



Natural Kirklees Small Grant Scheme 2023

Application Form

Name of Group	Friends of Cliffe House
Location of Green Space	Grounds in Cliffe House 140 Lane Head Road Shepley HD88DB
Contact Name	John Cowan
Contact Phone	██████████
Email Address	██
Project Title	Top Pond Liner
Project Description Max 100 words	<p>The Woodland Volunteer team have done a fantastic job developing and repairing the pond in the upper section of the grounds. The top pond has now been cleared and is awaiting a replacement liner. The summer would be perfect to get this in place to allow for winter to refill the ponds. The cost for the new liner would be around £1,200.</p> <p>The Top Pond is part of an Ephemeral Pond System. It is an important part of the system that needs to be improved.</p>
<u>Grant Value £</u>	£750
<u>Costings</u> <u>(please provide full cost analysis and /or estimates</u>	<p>The Estimate for the cost of a suitable Liner is £1.200.</p> <p>The Woodland Volunteer team will install the liner so there are no labour costs. The balance of costs above the Grant limit will be found from other source. This will be discussed by the Friends of Cliffe House at our next Committee meeting.</p> <p>The material of the Pond Liner will be Butyl as already used and Co funded by Friends of Cliffe in the second Pond.</p>
Provide a separate email if insufficient space	

<u>Kirklees Volunteer Coordinator</u>	Rob Kersey
<u>Project End Date</u>	Mid/Late Summer (by deadline date for sure).
<u>No of Volunteers involved</u>	13
<u>Anticipated Volunteers Hours</u>	468

Please detail the benefits as appropriate

<p><u>What benefit will the project bring to the park or green space?</u></p>	<p>Cliffe House, as an Outdoor Study and Conference Centre, provides an amazing opportunity to add to the education experience to children attending schools in Kirklees. (A very wide and diverse ethnic and background area). There are approximately 5,000 children attending the residential courses per year. In addition, during school holidays another 2,000 children (approx) attend a variety of activities laid on by the staff at Cliffe House. The project brings back to life the Top Pond that ensures the diverse types of outdoor activities provided to the children are maximised. It is not only children who benefit but many adults too who visit Cliffe House. Many parents, for example, join in when adventure trails are held as part of school holiday activities. There are other visitors to the House that often go round the other parts of the grounds and will see this as that the project develops. A recent addition to the grounds was a Community Orchard. That has become a way that those that have lost ones can have a dedication to them by 'adopting' a tree. We know some also walk around the rest of the grounds in their time of remembrance having visited their tree. They know the whole grounds remembers those loved ones in their time. So touching.</p>
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<p><u>What, if any, benefit will the project bring in terms of addressing Climate Change</u></p>	<p>Ponds are good for biodiversity and climate change. Ponds can absorb more carbon than woodland. They can be taken for granted. A British naturalist is quoted as saying 'a field particularly suited to the activities of the amateur, whose humble pond-hunting, is carried out systematically and carefully, may well result in valuable contributions to science'. Ponds are like having a carbon sink in your backyard. A healthy Pond that retains water for as long as possible contributes to absorbing carbon.</p>
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	<p>Ponds may seem a tiny part of the Climate change strategy but that is a sad omission as we need all ways to be included. Ponds are very much part of the overall Eco system and the Woodland volunteers together with the experienced Cliffe House Outdoor staff will monitor the pH and kH levels to keep them within guidelines.</p> <p>It is already a habitat for Pond life and other animals that need water to drink.</p>
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<p><u>Please print your name and date on the understanding you are signing the form</u></p>	<p>John Cowan 31/03/2023</p>
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