

Town Council Grant Scheme

Application form

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Address	Mirfield Community Centre Water Royd Lane Mirfield WF14 9SG
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Provide a detailed description of the project and who will benefit from it	<p>Mirfield Community Trust (MCT) owns land known as the Gilder Hall land bordered by Greenside Road, Pumphouse Lane and Wellhouse Lane. The land was formerly owned by Kirklees Council who let it run to disrepair and then transferred it to MCT in 2008. This land is currently used by Norristhorpe Junior Football Club for their younger age group teams. The land is also well used by local residents for exercise, dog walking etc. Bordering the land at the bottom end of Pumphouse Lane is an old wall. We have been made aware that the wall is in poor condition. At one end it is some 4 metres high and has large holes where the mortar is missing. More seriously, the lower length of wall is being pushed out by the weight of earth and growth of a large tree. We have been advised that the tree needs to be removed and that the lower wall is in danger of imminent collapse. This presents a remote but potential risk of injury and would also cause disruption for residents. Emergency repairs are required and these have been organised to be carried out as soon as possible, on Friday 4th December 2020. The tree will need to be removed by a tree surgeon with a building contractor in attendance in case of damage to the wall. The building contractor will then need to move earth from behind the wall, take the wall down, and build a secure retaining wall to the current lower height.</p> <p>MCT currently gets no net income from the land – the junior</p>

	<p>football club pays a small amount each year sufficient to cover the cost of grass cutting.</p> <p>In recent years, MCT has paid over £4,000 for tree cutting, has organised volunteers annually to maintain the wooded area and remove ivy from boundary walls. The work outlined above will cost over £6,000. It is clear that this is not sustainable without support. Potentially, we may have to sell the land for development which would be to the detriment of local residents and loss of a youth sports facility. With support we can justify retaining the land and look to ways of maintaining it sustainably while retaining local benefit.</p> <p>The main focus of MCT activities is around Mirfield Community Centre which needs significant investment (see development plan). Without grant support, the unexpected costs of repairs to this wall would have to come from MCT reserves and this would impact on development of the Community Centre.</p> <p>Accordingly, beneficiaries of the funding would be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local residents who enjoy use of the land • Norristhorpe Junior Football Club • Other potential users of the land • Indirectly, users and potential users of Mirfield Community Centre 								
Say how you know there is a need for your project	Advice from expert contractors on the state of the tree and the wall.								
What are the full costs of the project (including VAT if applicable)	<table border="0" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td style="width: 80%;">Removal of tree</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£ 600.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Works to the wall</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£5,700.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Contingency (20%)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£1,140.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Total</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£7,440.00</td> </tr> </table>	Removal of tree	£ 600.00	Works to the wall	£5,700.00	Contingency (20%)	£1,140.00	Total	£7,440.00
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Where is other funding from the project to come from? (Tell us the funder and the amount you expect from them)	<table border="0" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td style="width: 80%;">Funder MCT reserves.....</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£1,140</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Funder</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£.....</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Funder</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£.....</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Funder</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£.....</td> </tr> </table>	Funder MCT reserves.....	£1,140	Funder	£.....	Funder	£.....	Funder	£.....
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Please tell us the stage at which your other applications are at, ie just	N/a								

applied, awaiting outcome of application or funding confirmed.	
What contribution to these costs would you like from the town council?	£ 6,300.....
Is this contribution for a specific element of the project?	Full costs of the works (MCT will cover any contingency).
What is the structure of your organisation?	Informal group <input type="checkbox"/> Registered charity <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/> Please give details below

Supporting information checklist

Where relevant please ensure that the following documents are submitted with your application (accounts and bank statements must always be submitted).

	Tick to confirm enclosure
Group constitution or set of rules	√
Copy of the most recent/audited accounts	√
Evidence of planning permission (if necessary)	N/a
Quotes for capital items and works over £500	√
Three most recent bank account statements	√
Twelve month forward plan: activities and finance (applications £5,000 and under)	
Business plan for the next three years (applications over £5,000)	√
Evidence of Public Liability Insurance for the event	N/a

Please return to:

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