

Ward Community Fund Proposal Form

Please read the Guide to the Ward Community 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 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

Braunstone Park and Rowley Fields

2. Title of proposal

Braunstone Clean-Up Campaign, 2010

3. Name of group or person making the proposal

Braunstone Community Association (T/A b-inspired)

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.

The funding is being requested on behalf of the Braunstone Clean-Up Group, which is a Task Group of the Braunstone Neighbourhood Management Board.

The group has excellent input and support from local residents, volunteers and the following service providers:

Housing Services
Parks Services
Grounds maintenance
Waste Management
Environmental Crime Team
Ward Councillors
Police
Riverside Housing
LHA/ASRA
St. Peters Church
Friends of Highway Spinney
Probation Service
De Montfort Housing
FCH Housing
Dog Warden Team

The group carries out campaign work throughout the year to improve the local environment via direct action such as litter picks, Park and green space clean-ups, arranging the installation of recycling banks and dog waste bins and regular articles in the Braunstone Alert giving eco/green tips to local residents and constantly reminding them of the services that are their to help e.g. recycling, bulk collections and waste management. The group pulls its resources together and works in a co-ordinated way to have a maximum impact and has seen great successes in reducing dog-fouling nuisance, improving dramatically the recycling rates in the area and improving resident's satisfaction with levels of litter and graffiti.

The group met at the beginning of February to plan a campaign of activities for 2010, which includes:

- Clear-up of the Park spinney's near to the new Skate Park area on Braunstone Park (Braunstone Ave) prior to its official launch. This will be carried out on 08 April 2010 by volunteers from the local volunteer Boxing Club, Golden Gloves.
- A graffiti project at the pocket park in the 6 Streets area in conjunction with LHA/ASRA to improve the site and reduce tagging on the neighbouring walls.
- Clearing and planting of wild flowers on the patches of land above the underpasses on Hand Avenue – before end of March 2010
- Clearing out of weeds and debris from the large planters at the bottom of Hockley Farm Rd/Meadwell Rd and re-planting with 2 trees from the Council's 10,000 trees project – before end of March 2010
- Planting in the new garden space at the Neighbourhood Support Base (Wellenger Way), for use by local Volunteers and Community Groups.
- Clean-up of entrances to Bendbow Spinney by Students from Riverside College, prior to July 2010
- The BIG Spring Clean – Up on the Park to focus on litter picking, spinney clearing, dredging the brook and clearing around the lakes ready for the Summer season – 01 June 2010

- Clearing the pathways around the Rancliffe Gardens site in November
- Working with the Highways team to try and resolve the ongoing issue of the state of the underpasses on Gallards Hill and Bendbow Rise.

The group will also continue to publicise its work in the Alert and encourage local residents to take pride in their area and clean-up after themselves and their Dogs and to make the most of the services that are available to them to improve the local environment.

If awarded, this grant would contribute towards the cost of:

- **publicising the events and activities through the re-printing of posters we had designed via a competition last year with local School children**
- **additional insert pages in the Alert to advertise the campaign and events**
- **providing refreshments for volunteers that help out at events**
- **purchasing seeds, plants, compost as required and other landscaping materials needed**
- **distributing small packs of free poop scoop bags to encourage Dog owners to get into the habit of cleaning-up after their Dogs and using all the new Dog waste bins we have had installed across the area and on the Park.**

All the members of the group provide their services free and very often provide transport, materials and equipment as well. We also approach private companies for sponsorship and donations.

In terms of measuring the impact of our project work, we have been lucky to be able to track improvements via the Estate Survey carried out by Housing Services annually, the MORI Household Survey carried out every 2 years and through intelligence received from the Waste Management Team and Environmental Crime on the levels of litter, graffiti, dog fouling and fly-tipping. The current group have been meeting since Summer 2008 and already the 2009 survey results showed huge improvements in recycling rates, litter reduction, graffiti reduction, dog fouling nuisance and bulk collection increases.

Are aim is to carry on measuring our results through these surveys and seeing year on year improvements

5. Have you provided supporting information?

Tick if yes

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

£1,500

7. 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?
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Publicity costs	500	estimate
Refreshments at 3 clean-up's	500	actual
Plants, seeds, compost other gardening materials	400	estimate
Poop scoop bags	100	actual
Total	£1,500	

8. 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

Yes, we already have £1,500 committed funds from LHA/ASRA towards the 6 streets graffiti project and confirmation of 2 free trees plus planting costs from the 10,000 trees project.

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

Name of contact person	Angie Wright
Your position in organisation or group	Head of Neighbourhood Services
Name of organisation or group	b-inspired (BCA)
Address The Business Box Oswin Road Braunstone Leicester. LE3 1HR	
Phone number 0116 279 5007	Email Angela.wright@braunstone.com

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

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

Name of contact person	As above
Your position in organisation or group	
Name of organisation or group	
Address	
Phone number	Email

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11. Declaration

I have read the *Guide to the Ward Community 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	
Signature	
Date	

Please send this completed form back to:

Karen Shelton, Member Support Team, 2nd Floor, Town Hall, Leicester City Council, LEICESTER, LE1 9BG.

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