



Support and Funding Opportunities

We are often asked about possible funding sources and support for Adopt-A-Garden schemes. We can assist with finding funding and with writing the grant applications through our tailored *Support Packages*.

Support

The first ports of call should be your local Parish Council, Borough or County Council. They generally have a desire to encourage 'community cohesion' - and this scheme potentially can help achieve that goal. Gaining the interest of councillors and officers at the local councils is a good move.

Contacting local offices of national organisations such as Age Concern and Anchor Staying Put can also be a good move. They might help provide funding or at least provide letters of support and guidance.

Local organisations with an interest in the needs of elderly and disabled people should be encouraged to get involved - again it may be that they will write a letter of support.

Allotment societies and gardening clubs may also be interested in supporting and promoting the scheme. Bear in mind that you will be inundated with offers of gardens – so gardeners are very important if this scheme is to work.

Details of voluntary and community groups can be found in local libraries, from your Community Council or Borough Council.

Grants

Generally speaking grants are only available to formal groups who have a constitution. The choice is using an existing gardening club or a parish council or setting up 'Ambridge Adopt-A-Garden scheme' – which we can assist with. Your local council or NHS PCT might be able to provide some funding. Sponsorship from a local garden centre or other businesses is another possibility.

Below is a list of possible funding sources.

www.communityfoundations.org.uk for Grassroots grants and others.

Charitable Trusts can fund projects which help the environment/community
www.esmeefairbairn.org.uk Sainsbury Family: www.sfct.org.uk

There is a search engine at www.lotteryfunding.org.uk which will help you find the most appropriate fund.

One in particular is, www.awardsforall.org.uk

The Big Lottery can fund larger projects - www.biglotteryfund.org.uk

Search engines for grants...

www.grantfinder.co.uk

www.grantsnet.co.uk

www.grantnet.com



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