

GREEN CAPITAL PROJECTS

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AEOB Housepeople - Battens Lane Housing Community Vertical Garden

We are a registered Co-operative (changing to Community Benefit Society with charitable status) who are working to convert empty commercial buildings into community-owned, affordable housing

The outdoor space around the building is relatively limited and much of it has been hard-standing for many years. In order to maximise the potential for vegetable growing and food self-sufficiency, we would like to develop vertical gardening installations on the south-facing wall of the building and in the adjacent yard. This will allow productive growing to begin from the first season for the residents taking on the building. It would also function as a demonstration of what can be achieved in a compact space, which could be shared with the wider community via open-garden visits and workshop days to help others develop vertical growing in their own gardens.

£500

Badock's Wood Primary Community School - Get Growing at Badock's Wood

We educate children in the children's centre and the primary school. We educate children from 0-11 years old. We aim for every child to 'aspire, achieve and enjoy' whilst they are with us at Badock's Wood.

We hope to educate the children of our school and their families about the importance of fresh food. We hope to re-develop part of our school grounds into an allotment area, so that we can grow fresh produce all year round. We plan to teach the children and their families about the importance of growing plants, growing your own food and demonstrate how this can be achieved by developing an area with long-lasting resources. We will promote healthy eating choices through using the food we grow in cookery lessons and after-school clubs. We hope to embed these principles of healthy eating into our curriculum through creating an outstanding natural area which can be used for forest school sessions and as a well-equipped allotments area so that we can help all our children to aspire, achieve and enjoy with us.

£1,800

Bristol Metropolitan Academy Gardening Club

Bristol Metropolitan Academy is a state funded secondary school that works with 750 young people in the Fishponds area. We have a varied catchment area with 28 home languages and 37 languages spoken within the Academy community.

We aim to develop an all year round Gardening Club to benefit our pupils and the students of the local special school Briarwood. We need to fund tools, seeds, polytunnels, additional raised beds, water butts, composting barrels and potting benches. We are aiming to grow carrots, onions and strawberries this year and possibly potatoes if we can get additional raised beds. To involve the wider community we will be hosting a Primary School Picnic for about 120 students plus we would like to host a luncheon for 20 elderly people.

£370

Broomhill Junior School - Broomhill Green Shoots

We are a Junior school situated in a mix of private and council owned housing near to an industrial estate. Our school is founded on the 7 values of respect, resilience, responsibility, resourcefulness, inclusion, collaboration and creativity.

Greater Brislington Neighbourhood Partnership: We will be working with the local community of Broomhill as well as the parents/carers and children of the school. The project is focused in the school grounds. Our long term goal is to create a self-sustaining area in the school field where produce from growing and keeping hens and other farm animals will be used to supply food for cooking by the children and adults associated with the school.

Our goal for year 1 is to create an allotment with 8 raised beds(for 8 classes) for growing produce and to rear hens for eggs that every child will use in cooking activities and some point in the year. This will culminate in a whole school picnic with parents created from our home grown food.

The aim of the project is to:

- Improve levels of healthy eating for parents/carers and children of the school and reduce levels of obesity
- Excite and educate all children of the school in learning about lifecycles through practical hands on involvement
- Build parents/community partnership in the growing/cooking and celebrating/eating the produce

£2,000

Chester Park Junior School Vegetable Garden

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The curriculum has recently changed to include more cooking time and while the Gardening club have done great things with the small amount of space, growing herbs and some vegetables which have been used in Cooking Club and some Challenge Week Curriculum sessions, this new area would provide space for each class to have their own vegetable patch.

Pupils will be able to plan the food they will need in advance of their topic, plant the seeds, tend the vegetables and herbs, harvest and cook them, enabling a growing awareness of how food ends up on our plate. This will benefit all of the children in not just cooking but also the parents who will be able to learn about the whole process during Challenge Week cafes and hopefully be inspired to try at home.

The catchment area means that few children who attend our school have access to large enough gardens or allotments, therefore not having the chance to experience growing.

£3,584

Easton Community Garden Greenhouse Project - Growing Vegetable Seedlings

Easton Community Garden was begun in 2001 on a derelict site owned by the city and has flourished ever since. Its ethos is Earth Care. People Care. Fair Share. We grow vegetables, fruit and flowers naturally on Permaculture principles.

Ashley, Easton and Lawrence Hill Neighbourhood Partnership: We currently grow seedlings for our crops at home on windowsills and bring them to the garden ready to plant out. This excludes most participants from the full experience of following the seed to the vegetable. We would very much like a small greenhouse so that everyone can be involved in the whole process. We have enough regular participants from all parts of the community who have expressed their commitment to be on a rota to visit the site regularly to water the seedlings. We would also use a greenhouse to significantly extend the growing season by growing tender veg in a protected environment yet without artificial heat during winter months.

£1,806

Elmlea Junior School - The Elmlea Garden Project

We are a Junior School which aims to promote healthy living and to educate the children about where their food comes from. We have a number of vegetable plots and have recently reinstated a pond area.

We have an area of the school grounds dedicated to gardening. We have a garden club for the children to learn about growing vegetables. We would like to make this more sustainable by dedicating more time for a member of staff to oversee the project and to be able to make links to our education programme.

As well as the basic resources (such as compost and garden tools) we need further landscaping of the area so that children can learn from the environment safely.

We would like the area to be developed in a similar vein to 'The Eden Project' ('The Elmlea Project') - with educational signs, photographs, display boards, labelling of trees so that children- or others visiting the garden can learn too. We would like our garden area to be accessible and will invite parents and local community volunteers to help with growing vegetables in the garden.

£2,345

New Fosseway Special School - Grow your own

We are a special school located in Hartcliffe with pupils that have serious or profound learning disabilities. We work with the students and families in the surrounding area to support them with home life and help with things like healthy eating.

We hope to encourage our disabled students to eat healthy food by growing seasonal food to be cooked and eaten by our students and their families. We will be getting their parents to volunteer to help grow, maintain and cook healthy food to encourage healthy eating at home. This will not only benefit our disabled students but it will have a positive impact on the local community which is historically one of the most deprived areas in the UK. We hope to teach basic cooking, carpentry and horticulture, giving parent and students opportunities they may have not had before.

£1,000

Oasis Hub North Bristol - Oasis Grows

Oasis Academy Brightstowe is an independent Academy for 11 - 16 year olds, located in Shirehampton, North Bristol.

This is an Oasis North Bristol gardening project which aims to:

- Educate students and their families about vegetables, healthy eating and sustainable growing.
- Provide sources of food for students to use in cooking sessions

Each academy currently has a small student gardening club with very limited resources. The aim of this project is to expand and build on these clubs to provide:

- Growing areas for students and their families
- Workshops for students and families on sustainable food growing
- A wide range of "home-grown" fruit and vegetables which students and families can then use as part of cooking lessons at school and at home
- To celebrate growing in the Oasis Hub North Bristol through joining the Food for Life Partnership "Big Picnic" in June 2015. All 3 academies will grow food ready to be harvested and celebrated by students and the community at this event. (we are currently working with the Food for Life Partnership to ensure a Big Picnic is run in our local area.)

This project will run across the 3 Oasis academies in North Bristol (Brightstowe, Long Cross and Bank Leaze).

The aim is that this project will become self-sustaining by selling produce (at affordable prices), seeds and off-shoot plants. The money made from this will then enable the academies to buy further seeds and materials each year to continue the project. The majority of the funds required are one-off start-up costs to enable us to get the project started.

£1,256

Project Agora, Barton Hill Walled Garden - Growing Community Barton Hill

The Barton Hill Walled Garden is a neighbourhood garden in the heart of Barton Hill. The community project promotes a space to learn about and have contact with food growing, nature, wildlife, wood working, creative and healthy eating activities.

Ashley, Easton and Lawrence Hill Neighbourhood Partnership: The Barton Hill Growing Community project is part of a larger neighbourhood garden project at Barton Hill Walled Garden. The Growing Community will promote workshops, which explore inspirational and motivating nature and food related, sustainable and healthy living practices, at the same time as building community health and cohesion. The Growing Community project will be working in direct partnership with existing local partners – the Somali Resource Centre and Wellspring Healthy Living Centre and working closely with NHS Trainers.

£9,102

Rosemary Nursery School and Children's Centre -Time To Grow

We provide 150 free nursery places for two, three and four year old children living in Easton/Lawrence Hill. 30% have additional needs; over 60% of families have sought or are seeking asylum; over 70% are learning English as an additional language.

Ashley, Easton and Lawrence Hill Neighbourhood Partnership: Time to Grow will give residents of St Jude's many of whom are socially and economically disadvantaged and live in overcrowded housing with no access to a flat or garden and not able to own an allotment the opportunity to grow vegetables, herbs and flowers, attend workshops and gain knowledge of how to grow, cook and preserve their own food. The project builds on a previous Local Food project which turned disused overgrown communal beds into places to grow food giving the residents of St Jude's easy access to the project and allowing them to contribute as they feel able to do so. There will be a combination of formal and informal workshops. The more formal, participants will have to book through the Children's Centre and will allow for approximately 10 participants. Informal workshops will be run by local volunteers who have gained a level of expertise from the Local Food project and will take place in the communal areas of the estate overlooked by the flats allowing for those just passing to 'drop in' participants will grow vegetables and herbs both outside and in their own flats and gain an understanding of nutrition through cooking activities. The project will also provide a vital forum for a diverse community bristling with racial tension to share cultural histories and food traditions.

£1,610

Soil Association - Big Picnic

The Soil Association is the lead partner in the Food for Life Partnership (FFLP). The Food for Life Partnership is a network of schools and communities across England committed to transforming food culture.

We will hold a Big Picnic for schools in the locality to celebrate and raise awareness of how school food culture has changed using the Food For Life Partnership and the Bristol Mayoral award programmes. The Big Picnic will provide an opportunity for schools to demonstrate what additional skills and knowledge the young people have gained in food growing and food preparation and provides a platform for sharing school grown produce. In preparing for the Big Picnic we will recruit and engage the support of local volunteers to support the school growing projects. The Big Picnic will be used to excite those schools not yet engaged in growing to recognise the benefits of involving children, young people and their communities in food growing and cooking and the impact that has on creating sustainable healthy eating patterns. The Big picnic will be used as an event to demonstrate how schools have been involved in supporting the work of a sustainable green city. The Big Picnic will be supported by a series of workshops and demonstration stations to engage pupils in growing/cooking. The FFLP is a programme already funded to support school growing programmes. This event will add value to the existing FFLP programme and encourage more schools to recognise the benefits of helping children understand and value of sustainable healthy food.

Bedminster: £2,100

Brislington: £2,200

Cabot, Clifton and Clifton East: £400

Stockwood, Hengrove and Whitchurch: £663

Dundry View: £2,450

St George: £2,100

Southmead Community Association - Grow your own Starter Packs

Southmead Community Association exists to promote the health and wellbeing of the residents of Southmead. We do this by facilitating activities run by others and actively organising activities ourselves.

We plan to produce starter packs for those interested in growing their own vegetables. This will be a pilot project with the hope that it will become a rolling programme, helping residents to take up gardening and specifically grow their own vegetables.

We will also offer to visit homes and till a small piece of land so as to get the person started. For example older people are often put off from growing their own veg because of the initial work of digging a piece of land to work with. With an electric tiller we plan to demonstrate that anyone with the will to begin can grow their own. The pack will consist of a selection of seeds, pots and growing medium together with a Southmead written and produced beginners guide to growing veg.

£310

St Werburghs City Farm Cultivate: Weekend Family Drop-in Activities

St Werburghs City Farm is an inner-city green oasis in Bristol that connects people to their food, the environment and the local community.

Ashley, Easton and Lawrence Hill Neighbourhood Partnership: We are seeking funding to develop and deliver a series of bi-monthly weekend/ evening drop-in workshops for families across the neighbourhood throughout 2015. Activities will be based around the Farm's three core aims of connecting people to:

- the story of their food - improving their knowledge of where food comes from, developing interest in growing and cooking, increasing skills in healthy cooking etc.
- their local environment –improving access of local green spaces, involving them in conservation/maintenance of green spaces, increasing knowledge and interest in wildlife and biodiversity, sustainable development, global citizenship etc.
- a healthy, active community – through opportunities to meet others in the local area getting

The workshops will offer inclusive and fun, family activities which build confidence and trust between the participants and the Farm to encourage them to access the Farm's core services all year round, such as our After-school clubs and Family Cooking courses.

£2,056

The Haven Regeneration

The Haven is a service user led communal garden and relaxation space, open to adults with issues surrounding mental health and/or alcohol and substance misuse. The project has been maintained and developed by its users since 2006.

The Haven has been successfully running since 2006, during this time the project's benefits to the community have grown in scope, requiring us to upgrade our resources. The funding would enable us to replace and update essential tools and equipment to improve upon the havens physical environment for the benefit of all its users. By doing so, will enable the project to continue in its valuable provision. The Haven is open from 10am-5pm, three days a week, with the primary aims to improve well being and enhance recovery through connection to nature and wildlife. We provide a safe, abstinent environment within a supportive, inclusive and non judgmental community. We are open to adults from socially excluded groups most vulnerable to isolation, including those affected by mental health issues, alcohol

and substance misuse, homelessness and complex needs.

As a service user led project it offers the unique opportunity to reduce isolation through engaging in rewarding and meaningful activities alongside other peers.

Working within a peer support environment, that is both inclusive and encourages autonomy, enables the potential for greater confidence, independence and healthier choices. We are committed to giving back to others what we have gained ourselves from engaging with the haven, by passing on skills, knowledge and sharing our time and experience.

£767

The Matthew Tree Project - Foodtures Design

The Matthew Tree Project started in 2010 and since then we have opened 5 Food PLUS Centres in Bristol, including one at the Carmel in Brislington, offering support services to people living in hardship who cannot even afford to feed their families

Greater Brislington Neighbourhood Partnership: Through our work at Food PLUS Centres, it's clear that losing a job, or being unable to find work for more than 6 months is a major cause of food poverty, so TMTP is now launching a new project called FOODTURES to combat worklessness, and the feeling of social isolation that families can experience when no one is in work.

Growing and learning about food and conserving our natural environment is key to our plan so our proposal is to set up a market garden type growing project at The Rock in Brislington, whereby any interested local people can engage in a range of educational short courses to enable people to learn and practice a whole range of ecological, horticultural, and environmental related skills which will encourage people to grow their own food, cook nutritious and tasty meals from scratch at home, waste less food, and enjoy the natural environment around them. We will also develop apprenticeship programs for our clients to help them learn new skills, achieve vocational qualifications and gain good employment.

The project will also aim to clear the litter and polluted material dumped further downhill towards Brislington Brook in order to improve the natural environment and biodiversity and establish a recreational area that residents can enjoy.

£4,000

Wessex Avenue Residents - Lockleaze Community Orchard

We are a group of residents with a shared interest in making the local community better for us all.

Horfield and Lockleaze Neighbourhood Partnership: Some of us live on Wessex Avenue which is a busy road, and we have found by coming together that we have created a sense of community where there was none. We look out for each other and know our neighbours. Many of us have allotments in the fields behind our houses and are interested in growing our own produce and sharing plants/seeds etc. Some of us have also been involved in the Horfield Community Orchard so have seen how rewarding and engaging such a scheme can be. We would like to develop a community orchard along the cycle path between Constable Road and Bonnington Walk. We would encourage the local community – schools and youth groups to become involved by helping to volunteer to create the orchard, then helping with its maintenance and the sharing in the fruits of our labour. Young people could learn about different fruit trees, growing, pruning etc. it is also a free healthy food available to all.

£2,000