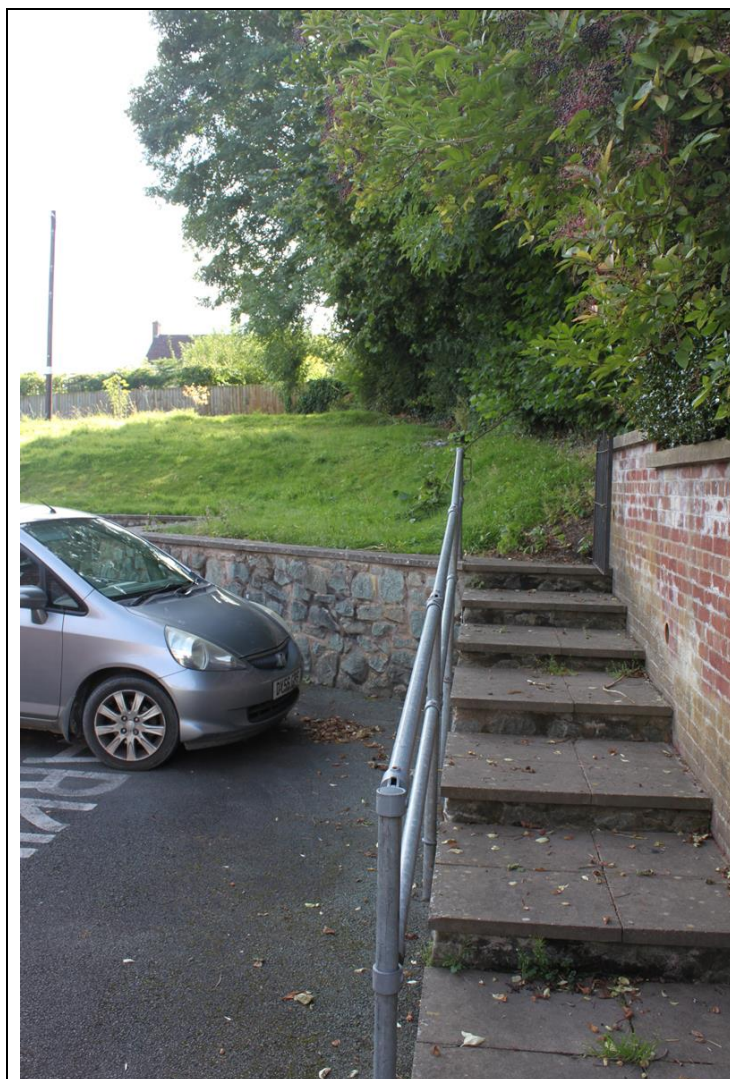
- 1) The garden is behind the public institute building, Llanfyllin, Powys. It rises from the carpark/curtilage level of the building to the height of the first floor windows of the building, approximately. Garden area 28m by 34 m. Access to other areas beyond the site.





2) The project consulted the community and stakeholders regarding the possible functions of a proposed community horticulture space, these were some of the outcomes





- 4) Accessibility:** We will develop fully accessible beds at the car park level with seating. The rest of the garden is approached by a well-established stair way. This could be improved later with more investment





5) The already established group in the garden breaking ground in preparation for the main raised beds, October '19.



6) A design for raised beds has been developed locally and uses locally available, larch/ douglas fir timber. This example is 2.4m long, ours will be 3.6m





**7. PROJECT COSTS** – Please provide a detailed, itemised list of the entire cost of your project.

		Item	CGA	Donations	Town Council	Membership
Structure	Timber for raised beds		£800.00			
	accessable beds		£350.00			
	Shed		£550.00			
	Polytunnel skin			£120.00		
tools	spades		£60.00			
	fork		£60.00			
	loppers		£30.00			
	pruners		£48.00			
	hosepipe and connections		£140.00			
	watering cans		£120.00			
	strimmer - electric		£125.00			
	hedge cutter		£125.00			
	Containers seed trays		£50.00			
	pots		£60.00			
Containers	big pots		£180.00			
	Training health and safety				£140.00	
	Seeds veg		£200.00			
Plants	herbs			£150.00		
	wildflowers			£80.00		
	green manures		£50.00			
	root stock		£180.00			
	fruit bush			£120.00		
	fruit tree		£160.00			
	other			£50.00		
Seats	picnic table		£140.00			
	benches		£105.00			
Other	Unanticipated start-up costs					£140.00
	use of kitchen		£150.00			£150.00
	Rent for garden					£40.00
			£3,683.00	£520.00	£140.00	£330.00
						<b>£4,673.00</b>
						£990.00

**[Please use additional pages if necessary]**



<b>8. OTHER SOURCES OF FUNDING</b>	
<b>Name of organisation: Donations from project members (In kind), plants/ seeds/ cuttings etc.</b>	
Amount requested: <b>£520</b>	<b>Successful? Yes/</b> approx. value already donated/ pledged
<b>Name of organisation: Llanfyllin Town Council</b>	
Amount requested: <b>£140.00</b>	<b>Successful/ Awaiting Response,</b> (we anticipate a positive answer)
<b>Name of organisation: Subscriptions and membership</b>	
Amount requested: <b>£330</b>	<b>Successful? Yes.</b> Members have agreed to a subscription of £1 per week, per person per session, (the number is a low estimate)
<b>9. Declaration</b>	
<p>On behalf of the above-named Community Group/Organisation/Charity I confirm that the information given on this form and in any supporting papers is to the best of my knowledge and belief true and accurate. I understand that if I have given misleading information this will be sufficient grounds for this application to be disqualified.</p> <p>By submitting this form, you indicate your consent to the National Garden Scheme using the material provided to process your application and – if the application is successful - for publicity purposes, including for distribution to the media and for publication on the National Garden Scheme website.</p> <p>The National Garden Scheme takes your privacy and security seriously and will only process your personal data for the purposes stated in this form and in line with the Data Protection Act 2018.</p> <p>If your application for funding is unsuccessful the data included in this application form will be retained for one year.</p> <p>If your application for funding is successful:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The data included in this application form will be retained for three years, including your name, email address so we are able to contact you regarding the progress of the funded project.</li> <li>The name of the organisation for whom you have made this application will be retained permanently by National Garden Scheme, along with any reports and images produced in relation to the project, for historical and archiving purposes in the public interest.</li> </ul> <p>Please see the National Garden Scheme <a href="#">Privacy Policy</a> on the website on how the organisation protects your personal data and your rights.</p>	



Signature:

Date: 14/12/2019

Completed forms should be emailed to the National Garden Scheme:  
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