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Crowdfunding end of grant report form (1)

Officer: Jane Chuhan

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1. Organisation

Oliver's Battery Parish Council

2. Brief project outline - can be in bullet point format

The Oliver's Battery Recreation Ground is an essential asset for our local community and beyond.

The project outline is to obtain additional resources to improve our beautiful green spaces and invest in solutions that help enhance social community (the Recreation Ground and Oliver Cromwell's Battery are the only green spaces in Oliver's Battery).

3. Please tell us about what progress has been made with your project during the reporting period.

The initial Crowdfunder target was £10,000 and the intention was to raise £4,000 from at least 25 supporters which would be matched by a further £4,000. The balance would come from PC funding.

When it was clear that the target would not be achieved, the "all-or-nothing" option was changed to "keep what you raise". The Crowdfunder money received in total was £3,152.70.

As the crowdfunding would not achieve the £8,000 required to achieve the target of £10,000, some of the lower priority and more expensive items were removed, for example a better marked trail and a proprietary "Friendly Bench". The items retained from the original priorities are picnic tables and more trees.

The picnic tables are large heavy duty versions, suitable for up to 8 people.

All the trees that are planted are British native trees, including a couple will be larger specimen trees. All will be useful for local wildlife and improve biodiversity.

The trees will need to be checked and regularly watered and a group of volunteers, will work on this aspect together. The Handyperson Group will arrange rotas.

Oliver's Battery Primary School Student Councillors and their teachers visited the tree planting and received an excellent commentary from the contractor on how the trees were planted and the children were encouraged to participate.

Cllr Ironside gave a very well received school Assembly on the trees and the importance of watering them after planting. Children were enthusiastic in their involvement with the assembly. The contractor will be invited at some stage to do another assembly about trees.

A new priority was identified, namely improvements at the tennis court - one of the very few free courts in the area. The court is used by a wide range of age groups including parents teaching their children. The first of improvement was a high quality durable net. The PC has also received a quotation for cleaning, repainting the surface to match existing colour scheme and line marking, amounting to £5,743.39 (this can't be undertaken in the winter months).

4. What difference has the project made to your users and the wider community? Please reference current council plan priorities in your answer.

One of the PC's objectives for its few green spaces is to match priorities with funding. This is then the basis of procuring new works.

This project is part of an overall vision to develop the provision at our few green spaces. The demographic is changing in Oliver's Battery and the aim is to enhance the appeal to people of different ages, to help ensure it

becomes a space for the whole community.

We know that the Recreation Ground draws parents and children from all over Winchester, and beyond. We are proud of its reputation and we love the fact it is so accessible.

6. Please provide a detailed update on the activities / outputs you have delivered and the outcomes achieved (as specified in your grant agreement / grant request):





| Project Outputs / Activities | Outcomes Achieved |
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| Improvements to help enhance social community | A wider range of residents will use the green spaces in different ways |
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

3. Project Costings





Please provide a final breakdown of the costs for your project. Please ensure you demonstrate the FULL project cost which was applied for in the original application.





| Item or Activity | Actual total cost (£) |
|-------------------------|------------------------------|
| Trees etc | 1576.95 |
| Water container/trolley | 280.00 |
| Picnic tables etc | 1135.19 |
| Tennis court net | 255.00 |
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

Please provide evidence of the full project cost as requested in your application. You are required to submit invoices or evidence of expenditure demonstrating the full project cost applied for.





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

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If your expenditure differs from the application form, please give an explanation and advise if you requested permission to do so.

See above.

What has your grant achieved?

Please tell us which of the Funding Themes & priorities you have supported through this project (please tick the boxes below)

Funding Theme 1: Dealing with peoples and communities needs

- Isolation
- Low income
- Mental health
- Physical inactivity

Funding theme 2: Striving for positive change

- Sustainability, environmental quality, green technologies

Please tell us about the difference your project has made and describe the benefit to the community and the users involved. Where possible, please reflect our funding themes and priority outcomes within your review (please include any feedback from service users/volunteers/other persons benefiting from the project):

Funding themes and Priority Outcomes - Final.pdf

These improvements to the Recreation Ground, and others planned, bring more residents to use the space in different ways. It is a beautiful spot, the views over the surrounding landscape quite lovely. It's great for just sitting and letting the mind wander, but there is lots of other things to do as well - watch the birds, look at the flowers, hear the wind, take a picnic, take a walk, take a seat, play tennis, or football, play on the MUGA or play on the play equipment, whatever takes your fancy. Fly a kite or just run about in the open and in the fresh air. The Recreation Ground is free to use, so caters for people of all incomes.

The open air and range of facilities bring people to gether to help combat isolation and mental health issues and encourage a range of gentle and inclusive activity.

The new native trees has enhanced the biodiversity and environmental quality of the area, which is close to the Yew Hill Butterfly Reserve, and has also proved popular with our youngest residents.

Details of all relevant permissions obtained (licences, planning, building control etc) including reference numbers:

Not applicable.

Feedback on how the grants procedure worked:


The whole process is quite time consuming especially for small PCs but the WCC staff have been very helpful.


Any additional comments/observations. We welcome any photographs, quotations or case studies about your project.


The PC will build on these improvements with further projects as and when funding is available.

Any additional comments/observations - documents/photos that you feel you would like to add to this end of grant report


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7. How many people directly benefited from this grant?

500

Signature

David Kirkby

Position in Organisation

Chair

Date

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