

BELPER TOWN COUNCIL

APPLICATION FOR SMALL ONE OFF GRANT

1. NAME of ORGANISATION: Blooming Milford

2. NAME and ADDRESS of CONTACT [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

3. POSITION in ORGANISATION: Chair

4. TELEPHONE Daytime: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] EMAIL: [REDACTED]

6. Briefly Outline what the current activities of your group are: Blooming Milford is a voluntary group of Milford residents who strive to make Milford a better place through gardening related activities. Please see our web page covering our activities and achievements over the last 12 years in the Milford & Makeney website [here](#). This year so far we have set up a Spring Garden in Hopping Mill Meadow and set up two large planters with perennial flowers in Hopping Mill Meadow and by The Strutt Arms bus shelter (both in collaboration with Amber Valley BC), continued to upkeep The Triangle garden between the A6 and Chevin Road and refreshed our community herb planters throughout the village (both in collaboration with Belper Town Council).

7. How many people are currently involved in the running of your group?

Employed full-time worker

Volunteers

15

Employed part-time worker

Members

Support or external worker

Informal helpers

Committee Members

12

Others (please state)

8. What will the grant be used for, how are you going to do it and where? As the Chair of Blooming Milford, which has been registered with Belper Town Council (BTC) as a community group, I would like to formally request for a grant of **£618** to cover the cost of purchase of 30 fruit trees as part of the Community Orchard Scheme. We have been encouraged by our local Belper Town Councillors Porter and Angharad recently to look for sites in the village to plant fruit trees. The first area we identified was the Green Space for Milford School project, for which Belper Town Council very kindly gave us a grant of £122 to buy 6 fruit trees. These have arrived, the ground has been prepared, and the Milford Primary School children have planted them (see [here](#) for an article on the Milford & Makeney website.)

This application is for the second area we have identified (and probably the last), the meadow bounded by the Derwent on the west, and Millers Way and Little Fallows on the east, in the Hopping Mill Meadow estate (on the former foundry/Glow Worm site) in Milford. At the beginning of October, once this area was identified, we asked Chris Beal, head of Environmental Services at Amber Valley Borough Council (who own the area) his view of our proposal and he said he had no objections in principle and would cut round the trees once a year. On the 17th October the Blooming Milford team surveyed the area to look for possible sites for fruit trees. We were very cognisant of the residents desire to have a river view and found possible sites for 11 fruit trees on dwarf rooting stock, (10 in the thistly corner at the top of the meadow, 1 near the furthest bench north), 10 fruit trees on medium rooting stock (5 each behind the R&D building wall and the Little Fallows car park wall, respectively) and 9 fruit trees on large rooting stock (8 near the bottom of the ramp, in front of existing trees, and one below the existing trees below The Spring Garden.)

In order to gauge local opinion, we prepared a letter outlining this proposal (letter attached) and posted it to all 100 residences in the Hopping Mill Meadow estate. We had 15 replies. 14 were entirely positive, with many offering their help, including their children, in the planting. The 15th also approved, and offered help, but would rather that we did not have the proposed tree by the most northern bench.

Taking this into account, plus prices, availability, and environmental friendliness our end proposal is as follows.

9 cordon fruit (3 Falstaff eating apples, 3 Concorde pears and 3 Victoria plums) for the thistly corner at the top of the meadow.

21 fruit trees on medium stock (will grow 8-12ft high eventually) 5 each behind the R&D building wall and the Little Fallows car park wall, respectively, 9 near the bottom of the ramp, in front of existing trees, and one below the existing trees below The Spring Garden. The medium stock fruit will consist of 3 Victoria plums, 3 Comice pears, 3 Conference pears, 3 Merryweather damsons, 2 Bramley cooking apples, 2 Egremont Russet eating apples, 2 Christmas Pippin eating apples, one Serbian Gold quince, one Chelsea black mulberry and 1 crab apple. These varieties are all hardy in the north of England, should give a wide variety of fruit for the community, will pollinate each other, will encourage bees and will give a beautiful display of blossom in the spring.

Note in the original proposal there were 9 fruit trees on large rooting stock but these are very expensive (at least £40 each) and in any case would need constant pruning, so have been replaced with trees on medium stock. Speaking to the proposed suppliers (Pomona fruits) a 10% discount has been negotiated on the trees on medium stock which is included in the overall end price of £618.

If we are successful in our application, we order the trees. If we allow 6 weeks delivery, this could mean they arrive in March. We will contact the residents who expressed an interest in helping plant the trees and suggest 3 planting dates. This is because Covid restrictions will probably still be in place and so we can only allow 6 people at each planting session, suitably socially distanced. Blooming Milford will provide stakes and ties for use during planting and compost around the base of the trees

to keep the weeds at bay while the trees become established in their first year. Once the blossom has set later in the spring, Blooming Milford will provide and add a high potassium fertiliser and organic pest control (codling moth and plum moth traps.) In the first year Blooming Milford will ask the residents to water whichever tree they planted in dry weather. Watering will not be needed beyond the first year and Blooming Milford will take on all ongoing maintenance for the life of the trees (feeding, pruning, organic pest control.)

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9. When will the project start: Month March Year 2021

10. When will the project finish: We plan to use the BTC grant to buy the trees then plant them in March 2021. Blooming Milford will then continue to upkeep the trees (providing fertilizer, organic pest control, pruning etc) for the lifetime of the trees.

11. Where will your project take place – address and postcode, if different from the contact address given: The meadow bounded by the Derwent on the west, and Millers Way and Little Fallows on the east, in the Hopping Mill Meadow estate (on the former foundry/Glow Worm site) in Milford, DE56 0RY, DE56 0UL, DE56 0UP, DE56 0UQ.

12. How will you advertise the project and encourage involvement?

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13. Do you work with any other groups or agencies? If so, please outline how you work together:

Blooming Milford works closely with Amber Valley Borough Council and Belper Town Council. See [link](#) for examples.

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14. How do you know that the project is needed? In order to gauge local opinion, we prepared a letter outlining this proposal (letter attached) and posted it to all 100 residences in the Hopping Mill Meadow estate. We had 15 replies, overwhelmingly positive, with many offering their help, including their children, in the planting. There was very positive feedback from Chevin Road Milford residents in their WhatsApp group this year regarding the existing community fruit trees on The Triangle and little of the fruit there went to waste this year, suggesting there is growing demand for orchard fruit (and the proposed fruit trees are in a different part of Milford, some way from The Triangle).

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15. How many people will benefit from the project/grant? All 880 residents of Milford. Should the proposed Derwent Valley Cycleway go past the site, then passing tourist cyclists too.

16. Who will benefit from the project/grant in Belper Parish? See above.

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17. How will they benefit from the project/grant? The residents of Milford will benefit from the fruit nutritionally and by cutting food miles. This will also capitalise on the current trend for home baking.

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18. How will you show that your project/grant has made a difference? Feedback from residents from the forums described above (Milford & Makeney website and in the Milford Gardening Club WhatsApp group). Certainly there was very positive feedback from Chevin Road Milford residents in their WhatsApp group this year regarding the existing community fruit trees on The Triangle and little of the fruit went to waste this year.

20. How much will your project cost in total? : £618 for the trees, £50 for stakes, ties and compost, £240 for permanent signage, then £40 per year for feeding and pest control for the lifetime of the trees (could be 40 - 50 years.)

21. How much do you require from Belper Town Council? : £618

22. Where will the rest of your funding come from – if applicable? £50 for stakes, ties and compost, £240 for permanent signage then £40 per year for feeding and pest control for the lifetime of the trees (could be 40 - 50 years) will all come from Blooming Milford's existing funds.

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Surplus/deficit at year end - £ 100 deficit (taken from reserves)

Unrestricted Savings/Reserves - £ 550

Restricted Savings/Reserves? - £ _____

If you have restricted reserves – please explain what they are restricted for:

Declaration:

I declare that I have the authority of the organisation to apply for the grant and that the information contained herein is accurate.

Enclosed:

Copy of the latest published ACCOUNTS: NO

Copy of the organisations CONSTITUTION NO

The organisation will, if requested by Belper Town Council, produce evidence to show that the grant has been spent on the declared project.

Signed _____ Dated ____ 18th December
2020_

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APPLICATION FOR SMALL ONE

1. Belper Town Council budgets a set amount each financial year to give as grant aid in support of local initiatives.
2. The application form must be completed **IN FULL** giving as much detail about the proposal as possible. A separate sheet may be attached.
3. Organisations applying should attach to the application form a copy of their latest balance sheet and profit and loss together with a copy of their constitution.
4. **Completed application forms should be returned to the Town Clerk, Belper Town Council, The Butts, Belper, Derbyshire DE56 1HX and emailed to clerk@belpertowncouncil.gov.uk.**
5. The Council's Clerk has delegated power to review applications, request further information, give advice and refuse applications that do not meet the Grant Aid criteria. The Clerk will refer applications to the Council's Full Council meetings on a monthly basis for decision. Applicants will be notified of the date and time of the meeting and be given an opportunity to address the meeting on the application. The decision will normally be made known to the Applicant in writing within seven days.
6. Grants will only be considered for projects and proposals which will enhance the quality of life of the people served by the Town Council. Applications from bodies outside the town boundaries may be granted where the proposals show a distinct benefit to the residents of the town.
7. Grants will normally only be considered for new / start up organisations and/or projects and/or one off events that meet one or more of the following criteria: The organisation/project or event
 - goes some way to filling in gaps in existing provision
 - is innovative and exciting
 - considers the needs of disadvantaged individuals and groups
 - takes positive steps to promote a healthy environment
 - promotes equality of opportunity and access for all
8. Grants will be considered for organisations/projects and events that can either show match funding is available, either through own resources or other grants and that the organisation/project/event is viable without further recourse to Council funding.
9. Please complete the SLA grant form if your application is for one of the below:
 - fund general running costs of organisations
 - support applications from organisations which then go on to make donations to other charities and groups
 - give more than one grant in any one year to the same organisation
 - give a grant to an organisation that receives an annual grant (SLA) from the Council
10. **All successful projects MUST recognise Belper Town Council's funding in their literature and publicity and should also keep the Council informed of the development of the project funded by the Council.**