

## Appendix 3: Green Care at Norton CIC

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Version	Issue Date	Changes
1.0	NA	First Draft (BE)

Reference	6135													
Name of Organisation	Green Care at Norton CIC													
Organisation Type	Community Interest Company													
Ward	Various in Hitchin													
Project Type	Social and therapeutic horticulture													
Green option considered?	They will be establishing 'no dig' growing beds, which helps improve soil health. Growing local produce helps reduce carbon emissions, lower energy consumption and minimise food waste.													
NHC Councillor involvement that may constitute a conflict of interest	None known													
Previous financial support within six years	From NHPF £19,775 in October 2024 towards a transit van From Letchworth Forum: £613 in Jan 2024 £898 in March 2023 £1,050 in June 2022 In 2020 - £400 in Dec, £2,500 in June, £2,052 in March													
Documentation reviewed and approved*	Safeguarding	Yes	Accounts	Yes										
	Demonstrates clear governance	Yes												
Total applied for	£945	Total project cost	£1,045											
Officer Summary														
<p><a href="#">Green Care at Norton (GCAN)</a> supports adults facing loneliness, unemployment, or social exclusion. Participants grow food and flowers alongside volunteers, building confidence, purpose, and community. This <a href="#">video</a> highlights the impact of their work.</p> <p>Since winning the North Herts Community Heroes Green Award 2025, GCAN have formed a partnership with <a href="#">Hitchin Pantry</a> to supply them with high quality organically grown fruit and vegetables for their clients. Before this partnership, Hitchin Pantry were making up for their shortfall of fresh produce by purchasing it from Sainsbury's. GCAN produce is up to 60% cheaper than Sainsbury's and often higher quality.</p> <p>At least 100 families from Hitchin go to Hitchin Pantry. GCAN are seeking funding to expand their fruit and vegetable production at Standalone Farm, focusing on growing produce needed by Hitchin Pantry, such as aubergines, garlic, squash, and okra. They aim to achieve this by creating larger 'no dig' beds and improving soil quality.</p> <p>Funding will cover essential growing materials and equipment:</p> <table><tr><td>2 tons of Cambridgeshire Fen soil and 2 tons of compost</td><td>£414.15</td></tr><tr><td>Professional Propagation trays x20</td><td>£151.20</td></tr><tr><td>Professional hotbin compost bin range 1600 litre</td><td>£114</td></tr><tr><td>1 pallet seed compost</td><td>£225</td></tr><tr><td>1 pallet potting on compost</td><td>£140</td></tr></table> <p>They are contributing £100 from their reserves.</p>					2 tons of Cambridgeshire Fen soil and 2 tons of compost	£414.15	Professional Propagation trays x20	£151.20	Professional hotbin compost bin range 1600 litre	£114	1 pallet seed compost	£225	1 pallet potting on compost	£140
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