

**The Tudor Centre, Bewcastle
Grove
On Wednesday, 18 March 2009
Starting at 6:30 pm**

The meeting will be in two parts

6.30pm – 7pm

**Meet your Councillors and
local service providers
dealing with:-**

- 10,000 Trees
- Housing Maintenance
- Adult Learning
Opportunities*
- Community and Healthy
Living Centres

**There will also be partners
present from:-**

- The Police
- The Mowmacre Tenants
and Residents
Association*

(*To be confirmed)

7pm – 8pm

**Get involved in your area and
planning for the future:-**

- Community Meeting
Budget
- Ward Action Plan
Update
- Travellers and the Local
Community

YOUR community. YOUR voice.

Your Ward Councillors are:

**Councillor Harshad Bhavsar
Councillor Annette Byrne
Councillor Colin Marriott**

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INFORMATION FAIR

PLEASE SEE BELOW FOR DETAILS OF SERVICE REPRESENTATIVES YOU CAN TALK TO AT THIS MEETING.

- You can raise matters of concern, give any opinions and find out information which may be of use.

Ward Councillors and General Information Talk to your local Councillors or raise general queries.	Police Talk to your local Police Officers.
10,000 Trees Talk to Officers about the 10,000 Trees project and find out what's going on in your area.	Housing Maintenance Talk to Officers about Housing Maintenance.
Community and Healthy Living Centres Talk to Officers about Community and Healthy Living Centres near you.	Mowmacre Tenants and Residents Association Talk to representatives from the Mowmacre Tenants and Residents Association.
Adult Learning Opportunities Find out what's going on in your area and what's available.	

The first part of the agenda covers formal items, which the Councillors need to deal with to ensure that regulations on holding meetings are kept to.

1. ELECTION OF CHAIR

Councillors will elect a Chair for the meeting.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The first main item on the programme is Declaration of Interest where Councillors have to say if there is anything in the programme they have a personal interest in. For example if a meeting was due to discuss a budget application put forward by a community group and one of the Councillors was a member of that group, they would not be able to take part in the decision on that budget application.

Councillors are asked to declare any interest they may have in the business on the agenda, and/or indicate that Section 106 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 applies to them.

4. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

[Appendix A](#)

The minutes of the meeting held on 11 November 2008 are attached and Councillors are asked to agree them as a correct record.

The next part of the agenda covers items where input from you on issues that affect your community is welcomed.

5. COMMUNITY MEETING BUDGET

[Appendix B](#)

Councillors are reminded that they will need to declare any interest they may have in budget applications, and/or indicate that Section 106 of the Local Government Finance Act applies to them.

Steve Letten, Members Support Officer, will present the Abbey Community Meeting budget. An updated budget sheet supporting this is attached at Appendix B1. The following applications have been submitted:

- Tuesday Social Prize Bingo, £260 – Appendix B2
- St Patricks Afternoon Club Travel bid, £56 – Appendix B3
- Growing for Life Education Project, £2149.83 – Appendix B4

6. WARD ACTION PLAN UPDATE

Steve Letten, Members Support Officer, will provide an update on the Ward

Action Plan.

7. TRAVELLERS

Councillors and Officers will discuss with residents the impact of Travellers on the local community.

8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

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Please help us to improve Community Meetings by filling in an **Evaluation sheet** to let us know what you thought of the meeting. Thank you.

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Your Community, Your Voice

Record of Meeting and Actions

6:30 pm, Tuesday, 11 November 2008

Held at: Saint Patrick's Church Centre, Beaumont Leys Lane

Who was there:

Councillor Harshad Bhavsar

Councillor Annette Byrne

19. ELECTION OF CHAIR

Councillor Annette Byrne was elected as Chair for the meeting.

20. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Colin Marriott.

21. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillors were asked to declare any interests they might have in relation to the business on the agenda, and/or indicate that Section 106 of the Local Government Act applied to them.

Councillor Byrne declared a personal and prejudicial interest on Agenda Item 7 – Community Meeting Budget and in particular relating to the funding application for the Welcome Club. Councillor Byrne agreed to leave the meeting during the consideration of the funding application.

22. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the Abbey Community Meeting held on 16 September 2008 were circulated and Members were asked to approve them as a correct record of the meeting.

RESOLVED:

that the minutes of the Abbey Community Meeting held on 16 September 2008 were approved as a correct record of the meeting.

23. LOCAL POLICE

Sergeant Nurse, Leicestershire Constabulary, provided a verbal update on the policing priorities in the area. Sergeant Nurse also provided information in relation to the problem solving plans that have been developed by Officers, in partnership with local people, community groups and organisations, and in relation to the policing priorities outlined. Possible sanctions in relation to offenders were outlined, such as the use of Anti Social Behaviour Orders and placing conditions on the Tenancy Agreements of Offenders living in Social Housing.

Sergeant. Nurse also provided the following information in relation to the levels of crime in the local area:

- Overall crime levels were down by 1%
- Serious Violent Crime was down by 10%
- Less serious assault was down by 25%

At the conclusion of the verbal presentation Sergeant Nurse took questions from the residents.

In response to a question from a resident about the policing activity on Parker Drive, Sergeant Nurse confirmed that it was likely that it was in relation to routine enquiries about a specific incident. However, if further information was required residents were advised to contact the Local Policing Unit with the details provided on the contact card posted to residents. Further information could be provided if details of the incident were specified.

24. WARD PRIORITIES

Ward Action Plan - Priorities

Steve Letten, Members Support Officer - Leicester City Council, offered a verbal update on the progress towards developing the Ward Action Plan and outlined to the meeting the process of consultation that had been undertaken to develop the plan.

A supporting document titled 'Abbey Ward Action Plan – Issues from Priority Cards' was tabled and circulated at the meeting. Steve Letten continued by explaining the priority setting process and confirmed that the following key priorities had been drafted as a result of the consultation:

1. Youth and Children's Services.
2. Crime, Anti-Social Behaviour, Policing, and Drink/Drugs.
3. Traffic and Parking.
4. Street Cleaning and Fly Tipping.
5. Roads and Pavements.

The draft priorities were then opened up to the meeting for consideration and the following remarks were made:

1. Facilities for older people should be included as a priority.
2. Improvements to public transport availability need to be addressed.
3. The maintenance of grass verges was an issue.

Steve Letten suggested that matters around grass verges and local transport could be considered within the Traffic and Parking work area.

Ward Action Plan – Consultation Process and the priorities

The following matters were raised by residents in relation to the consultation process and the development of the Ward Action Plan priorities:

1. The consultation process did not involve enough people.
2. How could an action plan be developed without publicising the meetings properly?
3. The Abbey Rise area has been largely ignored.
4. How were all the meetings publicised?

Steve Letten outlined the process for publicising the meetings, what consultation work had been undertaken and questioned residents on their views of the priorities and whether residents thought they were along the right lines. Steve Letten also

explained that 88 residents had been consulted so far when developing the Ward Action Plan priorities.

In response further issues/questions were raised by residents in relation to:

1. Street cleaning.
2. Youth issues/services.
3. Parking and roads.
4. Antisocial Behaviour.

Sergeant Nurse confirmed to the meeting that antisocial behaviour was not more of a problem in the Abbey Ward than in other City areas, but that it was a problem.

It was noted by some residents that the main issues should be addressed when developing the action plan, without focusing too much on single, specific examples or problems.

Steve Letten explained the process for dealing with specific problems once the Ward Action Plan and the priority work areas had been developed.

Councillor Byrne agreed to arrange a meeting between residents, relevant Officers from Leicester City Council and representatives from Transport organisations to address the transport issues outlined. Residents were requested to leave their contact details and record their concerns on the evaluation sheets at the end of the meeting.

A representative from the Healthy Living Centre confirmed to the meeting that their local consultation exercise highlighted that Youth Services was a priority area.

Steve Letten concluded by confirming that matters around grass verges and local transport could be considered within the Traffic and Parking work area and that this would be considered by Councillors Bhavsar, Byrne and Marriott when finalising the Ward Action Plan. It was also confirmed that further consultation would be conducted with residents of Beaumont Leys Lane area.

Action	Officer/Councillor Identified	Deadline
Meeting between residents, relevant Officers from Leicester City Council and representatives from Transport organisations to address the lack of public transport	Councillor Byrne	Early 2009
Finalising the Ward Action Plan	Ward Councillors/ Steve Letten, Members Support Officer	Early 2009

25. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

10,000 Trees Leicester

Adrian Russell, Service Director Environmental Services – Leicester City Council, outlined the 10,000 trees initiative, the benefits provided by the scheme and circulated a document that outlined the proposals. Residents were asked to suggest locations within the Abbey Ward that would benefit from more trees and the following suggestions were made:

1. Stocking Farm Youth Centre.
2. Mowmacre Sports Ground.

Residents raised concerns about the maintenance of the existing trees within the ward, outlined the need for proper maintenance of any additional trees planted in the Ward and remarked on the need for consideration of the planting locations in relation to health and safety, pavements, parking and the potential damage caused by trees. In addition it was suggested that fallen leaves needed to be cleared off pavements more regularly.

Action	Officer/Councillor Identified	Deadline
Follow up query from previous meeting regarding damage to the canopy on Marwood Road caused by vegetation.	Adrian Russell – Environmental Services Service Director	ASAP
The leaves be cleared off pavements in the Beaumont Leys Lane area.	Adrian Russell, Environmental Services Service Director	ASAP

26. COMMUNITY MEETING BUDGET

Steve Letten, Members Support Officer, provided a verbal update on the three different sources of grant available and the applications to be considered at the meeting.

Funding Application – Mowmacre Community Bonfire and Fireworks Event

Steve Letten explained the application for funding to residents and asked for residents' views in relation to the bid. Residents responded positively to the event and Sergeant. Nurse confirmed that the Police had been contacted and involved in the organisation of the event.

RESOLVED:

that it be agreed that the bid for £2,500 be supported.

Funding Application – Stocking Farm and Abbey Rise Christmas Fete

Steve Letten explained the application for funding to residents and reminded Members of the criteria for the Community Cohesion Fund. It was also explained to residents that the Stocking Farm Events Committee would be advised that, should the application be approved, they would need to do more to ensure that a range of groups and organisations be involved in the event. The application was opened up to residents for their views in relation to the bid.

RESOLVED:

that it be agreed that the bid for £500 be supported with the condition outlined above.

Funding Application – Welcome Club

Having declared a personal and prejudicial interest in relation to this application Councillor Byrne left the meeting for this consideration of this item.

Councillor Bhavsar explained to residents that the meeting was inquorate due to the absence of Councillor Marriott and the personal and prejudicial interest of Councillor Byrne. As a result Councillor Bhavsar explained that a decision on the funding was unable to be taken at the meeting but that the views of residents would be considered and referred to the Cabinet Member prior to the final decision on the application for funding.

Steve Letten elaborated on the decision making process, explained the two different applications for funding for the same 'Welcome Club' proposal to residents, and emphasised the difference between the two bids. The funding criteria were outlined, particularly in relation to not approving funding for any gambling activities such as Bingo or Raffles. Residents generally thought that the Bingo and Raffle elements of the bid were worthwhile and should be permissible.

RESOLVED:

that the first application be the preferred option, subject to the deletion of the Bingo and Raffle elements of the bid, and that this be referred to the relevant Cabinet Member for consideration.

Councillor Byrne returned to the meeting following the conclusion of this item.

At the conclusion of this item the meeting moved into the informal session.

27. INFORMATION FAIR

The following information stands were sited in the room. Members of the public visited the stands and were given an opportunity to meet Councillors and Council staff and to bring enquiries and raise issues.

TABLE 1 **Ward Councillors and General Information**

Members of the public were able to talk to their Ward Councillors and Council Officers and raise general enquiries or issues.

TABLE 2 **Local Involvement Network**

A representative from the Local Involvement Network was present.

TABLE 3 **Domestic Violence**

Officers from the Domestic Violence Team were on hand to offer advice.

TABLE 4 **Biffa / Waste Management**

An Officer was on hand to offer advice on recycling and waste management.

TABLE 5 **Customer Services**

An Officer from the Customer Services Team was on hand to take enquiries and offer advice to residents.

28. CLOSE OF MEETING

The meeting closed at 8.15pm.

Ward community meetings

Approved project funding

Abbey Ward

Feb. 09

	Ward Community Fund	Community Cohesion Fund	Ward Action Plan Budget	Considered at Ward meeting	Notes
Opening Balances	3,333	2,000	6,667	y	
Stocking Farm Healthy Living Centre Library – book purchase	1,250			y	
Mowmacre Events Planning Partnership - bonfire	500			October- fast tracked	
Mowmacre Events Planning Partnership - bonfire	1,500			11/11	
Welcome Club – trip and room rental		1000		11/11	
Stocking Farm Events Committee – Christmas party		500		11/11	
India Day Celebrations		500		Fast tracked	
Balance Remaining	83	0	6,667		

Ward community meetings

Funding proposals not yet approved

Abbey Ward

Feb. 09

	Ward Community Fund	Community Cohesion Fund	Ward Action Plan Budget	Considered at Ward meeting	Notes
Taxi proposal – taxi fare for group reps to attend ward meetings		56			
Tuesday Social Bingo Club – room rental		260			
Belgrave Allotments Society			2,150		

23 FEB 2009 Logged

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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 on 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

ABBAY

2. Title of proposal

ROOM HIRE

3. Name of group or person making the proposal

MRS B S Rowley

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.

Helping the Group to meet costs in room hire, and meet every Tuesday for a social Afternoon of prize bingo with tea coffee and biscuits, if successful it would allow us to take the group on a day trip.

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
2b	1612E Social Bunge Afternoon
	(Group of 12 People Age) Between
	55 - 85 Meet Every TUESDAY
	AFTERNOON

6. Have you provided any supporting information?

Tick if yes

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

£260.00

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?
Room Hire last year	260	
Total	260	

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

No

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

Name of contact person	MRS B.S ROWLEY
Your position in organisation or group	CHAIRPERSON
Name of organisation or group	TUESDAY SOCIAL PRIZE BINGO
Address MONMACKIE HILL TUDOR CENTRE BEWCASTLE GROVE	
Phone number	0116 2940802
Email	

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	MRS B.S ROWLEY
Your position in organisation or group	CHAIRPERSON
Name of organisation or group	
Address	
Phone number	
Email	

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	MRS B.S ROWLEY
Signature	B Rowley
Date	20/2/09

Please send this completed form back to:

Bhawna Arya, Member Support Team, 2nd Floor, Town Hall, Leicester City Council, LEICESTER, LE1 9BG.
Fax No: 0116 229 8827

Leicester City Council

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SMITH AT TUDOR CENTRE ON 0116 2211771

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LE4 2JB

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Section 1: Budget Proposal

1. Name of Ward

AMBURY

2. Title of proposal

3. Name of group or person making the proposal

MRS R SHORTEN.

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.

6. Where can I get further information?

Contact us to get help and advice on completing the form, to get copies of this guide or the form in another language or format, or to send in a completed form.

Name Bhawna Arya

Phone 0116 229 8898

Email bhawna.arya@leicester.gov.uk

Address Member Support team
2nd Floor, Town Hall
Leicester City Council
LEICESTER
LE1 9BG

Website www.leicester.gov.uk/communitymeetings

7. More help

You can get more help on making proposals, finding other sources of funding or drawing up a constitution from Voluntary Action Leicester –

Phone 0116 257 5020. Someone will be staffing the helpline on Mondays -Thursdays from 1pm - 5pm. At other times you can leave a message on voicemail.

Email info@voluntaryactionleicester.org.uk
Please address your email to 'Org Dev Helpline'

Address Voluntary Action Leicester
Active Community Centre
9 Newarke Street
Leicester
LE1 5SN

Website voluntaryactionleicester.org.uk

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
1A	TO ENABLE SENIOR CITIZENS TO ATTEND MEETINGS

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?
TRAVEL SPORT TO AND FROM		
MEETINGS FOR MEMBERS		
OVER THE NEXT YEAR		
Total	56	

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

NO

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

Name of contact person	MRS K SHORTEN
Your position in organisation or group	CHAIR
Name of organisation or group	ST PATRICKS AFTERNOON CLUBS
Address	[Redacted]
Phone number	[Redacted]
Email	[Redacted]

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	MRS K. SHORTEN
Your position in organisation or group	of CHAIR
Name of organisation or group	ST PATRICKS AFTERNOON CLUB
Address	[Redacted]
Phone number	[Redacted]
Email	[Redacted]

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	Mrs K. SHORTEN
Signature	[Handwritten Signature]
Date	13/11/2008

Please send this completed form back to:

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 Fax No: 0116 229 8827

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Then complete Section 1: Budget Proposal.

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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: **Abbey**

2. Title of proposal **Growing for Life Education Project**

3 Name of group or person making the proposal

Belgrave Allotment Society – Redhill Site Supports Group

3 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 and detailed, 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.

Redhill Allotments is one of 5 sites under the umbrella of the Belgrave Allotment Society. Situated in Abbey Ward, it serves a number of peripheral communities including Abbey, Mowmacre, Belgrave, Beaumont Leys and Charnwood. Originally one of the largest allotment sites in the City (8.1ha), it has over a number of years suffered from terrible neglect and vandalism, resulting in a dramatic fall in membership and a relinquishing of 4.22ha under Leicester City Council's City Wide Allotment Strategy (July 2006)

However, the dedication and commitment of the few remaining allotment holders has reversed this cycle of decline. Through it's positive community spirit, the willingness of old and new allotment growers to work together, as well as engage positively with key stakeholders such as Belgrave Allotment Society, Leicester City Council, Land Groundwork Leicester & Leicestershire, has led to the site turning itself around and increasing the number of cultivated plots from 18 to nearly 100. Together we have over the last two years cleared the the site of rubbish, brambles and trees, gradually increasing the number of plots

available. In return Leicester City Council have increased security with a new parameter fence. But more importantly, the Allotment Officer has offered invaluable advice and support in developing the site.

Our strong sense of community spirit has led to a large number of young families coming onto the site and we now host a number of family events throughout the year including an annual Open Day event for the local community, a summer Bar-B-Q and our very popular Halloween event. But in addition we organise a number of educational events through the summer months on such topics as composting, encouraging wildlife and good growing tips. In 2007, this community-spirit led Redhill to being voted runner-up in the national competition, "Britain's Best Community Allotment Project", run by the National Allotment Gardens Trust and Kitchen Garden magazine

We now have a dedicated website www.redhillallotments.co.uk and are looking to develop a number of key projects over the next few years and are seeking funding towards some of the costs for the following:

- a dedicated pond area
- a community garden

These projects have been put forward by our members – the creation of a dedicated community area with a community orchard for people to enjoy and a pond area to encourage the local wildlife back onto the site.

Redhill has the only dedicated organic section in Leicester and, where plots are not organic, we encourage them to use as many organic principles as possible. But this means we need to manage the eco-system on site effectively to ensure a rich natural habitat is available to encourage all aspects of local wildlife but in particular the good bugs, birds and bees

We have discovered that whilst "growing your own" is fast becoming a popular pastime and has aided us in encouraging new people onto the site, a lot of the knowledge passed down from generation to generation is missing. We can no longer expect people to automatically be "good" gardeners. We need to be able to offer people from the very old to the very young a good understanding of how nature works. In order to encourage them to keep gardening, eat healthily, take exercise and protect the environment we are seeking to educate through example. Both projects will be completed by volunteers where possible but in full consultation / guidance of the Allotment officer at Leicester City Council and GWLL.

The pond will be accessible from the path only and will have restricted use to ensure all health and safety standards are met i.e. It will not be a dipping pool but an area where people can enjoy the wildlife. Seating will be provided to allow people the opportunity to catch the wildlife in action.

We want to work with the local children, both on-site and off to create a unique mural for our site that will stand pride of place in the community garden. Over the summer volunteers will visit the local schools and community centres such as Cross Corners and encourage children to take part in our competition. We will then work with local artists to interpret the winning entry's. The community garden and mural will then be officially opened at our annual Open Day on **Saturday 22nd August 2009** with invitations going out to those who have

participated. The aim of the Open Day is to raise the funding needed to buy a summerhouse to place at the heart of the community garden. This will enable us to host more events, hold meetings and provide shelter for our members.

5. Which priority or priorities in the Ward Action Plan does your proposal support? (Add further rows or continue on a separate sheet if needed).

Priority number and priority description (taken from the Ward Action Plan)	

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?
Pond Liner (13 x 10)	300.00	E
Under Lay	230.00	E
Rabbit Wire – Path Fence	69.00	E
Wooden posts (21 @ ?1.38) – Path Fence	28.98	A
Mill Waste – for path (40 tonnes)	1,120.00	A
Digger	100.00	E
Stock Wire fence – Pond area	50.60	A
Wooden posts (25 @ ?1.65) – Pond area	41.25	A
Staples	10.00	E
Shrubs + Beech Whips / Willow etc	100.00	E
Shrubs, flower bulbs etc – community garden	100.00	E
●Total	2,149.83	

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

Belgrave Allotment Society has not applied to Leicester City Council or any other organisation for funding for this type of project prior to submitting this application.

However, the Society has been in existence for 100 years and has received a number of grants from such organisations as Leicester City Council, Voluntary Action Leicester, Groundwork Leicester & Leicestershire including the following:

- ?7,000 – Awards for All (Harrison Road)
- ?5,000 – Bindi project (Uxbridge Road)
- ?2,200 – EMAS for Schools Project (Uxbridge Road)

Thereby demonstrating that as a Society we have considerable experience of managing these types of projects.

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

Name of contact person	Mary-Louise Harrison
Your position in organisation or group	Plot Holder & volunteer - Redhill
Name of organisation or group	Belgrave Allotment Society
Phone number	Email



● **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	Steve Callis
Your position in organisation or group	Secretary
Name of organisation or group	Belgrave Allotment Society
Phone number	Email

12. Declaration

I have read the *Guide to the Ward Action Plan Budget* 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	Mary-Louise Harrison
Signature	
Date	27 th February 2009

Please send this completed form back to:
Bhawna Arya, Member Support Team, 2nd Floor, Town Hall, Leicester City
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