

# 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

Stoneygate/Castle/Spinney Hills

2. Title of proposal

'Project Playground!'

3. Name of group or person making the proposal

SPARKS - Friends of Sparkenhoe

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 would like to bring together families young people and children from the Highfields Community by providing a secure safe and supervised provision where people from different cultural backgrounds and communities can meet, discuss problems and share experiences, both positive and negative.

The funds will be used to provide a variety of age appropriate extensive play equipment in the school playground. The project will be run and managed by volunteers and members of the local community and supported by a member of the school staff, providing first aid and opening the school for the use of toilet facilities.

Some of the contribution will be used to pay volunteer expenses and training

to enable them to deal with and advice on issues raised by the local community.

The school has an overall vision for itself within the community. It has recently undergone extensive building work to ensure that it is able to offer the best possible educational experiences for its children. It would now like to extend this provision by providing a well equipped and exciting play area, both for its own pupils and for the children in the surrounding community. We plan to raise a large sum of money which will be used to build an exciting and stimulating out door experience. This experience will also be offered to the community in the form of daily 'stay and play' sessions for young children not yet at school and for local children during the long summer breaks when children traditionally have difficulties filling their time constructively.

As Sparkenhoe school is such a focal point in the area, it seems only right that it be an asset to all.

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 & 1b	<p>By providing exciting and safe play space for very young children the school will be enabling young parents who will be accompanying their children to meet, build knowledge and share problems. As our community is extremely diverse it is highly likely that these parents will be from a variety of backgrounds. This mix of culture and background can only be a positive experience as it will give these young parents the opportunities to create community cohesion</p> <p>By providing the same safe and exiting equipment for young people during the summer this will enable youths from diverse backgrounds to come together and to ensure that our community will be cohesive in the future as these young people grow into adults.</p>
2a & 2b	<p>By providing appropriate 'things to do' for young people from different communities we will be creating opportunities for young and older people to meet and share experiences</p>
3a	<p>By providing such a key area in the community with resources that enhance it , the project will help to improve the local environment in a variety of ways;</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. By providing local youths with a place to gather and enjoy an element of pride is engendered. Having somewhere to play helps to ensure that holiday behaviour remains positive and helps to lower negative actions and behaviour within the area.</li> <li>2. Improved behaviour in the young people will lead to higher levels of contentment for the adults and elderly people in the community.</li> <li>3. Ensuring that our youngster maintain positive</li> </ol>

	behaviours lessens their chances of getting into trouble in the future.

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

7. What is the total cost to the Community Meeting? £6,597.00  
(£2,199  
from each  
Ward)

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?
'Footloose Trail'	6,597	
<b>Total</b>	<b>6,597</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

We are also looking at other funding sources to provide installation cost and the costs of Safety flooring. We are also looking at engaging Leicestershire Carers a voluntary organisation that can also help with the refurbishment of the playground.

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

Name of contact person	Rita Patel
Your position in organisation or group	Committee Member
Name of organisation or group	SPARKS- Friends of Sparkenhoe
Address	
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	
Your position in organisation or group	
Name of organisation or group	
Address  Building contractors yet to be appointed	
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	Rita Patel
Signature	
Date	29 <sup>th</sup> January 2010

Please send this completed form back to:

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