

# Ward Community Cohesion Fund Proposal Form

**Please read the Guide to the Ward Community Cohesion Fund before you fill in this form**

*Then complete Section 1: Budget Proposal.*

*If you are proposing to deliver the project yourself, please complete Section 2: Delivery agency as well. We can help you with this or do it for you – see who to contact in the **Guide to the Ward Community Cohesion Fund**.*

*Continue or separate sheets if you need to, or expand the boxes if you are filling in the form electronically.*

## Section 1: Budget Proposal

1. Name of Ward

Aylestone Ward

2. Title of proposal

Gilmorton Avenue Community Orchard – Involving young people in the construction of the Kissing Gate entrance.

3. Name of group or person making the proposal

Groundwork Leicester and Leicestershire

4. Short description of proposal. Please include information on **how the money will be spent, who will benefit, when they will benefit, and how we will know when the proposal has been successful.**

It is important that your answer to this question is clear, because we will only pay the costs when we can see evidence that the outcomes you describe here have been achieved. You can provide further details in your supporting information if you want to.

We are planting 100 fruit trees to create a Community Orchard. We hope that this will be a valuable area for wildlife, whilst also creating a recreational, and educational, area for the community as a whole.

The Community Orchard will benefit from having a distinct entrance so that the site will be identifiable as a point of interest. We have worked with an excellent local craftsman on another sight of ours, Melton Country Park, who works specifically with groups of young people to create gates. On the 2<sup>nd</sup> of October we met with the Aylestone Baptist Church Youth Group which enabled us to meet around 40 – 45 young people. On the 5<sup>th</sup> of October we

met with the youth group who meet at the Gilmorton Community Centre where we met up with around 20 young people. They were really enthusiastic in helping with the Community Orchard and showed specific interest in making the kissing gate to the site. One young person in particular expressed his frustration at how little there was to do in the area, and therefore, seemed excited at the possibility of helping out. Another member of the group seemed really keen when we informed them of how the craftsman worked with them to create the gate, which also meant that they would learn how to make the specific joints that the gate would need. Working with young people from the local area will ensure that they have the opportunity to learn new skills, as well as being able to develop a sense of ownership and pride in what they create, and therefore, with the orchard itself.

We also hope that the young people, once attracted by one activity, such as the kissing gate, will be more inclined towards other tasks, such as scrub clearing, tree planting, and helping with the interpretation on site. This, in turn, will allow them to develop new skills in areas that they might not have ordinarily approached.

In addition to engaging the local young people, being able to provide these features will also help include the wider community as a whole by creating local interest and ownership of the Community Orchard.

5. Which Ward Community Cohesion Fund criterion or criteria does your proposal support? Please give details of how it does this for each criterion (Add further rows or continue on a separate sheet if needed).

Criterion no.	Details of how your proposal supports the criterion
2a)	Being directly involved in constructing the kissing gate will provide the local young people with 'things to do'.
2b)	Working with young people to create the additional features of the Community Orchard will help to create ownership of the orchard. This will also create and strengthen positive relationships between the local young people and older members of the community.
3a)	Completing tasks, such as creating a kissing gate, will provide the young people with the opportunity to make something that they will be proud of. This not only increases their own self-esteem, but also allows the community to share in their achievement.

6. Have you provided any supporting information?  Tick if yes

7. What is the total cost to the Community Meeting?

8. How have you estimated or calculated the cost? Please show each item of expenditure and say whether it is an estimate or an actual cost.

Item	Cost £	Estimate or actual cost?
Kissing gate working with a group of young people.	£1, 000	Actual
<b>Total</b>	<b>£1, 000</b>	<b>Actual</b>

9. Have you tried to get funding for this project from anywhere else, either in the Council or from another organisation? If so, please give details

The Community Orchard is being funded by Marks and Spencer through the Groundwork Greener Living fund, the value of this grant is £20,000. This fund contributes towards project officer time to work with community groups to transform Gilmorton Open Space into a community resource. Ward committee funding will enable us to increase the reach of the project by involving more young people in practical activities to benefit this site.

10. Who proposed the project? Please provide contact details.

Name of contact person	Kim Hawksworth
Your position in organisation or group	Volunteer Conservation Officer
Name of organisation or group	Groundwork Leicester and Leicestershire
Address Groundwork Leicester and Leicestershire Parkfield Western Park Leicester LE3 6HX	
Phone number 0116 222 0235	Email khawksworth@gwill.org.uk

**Section 2: Delivery agency (this could be a single person, group of people or a group or organisation)**

11. Who will deliver the project? Please provide contact details.

Name of contact person	Kim Hawksworth
Your position in organisation or group	Volunteer Conservation Officer
Name of organisation or group	Groundwork Leicester and Leicestershire
Address Groundwork Leicester and Leicestershire Parkfield Western Park Leicester LE3 6HX	
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12. Declaration

I have read the *Guide to the Ward Community Cohesion Fund* and I accept the arrangements described in that guide. I confirm that the information I have given on this form is true. I will inform the council immediately if any of the information I have given on the form changes.

Name	Kim Hawksworth
Signature	
Date	13/10/09

Please send this completed form back to:

Karen Shelton, Member Support Team, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Town Hall, Leicester City Council, Leicester, LE1 9BG.  
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