

**F&G Ctte 22<sup>ND</sup> January 2025 Item 52 Appendix Two Grant applications in Full**

**1. William St Community Garden**

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All Saints Church, William Street, Kettering, NN16 9RR

*Website or social media account:*

Face Book William Street Community Garden (England) Instagram William Street Community Garden

*Charity or CIC number (if relevant):*

*Please describe your organisation as one of the following:*

Community or Voluntary Group

*Please indicate your organisation's main role and purpose:*

Our main objective is to create an organic garden for our community to grow together, wellbeing and learning are our primary focus. Open to all residents of Kettering to raise awareness of the value of growing your own food and flowers without the use of chemicals. Raising awareness of wider ecological issues to show how maintaining biodiversity and attracting wildlife is essential for conservation. This year we achieved our first silver conservation award from the Wildlife Trust. We run workshops and educational activities that will benefit our community in Kettering by learning new skills.

*Please give a description of the project you would like funding for, indicating who it will benefit, the geographical area it will impact, and whether you have any other partner organisations working with you.:*

Firstly lets start with Partner organizations. Our workshop is funded by Public Health through the Cook Grow Eat project. As previously mentioned we are working with the Wildlife Trust on the Church yard Conservation scheme, now we hold silver award we will work with them advising us to achieve our Gold award in the next 3 years. A Rocha Eco Church is also supportive with the Church and the Community Garden achieving gold this year, as part of the work with them we will support other Churches to work towards their awards.

We are applying for this grant to further support our conservation work and wish to establish our pond and to attract more diversity of wildlife to the garden. We also have permission to install Swift boxes in bell tower of the church and are hoping to work with Kettering Nature Group on this. We have cleared some of the native shrubs in the garden and will focus on planting more native species. We would like to establish an edible wildflower meadow and in order to do this we would need to remove a layer of top soil in the meadow area of the church, we have tried for 2 years now to establish yellow rattle with minimal success so we will try a different approach.

*Which of the Council's themes does your project best match? Please refer to the objectives set out in section 2.1. of the Council's policy.:*

measures to improve mental health and well being although i would say our project matches both of these by providing food for our local community and workshops on developing skills

*What will the council's grant pay for? Please be as specific as you can.:*

Native Pond Plants

Installation of Swift Boxes

Native Shrubs and plants.

Small digger to remove the top layer of soil and plant edible native species.

*How will you measure the impact of the project?:*

through continued monitoring we already have in place, via the wild life trust and continue to work with scouts and Methodist church group who support us in monitoring our plants and wildlife.

*Total amount you are seeking:*

£1000

*Please give a breakdown of the costs by category or item if you can.*

\*Staff/employees \*Volunteer costs \*Travel costs \*Supplies Equipment and Capital items \*Premises costs and facilities \*New IT costs \*Publicity and promotion \*Other (please list):

Pond Plants £150

Hire of Digger £250

Swift Boxes £90

Recording equipment to attract swifts £150 Cost of installation of boxes and recording equipment £200 1kg of Edible Meadow ( conservation Edible Roots and stems Wild flower Mix £230

*Have you secured funding towards this project either from your own resources or another grant?:*

At the moment we have not applied for any other grants, but will do this over the winter period when things are quieter in the garden

*Have you applied for any other grant funding not yet awarded? If so how much?:*

no

*Period you expect the project to run for.:*

Its a long term project that promotes diversity over time so there is no end date for this work as its part of our ethos.

## 2. All Saints Community Group

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All Saints Community Group (Facebook)

*Charity or CIC number (if relevant):*

*Please describe your organisation as one of the following:*

Community or Voluntary Group

*Please indicate your organisation's main role and purpose:*

Community cohesion and pride. Bringing the community together for litter picking, graffiti cleaning, keeping public green spaces free from litter and dog faeces, addressing fly tipping, leafleting about the events, community initiatives, and other activities in the Ward, bringing people together in small events in the Ward of All Saints and mainly in Rockingham Park.

*Please give a description of the project you would like funding for, indicating who it will benefit, the geographical area it will impact, and whether you have any other partner organisations working with you:*

All Saints Geographical Ward.

This work will improve the local landscape, encouraging families to take pride in their community, meaning they engage and interact with each other using the spaces that feel welcoming and safe because it is an initiative to maintain the look of the area. It will also hopefully engage young people to create art instead of random graffiti tagging, if we can get them on board instead of anti-community.

We can educate, include, and transform, by engaging with not just long established residents but the new ones too, also those who are temporarily in the area. It means we can form community and a sense of belonging, hopefully encouraging people to feel safe using public spaces and engaging themselves.

*Which of the Council's themes does your project best match? Please refer to the objectives set out in section 2.1. of the Council's policy.:*

Measures which improve the environment and mental health and wellbeing.

*What will the council's grant pay for? Please be as specific as you can.:*

£200 for graffiti removal materials, sprays, cloths, brushes, gloves, and bags.  
£600 to sponsor two telecoms boxes, artwork provided by local artists. This artwork reflects the history and life of the people and trades of those living in the area. It promotes artwork over random graffiti tags.

£150 for hi-vis jackets and printing on them, to keep members safe particularly in winter months and evenings, when in public spaces. It also allows other members of the public identify who we are and what we do.

£100 printing costs for leaflets for community events relating to clean ups, and other community initiatives.

£450 Dog faeces pick up bag dispensers, cable ties, fixings, and signage.

*How will you measure the impact of the project?:*

We already had over 3500 people engage with the Halloween event organised by the community group, by providing road closures and staff to crew the road closures, informing by leaflets and community engagement. We used a 'clicker' to count footfall. We intend to use this moving forward, also by recording the response we receive on social media platforms about the events and initiatives we undertake. The local Evening Telegraph newspaper also cover the events and it is measurable from that social media platform what the engagement is.

*Total amount you are seeking:*

£1500

*Please give a breakdown of the costs by category or item if you can.*

\*Staff/employees \*Volunteer costs \*Travel costs \*Supplies Equipment and Capital items \*Premises costs and facilities \*New IT costs \*Publicity and promotion \*Other (please list):

Supplies Equipment and Capital items £1500 Volunteers operate free of charge.

*Have you secured funding towards this project either from your own resources or another grant?:*

£82 from ward initiatives fund for signage

*Have you applied for any other grant funding not yet awarded? If so how much?:*

No

*Period you expect the project to run for:*

Ongoing. This constitutes part of the local community group initiative to keep our local area a pleasant place to live and visit.

### 3. Grange Resource Centre

*Name of organisation :*  
The N.E.T Tenants & Residents Association

*Contact name :*  
Angie Steele

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*Website or social media account :*  
Facebook Grange Resource Centre

*Charity or CIC number (if relevant) :*

*Please describe your organisation as one of the following:*  
Not For Profit Organisation

*Please indicate your organisation's main role and purpose :*  
Community first well being warm space ,food and advice hub .  
We have started an allotment to grow food for the community as a well being space with the interest of growing food. We offer recipes with the vegetables grown.  
Education and nutrition are main objectives to get a healthy meal and life style .

*Please give a description of the project you would like funding for, indicating who it will benefit, the geographical area it will impact, and whether you have any other partner organisations working with you.:*

To make the allotment more efficient and productive growing vegetables all year ,making it a safe well being environment improving mental health and out in the open .

This is for all areas of Kettering mainly Grange /Avondale to get out in the fresh air and learn about food and its benefits. Different vegetables at different times of the year.

We have school children working with us and on separate days men from the half way house in Judith Rd volunteer with heavy work like the digging and cutting back the area .

We will make recipe cards which the school and residents can use to make fresh food .Showing how easy it is to make healthy meals.

Also creating food that helps fight off obesity and gain a healthy lifestyle.

We have healthy living meetings starting to measure our weight and bmi .The first one went well and will be every 6 weeks. Advising healthy eating makes healthy living.

*Which of the Council's themes does your project best match? Please refer to the objectives set out in section 2.1. of the Council's policy. :*

Measures to improve the environment

Measures to improve mental health and wellbeing but also helping with the cost of feeding a family. Bowl of vegetable soup is a lot cheaper than a bag of chips from a takeaway

*What will the council's grant pay for? Please be as specific as you can. :*

The grant will help with cost of seeds plants insurance equipment extra spades forks hoes for the allotment. Rent for area . Refreshments for the volunteers compost canes Running costs for the scheme and professionals to help with healthy living advice .

*How will you measure the impact of the project?*

By how many turn up and the change in the lifestyle of the community . Improvement of eating habits and lifestyle.

*Total amount you are seeking :*

£1800

*Please give a breakdown of the costs by category or item if you can. \*) :*

Equipment 500

Refreshments 200

Costs 150

Publicity 100

Cooking equipment 700

Staff travel cost 150

*Have you secured funding towards this project either from your own resources or another grant? :*

Last year we had funding for shed polytunnel plants and compost and refreshments facilities. This has now been used

*Have you applied for any other grant funding not yet awarded? If so how much? :*

No

*Period you expect the project to run for. :*

One year and continue

#### 4. Brambleside Primary School

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<https://www.brambleside.northants.sch.uk/>

*Charity or CIC number (if relevant) :*

*Please describe your organisation as one of the following :*  
School

*Please indicate your organisation's main role and purpose :*  
Brambleside School is a primary school in Kettering. We aim to provide a well-rounded education to our students, fostering an appreciation for the environment and sustainability.

*Please give a description of the project you would like funding for, indicating who it will benefit, the geographical area it will impact, and whether you have any other partner organisations working with you:*

Brambleside School plans to launch a gardening and sustainability project to benefit its students, staff, and local wildlife. We have already been working with Natural Ise to enhance our growing space and this funding could help us make some big progress with it and also improve the local biodiversity offering.

The project will include planting native bulbs around the school to provide early nectar for bees, planting edible bushes for locally grown berries, and growing vegetables in raised beds with the aid of a small greenhouse. The initiative aims to connect children and staff to nature, promote healthy eating, and mitigate the cost of living crisis by providing access to nutritious food. This project will primarily impact the Kettering area, with the potential to inspire similar projects in other local schools. The Kettering Huxloe Rotary Group are supporting this project and will be helping our gardening club that runs on Monday lunchtimes.

*Which of the Council's themes does your project best match? Please refer to the objectives set out in section 2.1. of the Council's policy. :*

Measures which improve bio diversity

Measures which help address the cost of living pressures on local residents

Measures which improve mental health and wellbeing

*What will the council's grant pay for? Please be as specific as you can:*  
300 native bulbs (£127) to provide early nectar for pollinators, supporting biodiversity.

Three packs of fruit bushes (£112.47) to grow edible berries for children and staff, promoting healthy eating.

Five dibbers (£41.10) for children to actively engage in planting activities.

A mini greenhouse (£253) to grow seedlings for the raised vegetable beds. These items will enable Brambleside School to create a sustainable gardening programme while benefiting the community and environment.

A mix of spring veg for planting in our raised beds at the start of 2025.

*How will you measure the impact of the project? :*

The project's impact will be measured by the number of bulbs, bushes, and vegetables successfully grown, student participation rates in planting activities, and feedback from children, staff, and the local community on their engagement and enjoyment.

*Total amount you are seeking :*  
£630.44

*Please give a breakdown of the costs by category or item if you can. \*:*

- Bulbs - £127 - 300x Native bulbs – mix - <https://www.bostonseeds.com/products/bs-wildflower-favourites-bulbs-in-the-green-collection.html> – all will provide early source of nectar for bees
- Pack of fruit berries: £37.49 x3 = £112.47 - <https://www.hedgesdirect.co.uk/fruit-bush-40-60cm-2l-pot-5-pack>
- Dibbers for kids to plant bulbs 5x £8.22 = £41.10 [https://www.amazon.co.uk/Spear-Jackson-4062NB-Elements-Dibber/dp/B002W5V62C/ref=asc\\_df\\_B002W5V62C](https://www.amazon.co.uk/Spear-Jackson-4062NB-Elements-Dibber/dp/B002W5V62C/ref=asc_df_B002W5V62C)
- Mini greenhouse - £253 <https://www.bradfords.co.uk/product-row255-rowlinson-hardwood-mini-greenhouse-1440-x-1200-x-630mm>
- Spring veg for planting
- Onions - £6.98 x3 = £20.94 <https://marshallsgarden.com/pages/search-results?q=onions>
- Garlic - £11.98 x3 = £35.94 <https://marshallsgarden.com/products/spring-planting-garlic-duo-pack>
- Mix of spring veg £39.99 - <https://propagationplace.co.uk/vegetable/spring-garden-in-a-box/>

Total: £630.44

*Have you secured funding towards this project either from your own resources or another grant?*

No, but our local councillors are supporting us with their ward fund for benches and said that they could help cover some of the things needed for this project if any part of our application is not eligible.

*Have you applied for any other grant funding not yet awarded? No*

*Period you expect the project to run for:- For this 24/25 academic year.*



## 5. Ronald Tree Nursery School

*Contact name :*

Mel Perkins

*Address and postcode :*

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*Website or social media account :*

Facebook Ronald Tree Nursery School

*Charity or CIC number (if relevant) :*

*Please describe your organisation as one of the following :*

School

*Please indicate your organisation's main role and purpose :*

At Ronald Tree Nursery School ,we are proud to offer education for children aged 2 to 4 years we follow the EYFS and provide a high level of care and education to the community.

*Please give a description of the project you would like funding for, indicating who it will benefit, the geographical area it will impact, and whether you have any other partner organisations working with you:*

We would like to provide a habitat in our playground area for hedgehogs butterflies and other small insects that may visit our area giving the children a wide understanding of their natural environment as our community is a left behind area so at Ronald tree want to give every opportunity to the young community that is growing up here in the Avondale and Grange area every opportunity to experience all that our world can offer in as many ways we can. This funding will help us open up another experience for this young generation growing up here and for future generations.

*Which of the Council's themes does your project best match? Please refer to the objectives set out in section 2.1. of the Council's policy. :*

Improving the environment/bio-diversity

Encouraging more outside experiences always improves mental health and well-being,

*What will the council's grant pay for? Please be as specific as you can. :*

Bee water stations.

Large bug hotels

Wildlife world butterfly barn garden habitats Butterfly house and feeders Woodside hedgehog houses A designated protected area which children can access with adult support to this will take work to prep the Area also some wildflower bombs to encourage nature naturally in our environment.

*How will you measure the impact of the project?*

Take pictures as the project grows and develops also use the voice of the children and staff that are involved in the process.

*Total amount you are seeking :*  
£2500

*Please give a breakdown of the costs by category or item if you can.*  
The preparation of the area will be achieved by staff doing overtime possibly volunteers, We could negotiate this cost to £300.  
All the items for the natural area £1400 Hire of skip £800

*Have you secured funding towards this project either from your own resources or another grant? :*  
No

*Have you applied for any other grant funding not yet awarded? If so how much? :*  
Not from Kettering council.

*Period you expect the project to run for. :*  
Once in place it will be used all the time now and in the future.

## 6. Kettering Civic Society

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[www.ketteringcivicsociety.net](http://www.ketteringcivicsociety.net) Facebook Kettering Civic Society

*Charity or CIC number (if relevant):*

1131165

*Please describe your organisation as one of the following:*

Community or Voluntary Group

*Please indicate your organisation's main role and purpose:*

Excerpt from Constitution of the Kettering Civic Society; To promote high standards of planning and architecture To educate the public in geography, history, natural history and architecture To secure the preservation protection development and improvement of features of historic and public interest To promote civic pride To promote research into subjects directly connected with the objects of the Society and to publish the results of any such research To publish papers, reports and other literature To hold meetings, lectures and exhibitions To educate public opinion and to give advice and information To promote or assist in promoting activities of a charitable nature in Kettering

*Please give a description of the project you would like funding for, indicating who it will benefit, the geographical area it will impact, and whether you have any other partner organisations working with you.:*

Permission has been granted by East Midlands Railway for artwork along the interior of the railway station bridge.

This project will follow the painting of five BT Openreach boxes funded by KTC.

- Paintings will enhance commuter experience creating inspiring, entertaining and interesting subjects based on the local area.
- People with additional needs will learn about the area and develop their skills which will be good for their wellbeing.

Key Partners with KCS are Louise Chandler Shine & Wellbeing.

Tutored by Louise, the group will create designs which Using information about Kettering's history from the five magazines (funded by KTC) the group will gather information incorporating local places of interest.

Once the designs have been prepared, they will be shown to KTC, EMR and KCS for approval.

Art work will be designed and digitally transferred to vinyl (the same material used by NNC on the Grange Estate flower trough) and adhered to the inside of the

footbridge. From a health and safety aspect there will be no spray painting in situ and create minimum disruption to commuters.

Evaluation and Monitoring will take place through key partners.

The project will highlight the importance of art in life and wellbeing, encouraging observation and appreciation of art making the area aesthetically attractive. It will inspire and aid mental health by encouraging the Shine group to explore and improve their own artistic talents as well as showing off talents in our diverse community.

The pictures will enhance the environment adding to the attraction of the station as well as customer experience of commuters inviting locals and visitors to explore the area and visit the nearby art gallery following the BT box trail.

*Which of the Council's themes does your project best match?*

Environment  
 Economic Development  
 Health & Community  
 Community Resilience  
 Artistic Excellence  
 Mental health & wellbeing

*What will the council's grant pay for? Please be as specific as you can.:*

- Staff costs
- Volunteer expenses
- Equipment
- Activity
- Publicity, marketing
- Unveiling event with VIPs
- Vinyl panels

*How will you measure the impact of the project?:*

Evaluation  
 Public feedback

*Total amount you are seeking:*  
 £3000

*Please give a breakdown of the costs by category or item if you can.*

Staff 400  
 Volunteer expenses 100  
 Equipment 100  
 Activity 200  
 Publicity, promotion, event 200  
 Design, print & fit 8 vinyl panels 2000

*Have you secured funding towards this project either from your own resources or another grant?:*

£ 3000 organization's own resources

*Have you applied for any other grant funding not yet awarded? If so how much?:*

Yes: £ 1,000, Community Rail Network

*Period you expect the project to run for.:*

February 2025-June 2025

## 7. Kettering Nature Group

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Adam Riley

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*Website or social media account :*  
Facebook:Ketteringnaturegroup Website:ketteringnaturegroup.com

*Charity or CIC number (if relevant) :*  
n/a

*Please describe your organisation as one of the following: :*  
Community or Voluntary Group

*Please indicate your organisation's main role and purpose :*  
We are dedicated advocates for the benefits of time spent in natural environments, with a strong commitment to enhancing and documenting biodiversity. Our mission centers on fostering environmental stewardship, preserving diverse ecosystems, and promoting mental well-being within our community. Through showcasing local spaces and wildlife, we engage a growing community, while leading and supporting citizen science initiatives that create a lasting impact locally, nationally, and internationally.

*Please give a description of the project you would like funding for, indicating who it will benefit, the geographical area it will impact, and whether you have any other partner organisations working with you :*

We are thrilled to announce the launch of the 'Nature Nexus' program, a town-wide initiative designed to unite the community in adopting wildlife-friendly practices and enriching Kettering's green spaces. Through this program, we aim to foster biodiversity by encouraging wildlife gardening and facilitating the installation of nest boxes, bat boxes, hedgehog highways, and other eco-friendly projects across both private gardens and public spaces—with the necessary permissions.

To engage as many community members as possible, we'll be hosting habitat-building events that are open to all Kettering residents and neighboring villages. These events will be accessible both in person and online, ensuring that everyone interested has a chance to contribute.

An exciting highlight of our program is the planned installation of larger nest boxes, fitted with streaming cameras, for raptors and swifts at carefully selected sites. These live-streaming cameras will provide a unique opportunity for Kettering's nature enthusiasts to witness and appreciate local wildlife up close. The live streams will be hosted on a dedicated online platform alongside local nature updates and conservation initiatives serving as a central hub for connecting Kettering residents with nature and raising awareness of local biodiversity.

This initiative reflects the critical role private gardens and accessible green spaces play in supporting biodiversity, offering essential habitats for a variety of species. Beyond environmental benefits, Nature's Neighbours is designed to enhance mental well-being by encouraging outdoor activities and fostering a deeper sense of community and environmental stewardship.

We look forward to partnering with Kettering Town Council, local ground teams, and open-space managers to bring this vision to life, with shared ownership and collaboration to ensure the initiative's long-term success. Together, we can create a vibrant, wildlife-friendly community that values and protects the natural beauty of Kettering.

*Which of the Council's themes does your project best match? Please refer to the objectives set out in section 2.1. of the Council's policy. :*

Measures which improve mental health and wellbeing.

Maximise sustainability (economic, environmental and social) and help with local biodiversity

*What will the council's grant pay for? Please be as specific as you can. :*

To facilitate the construction and safe installation of both artificial and natural habitats, we'll require a range of materials, consumables, and tools, including timber, nails, screws, hammers, saws, and other essential equipment. These resources will support the creation of habitats specifically designed to enhance biodiversity across Kettering's gardens and green spaces.

In addition, we will need trail and nest cameras to capture live and pre-recorded footage, which will be broadcast on a dedicated online platform. This page, managed by Kettering Nature group and jointly owned by Kettering Nature Group, Kettering Town Council, and landowner partners will provide a captivating view into local wildlife activity. With our current community following, we anticipate that this platform will quickly attract several thousand viewers, creating a growing audience interested in observing and supporting Kettering's natural environment.

These resources will be fundamental in achieving the long-term vision of Nature's Neighbours, providing our community with an interactive way to engage with local biodiversity and helping to foster a stronger culture of environmental stewardship.

*How will you measure the impact of the project? :*

Number of Man-Made Habitats Established

Tracking the total number of artificial habitats—such as nest boxes, bat boxes, and hedgehog highways—successfully installed in both private and public spaces to enhance biodiversity.

Community Satisfaction and Program Effectiveness Assessments Conducting surveys and assessments at the end of Year 1 and Year 2 to measure participant satisfaction, assess the impact on biodiversity, and identify areas for improvement within the initiative.

Community Engagement and Participation Levels Measuring community involvement, including the number of residents participating in habitat-building

events, online viewership of live wildlife streams, and engagement in related activities, to gauge program reach and impact.

*Total amount you are seeking :*  
£3,000

*Please give a breakdown of the costs by category or item if you can. \*:*

Materials and Supplies: £1,000

Includes timber, nails, screws, hammers, saws, and other essential tools and consumables needed for the construction and safe installation of habitats.

IT Expenses: £2,000

Covers purchase costs for trail and nest cameras, installation and on site security measures. Site fees/online platform expenses for streaming and hosting wildlife footage. IT equipment to facilitate upkeep of online platform.

Total Budget: £3,000

*Have you secured funding towards this project either from your own resources or another grant? :*

We have secured an initial supply of timber and commercially available nest boxes to kickstart the project. Leveraging our well-established organizational framework and strong community presence, we can effectively promote this initiative to a broad audience. Access to community event spaces will further enhance our reach, allowing us to engage more participants while ensuring efficient use of resources and funds.

*Have you applied for any other grant funding not yet awarded? If so how much? :*  
No

*Period you expect the project to run for :*

In the coming two years, we will lay the foundation for a transformative project that will enrich our environment and community for generations. This initiative is not just about immediate results—it's about creating lasting habitats, fostering a culture of environmental stewardship, and nurturing a thriving ecosystem in our town. As we work together, each step we take will contribute to a legacy of biodiversity and natural beauty, inspiring future generations to continue this vital work. Through our collective efforts, we will build something truly enduring, with benefits that ripple across time and nature.



## 8. Natural-Ise

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<https://www.facebook.com/groups/186677016514833>

*Charity or CIC number (if relevant) :*  
None

*Please describe your organisation as one of the following: :*  
Community or Voluntary Group

*Please indicate your organisation's main role and purpose :*  
The group's main role is to increase the biodiversity along the River Ise in Kettering. Also to improve access for local people to enjoy wildlife. It involves local people mixing and enjoying volunteer work such as tree planting and seed spreading. Also enjoy bat walks and other events good for physical and mental health.

*Please give a description of the project you would like funding for, indicating who it will benefit, the geographical area it will impact, and whether you have any other partner organisations working with you. :*  
The project is the creation of ponds in an area close to the Ise River in the vicinity of Ise Lodge. This area floods and low areas remain waterlogged for long periods and then dry up. Digging these areas deeper will ensure that ponds remain for longer, enabling amphibians to lay eggs as well as invertebrates like dragonflies. Resultant banks will be sown with wildflowers, further enhancing biodiversity. People will benefit as they can enjoy looking at the wildlife on their walks (this is a popular area). We expect some flood mitigation too as the whole project, when complete, will drain water from grassed areas towards the ponds. Volunteers will enjoy spending time in the outdoors and this has proven to improve mental and physical health. (our recent tree planting and watering events had over 20 attendees and a good fun time is guaranteed). Long term, the decline in nature can only be halted by lots of local projects like this and ultimately, protect humans as well as wildlife, as we rely on them for our survival. The project is on NNC land and they are fully supportive. A letter is attached evidencing approval and support. They will have to engage a contractor, but it remains a Natural\_Ise project and we will pay.

*Which of the Council's themes does your project best match? Please refer to the objectives set out in section 2.1. of the Council's policy. :*  
Measure which improve biodiversity and environment

Measures which improve mental health and wellbeing

*What will the council's grant pay for? Please be as specific as you can. :*

For a contractor to dig ponds with a mechanical digger and bank up the soil/clay around the ponds. We expect to pay for some signage too. Full details in quote from contractor, etc.

*How will you measure the impact of the project? :*

Regular visits to the area to monitor wildlife as well as the levels of the ponds will take place to ensure that it has worked

*Total amount you are seeking :*

we only seek a sum between £1,000 and £2,500 not both. The spend is flexible and any work will be beneficial as a stand alone project.

**OPTION A**

£1,000

*Please give a breakdown of the costs by category or item if you can.*

Contractor costs to dig out ponds - £1,000 towards costs of £2,600

**OPTION B**

£2,500

*Please give a breakdown of the costs by category or item if you can.*

Contractor fees to dig out ponds £2,500 of grant or £4,100 of whole expenditure

*Have you secured funding towards this project either from your own resources or another grant?*

We already have £1,600 set aside for this from DC Foundation £1,000, Craig Skinner Councillor fund, £300, plus £300 from unrestricted funds

*Have you applied for any other grant funding not yet awarded? If so how much? :*

No

*Period you expect the project to run for. :*

This will take a maximum of one month to complete but additional works over following years might take 2 years. The impact is expected to last for many decades