



**Natural Kirklees Small Grant Scheme 2023**

**Application Form**

<b>Name of Group</b>	Environmental Projects in Kirklees (EPIKS)
<b>Location of Green Space</b>	Aspley Riverside HD1 3BS and Snow Island, Huddersfield, HD1 3RU
<b>Contact Name</b>	Ali Stopher
<b>Contact Phone</b>	██████████
<b>Email Address</b>	██████████
<b>Project Title</b>	Wildflowers of the River Colne
<b>Project Description</b> <b>Max 100 words</b>	<p>EPIKS has been developing a Riverside Nature Park in Huddersfield for the past two years so that people can get close to the River Colne and enjoy wildlife near the town centre. Since 2021 we have completed 350 hours of volunteer activity from our regular volunteer group, Huddersfield University and Kirklees College students. We have cleared rank vegetation, litter and invasive species; upgraded and created new paths and rescued a meadow from buddleia encroachment.</p> <p>This grant will help to increase the number of wildflowers at Snow Island and Aspley riverside, provide education and awareness and increase visitor footfall.</p>
<b><u>Grant Value £</u></b>	£750
<b><u>Costings</u></b> <b><u>(please provide full cost analysis and /or estimates</u></b>  <small>Provide a separate email if insufficient space</small>	<p>Three days of staff planning, volunteer coordination, guided walk leader, practical work, tools, transport, equipment and safe working practice.</p> <p>Includes comms campaign around wildflowers and advertising</p> <p>3 days @£200per day = £600</p> <p>Purchase of cordless strimmer £150</p>

<b><u>Kirklees Volunteer Coordinator</u></b>	Gill Logan
<b><u>Project End Date</u></b>	November 2023
<b><u>No of Volunteers involved</u></b>	50
<b><u>Anticipated Volunteers Hours</u></b>	100

**Please detail the benefits as appropriate**

- What actual improvements or benefits will the project make to the green space and to the general community.

<b><u>What benefit will the project bring to the park or green space?</u></b>	<p>This grant funding will give us a chance to focus on improving the diversity of wildflowers, making sites more attractive and increasing visitor footfall at Snow Island and Aspley Riverside.</p> <p><b>We will work with new and existing volunteers</b> to carry out the following practical tasks:</p> <p>Cutting and weeding a 300m<sup>2</sup> wildflower meadow</p> <p>Removing invasive species like Himalayan balsam and buddleia</p> <p>Saving seeds from the meadow and riverbanks for reseeded elsewhere</p> <p>Managing vegetation to protect a population of rare wild daffodils</p> <p>Moving and splitting marsh marigolds</p> <p><b>We will provide education</b> about our threatened wildflowers and attract new visitors by:</p> <p>Running a guided walk/ talk on the wildflowers of the river Colne.</p> <p>Provide an accompanying social media campaign to raise awareness of the importance of protecting and enhancing wildflowers in our urban greenspaces and river banks. Estimated reach 5,000 people.</p>
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- Will this project which involves planting trees /flowers, improving/creating habitats etc.

<p><b><u>What, if any, benefit will the project bring in terms of addressing Climate Change</u></b></p>	<p>Native wildflowers and the insects and mammals they support are under threat in this area from litter, rank vegetation and invasive species. Changes in more extreme weather events such as hot, dry summers and heavier rainfall and flooding from climate change mean that our work to protect and manage this biodiversity is even more pressing than ever.</p>
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<p><b><u>Please print your name and date on the understanding you are signing the form</u></b></p>	<p>Ali Stopher 31 March 2023</p>
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- The 2023 small grant will run on the same lines as last year. The terms and conditions are as posted on our web site which can be viewed [here](#).
- The trustees are keen to assist the existing and newly formed villages “In Bloom” groups but all full members of Natural Kirklees are invited to apply for a grant providing the project benefits the park or green space within Kirklees.
- If the total value of grant applications exceeds the allotted budget for the scheme, grants will be awarded giving priority to, what in the Trustees opinion, will provide the greatest benefit to the community. Priority will also be given to new applicants, although this does not preclude groups who have previously received awards from being successful.