

KETTERING TOWN COUNCIL

REPORT FOR DECISION

Item No:- FC23/076

Committee:-	Finance and Governance Committee
Date:-	28th February 2024
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Report Title:-	Love Wildlife Competition Entries
Wards Affected:-	All

1. Purpose of Report

To submit applications from the 2024 Love Wildlife Competition.

2. Recommendations

Members are asked to determine the applications received in accordance with the grants policy.

3. Information

- 3.1. The Council has agreed a £3,000 fund for the Love Wildlife Competition, with one grant of £1,000 and ten grants of £200, and a policy for distribution of the money through an application process.
- 3.2. The application stage was launched in January 2024, with a deadline for applications by the 18th February 2024. 14 applications were received, with a combined ask of £8400
- 3.3. The applications are set out in the table below. Page numbers refer to Appendix Two.

No	Applicant Name	Organisational type & purpose	£ sought	Summary of project	Funding breakdown
1	Kettering Nature Group	Community or Voluntary Group To significantly raise awareness and appreciation of the nature and wildlife in and around Kettering.	£1,000	The Kettering Bats Rock! Tour - a series of free guided bat walks organized by Kettering Nature Group	Purchase of 12 Magenta Bat 4 Heterodyne Bat detectors @ £75 per unit, and printed materials/advertising with the remaining £100.
2	Friends of Kettering Buccleuch Academy	Community or Voluntary Group To provide extras and events for the community at and around Kettering Buccleuch	£200	Converting a patch of land on the corner of Laburnum Crescent by Penny Drive to a wildflower meadow.	Wildflower seeds and adding bird boxes, bug hotels bulbs and perennial plants.
3	Friends of Kettering Buccleuch Academy	Community or Voluntary Group	£200	A year 1 Teaching assistant is hoping to revamp the outdoor area by the year 1 classroom with the help of her lunchtime gardening club.	£15 spring bulbs £15 summer perennial seeds £12 wildflower seeds £12 per bag - Bark chippings x 4 £5 per bag – compost x 4 £90 Perennial plants and shrubs
4	Grow Wild Outreach	CIC We provide hands-on outreach services for individuals of all ages, including those with disabilities, learning disabilities, and mental health challenges.	£1,000	Grow RE-Wild is a project which focuses on the rewilding of the community areas within Kettering starting at The Yards and then branching out into further areas within the community.	Wood for habitat building £500 Wild flower seeds, plants £50 planting, bulbs and containers £200 Seed collection storage £50 Appropriate PPE and tools £100

					Printing advertising £100
5	Kettering Science Academy	Secondary School	£1,000	We will be teaching students how to grow vegetables in order to promote sustainability and life skills for students with special educational needs. This will be incredibly beneficial for these students, as it will allow them to gain invaluable life skills as well as understand how they can be more sustainable and contribute to a greener future.	Gardening gloves £50 Secateurs £70 Gardening shears £50 Trowels £50 Shovels £70 Gardening forks £70 Gardening pots £ 50 Soil £150 Vegetable seeds £30 Wildflower seeds £30 Canes £15 Wood for building wildlife habitats £50 Storage for tools £70 Mini Greenhouse £20 Watering cans/ hose access £50 Rakes £50 Outdoor brooms £30 De-weeders £30 Wheelbarrow £30 Compost bin £35 Water butt for recycling water £35 Seed bulbs £30
6	Kettering Buccleuch Academy	Secondary School	£200	The project is to create an outdoor herb garden. The garden will be looked after by the eco team enabling them to have direct ownership over the herb garden.	4 x planters (36.99 each inc delivery) = £148.00 16 packs of seeds (4 of each herb) = approx £3.00 per pack = £48.00 Total bid for funds = £196 which leaves £4 to contribute petrol costs for getting the seeds from local nursery.
7	Hayfield Cross C of	Primary School	£1,000	It is our plan to create a Forest School within our school grounds. A space dedicated to	The money will be put towards the Forest School Project. This is

	E Primary School			increasing children's connection with nature, both emotionally and physically.	currently at the quotation stage and is due to be agreed within the next few weeks.
8	PFA of St Marys School Kettering	Parents' and Friends' Association	£1,000 Or £200	The school community would like to develop a wellbeing garden which parents and pupils can access. The focus of this area would be to create a habitat of plants where biodiversity would be a focus. This space would be created through volunteers and involve the wider community. A wildflower area will be created	If we receive £1,000: Bug hotel - £130 2 raised bed planter - £145 x 2 = £290 Beekeeper presentation and bee activities - £150 Hoverfly lagoon presentation and activity - £50 Hedgehog house - £40 Wormery - £150 Plants - £100 Bird feeders - £90 If we only got the £200: hedgehog homes - £40 bird feeder - £90 biodiversity activities and wildflower seed - £60
9	Bishop Stopford School	School	£200	This project was started last Summer during a project week - in the digging of several flower beds, creation of herb planters and setting up bucket ponds/ compost bin etc. We now want to start a gardening society this Spring time, to develop this area of land, with focussed days in project week in June involving groups of year 8 students to do the work as a super curricular activity.	Laying pathways - probably bark £60 Planting of bulbs on the cleared banks - daffodils £20 Digging more flower beds and planting £40 Plant buddlejas £50 Creating a vegetable patch/bed for early seed potatoes for use in the school canteen £30 Creating the natural source of water in this area into a small pond area with pond liner and planting £50
10	Brambleside Primary School	School	£1,000	We have some areas around the school that we would like to plant	Purchasing plants - 50%

				with some insect attracting plants. We would like to encourage butterflies and bees along with other insects and wildlife. As well as being great for the environment, these would be fantastic learning environments for the children.	Groundworks - 25% Labour - 25%
11	Southfield School for Girls	School	£200	For our school, we would like to create a little area with a couple of bench-seats, which have planting pots attached. In the planting pots, we would like to plant some herbs but also other plants (including lavender and some sunflowers in the correct season).	Benches £60 each x 2. £48 - 12 bags of 50L compost £42 plants.
12	Southfield School for Girls	School	£200	We would like to further develop our pond habitat area, as a result of last year's project. We would like to encourage more wildlife to the area by putting up bat boxes, hedgehog homes and a bee barn.	£25 on a hedgehog house £40 2 bee barns £25 on a bat box £80 on wild flower seeds, £30 on flowers and plants.
13	Park Junior School PTFA	School PTA	£1000	There is a garden attached to the old caretakers house. We want to set up an "Eco Club" and for children to utilise the garden and turn it into an eco hub. Planting wildflowers, bug houses, bird boxes, growing their own produce and as a sitting out area.	Shed £395 Tools £175 Seeds - £50 Composter - £60 Water butts - £70 Picnic style table - £250

14	William St Community Garden	Community Group	£200	To increase our biodiversity we would like funding to be used towards building a wildlife pond. The approximate size of the pond would be 1 metre square	Pondliner - £40 5 Bags of Sharp Sand - £17.50 total Solar pump and filter -£100 2 Bags of Cobbles - £20 total Water Buttercup Plants - £3.50 Willow Moss - £5 Iris - £12 Hornwort - £6
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4. Consultation and Engagement

- 4.1. The policy was the subject of consultation before it was adopted.
- 4.2. The availability of grants was advertised through the website and social media accounts and via the council e-newsletter.
<https://www.ketteringtowncouncil.gov.uk/love-wildlife>

5. Finance, Legal and Resource Implications

- 5.1. There is £3,000 in the budget.

6. Climate Change Implications

This provision is specifically aimed to encourage and fund measures which improve local biodiversity and people's engagement in the issue.

7. Policy Implications

The Council's corporate plan says that the Council exists:

- To understand what local people want and aspire to
- To provide services not already delivered by statutory bodies, where there is an unmet need.
- To represent its area to other service providers
- To provide leadership to its community
- To provide civic pride and presence

Objective 8 says the Council will, within its own remit, strive to protect, restore and enhance our local biodiversity and the natural world that surrounds us and of which we are all a part and will strive to take the most sustainable approach to the design and delivery of its own services.

Background Papers

Applications

Publicity material

Policy

19.02.23

