



NORTH HERTFORDSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

AREA COMMITTEE DEVELOPMENT GRANT APPROVAL FORM

1. Committee: **Southern Rural Area Committee**

2. Date: **04 December 2014**

3. Summary of application: **Operational support costs to further develop activities**

Name of organisation: **Waste Not Want Not**

Sum requested: **£1,500**

Brief details

Total project cost: **£20,000**

In the coming winter months, the group will struggle to raise income via sales of stock or garden maintenance. The group therefore diversifies each year and makes Christmas wreaths, table arrangements etc to sell at local markets and Xmas fairs, although in itself this doesn't generate enough to cover the paying for staff. In addition they are also hoping to do some one off factory sales with our wares.

The nursery site is virtually closed for January and February given the weather and site conditions, but some work and maintenance continues in preparation for the coming season. However they are able to work at the Project Leaders green houses and also at the Learning Garden at Hatfield Galleria.

Knebworth Village Trust will be donating £1,000 towards staffing costs which will more or less covered expected costs to the end of this year. A contribution of £1,500 from the Committee would enable the group to pay for some driving, some administration and support and supervision of staff in January through to mid March 2015.

The group pays £8 an hour for all the tasks mentioned which they consider is a fair and just amount.

£1,200 would pay for 150 hours of driving, admin and support & supervision of volunteers.

£200 would purchase the necessary compost to pot on the very substantial donated stock for the coming year and £100 would go towards covering some of the travel expenses.

Comments from Development Officer:

The grant awarded by the Southern Rural Area Committee last financial year enabled the group to purchase wood to supplement the recycled material for the construction of rain water harvesting devices and the housing of 6 x 1000 litre water storage tanks. (£400)

A portaloo at was also purchased at a cost of £300 as well as 4 gazebos costing £350.

The gazebos offer shelter at various social and other events and allow a greater number of volunteers to work in sun and rain. They are of a strong construction and less vulnerable in bad weather.

Local people and businesses continue to donate many tons of growing stock, horticultural materials and equipment which would otherwise go to landfill. £350 was spent on putting a donated mini bus back on the road as a temporary replacement for our previous vehicle.

The group's diesel costs have been substantial in moving stock and equipment to the new site and they also purchased two pallets of compost to pot on some of the donated growing stock. (£200)

The increased number of volunteers does mean that the group has to find further resources to cover, travelling expenses, but more particularly, they also need to support and supervise the additional number of people who attend.

The Community Development Officer has examined this application against the Authority's Area Grants Policy, the organisation's accounts and grant history, and considers it an eligible application to put before the Committee.

Amount recommended: **£1,500**

4. Comments from Ward Members:

I support / do not support this application

Name:

Signed:

Date:

I support / do not support this application

Name:

Signed:

Date: