

Potential for Tree Planting Project

Funding Opportunity 1

DCC Grant for Planting Trees

This is an annual grant scheme linked to Tree Week each year at the end of November to the beginning of December. Max grant per applicant £150

Following receipt of this years funding opportunity circulated to the VP, the VP Chair and was keen to take advantage of funding opportunity and asked the community groups reps, but the Green Group and Parish Council in particular, if anyone was interested in developing a project. The Brownie leader expressed an interest in developing a project for next year, but didn't want to lead on. Given the development of the parish planting plan, I thought it was important that any project should link into the Parish Plan so that there was a coordinated approach to such initiatives to prevent duplication or conflicts of interests arising. Consequently, I offered to lead on looking further into this funding opportunity and if considered appropriate developing a project, subject to PC approval, with the Brownies.

In response, The Head Teacher advised the VP that the school had recently received 105 trees from the Woodland Trust (Free school packs) that they applied for back in February. They have also planted a 12 tree apple orchard in the corner of the school field. So the school has already done a massive tree planting project within the school grounds. They are however willing to support more planting in the community in a covid safe way when possible.

Grant Conditions of DCC Grant

Work has to be funded and then grant claimed back from DCC

Requires 1:50000 location map

Large Scale layout and proposed scheme clearly marked on

Copies of any agreement with landowners

Photographs to show location of proposed planting

Scheme needs to include preparation, planning, protection and maintenance for 10 years, including replanting where necessary, in accordance with DCC Tree Planting Guidance and Advice

Must be visible from a road or public right of way

Trees supplied by DCC (saplings)

Funding Opportunity 2

Wood land Trust - Free Trees for Community Groups and Schools (UK)

The Woodland Trust has announced that it has thousands of **free tree packs** available to **community groups and schools** across the UK, plus **nurseries, colleges, universities and outdoor learning centres**. This includes Parish Councils. The trees are available for planting on an area that is accessible to the public so that it can be used and enjoyed by others. If applying as a school, trees should be planted on either the school grounds, land the school has arranged regular access to or in an area that is publicly accessible.

Applications for a tree pack for a community group need to:

- State that the land is accessible to the public
- **Make sure the local community is aware of the plans to plant and is happy for the project to go ahead**
- Be applying for up to 420 trees in each application cycle or season.

There are two delivery periods per year in November and March, when the trees are dormant and perfect for planting.

Applications are being accepted now for trees to be delivered in March 2021.

Parish Council is asked to consider:

Should a tree planting project be developed for inclusion in the Parish Planting Plan?

If so, where, what and how?

**Cllr Wallage
January 2021**