

SHIPLEY TOWN COUNCIL GREEN GRANT APPLICATION FORM

Mission Statement:

“To provide grants to people and organisations for purposes that further the [recommendations](#) made by the Citizens’ Jury and contained in Shipley Town Council’s [Climate Action Plan](#) (Transport, Housing, Education and Nature) to benefit, improve and support the environment and residents in Shipley (parish boundary)”

Name of applicant: Saltaire Primary School (Eco Club)

Tell us about yourselves and/or what your organisation was set up to do:

We are an Eco Club, which is a child-led group of thirteen children with four adults who work throughout the year with our school community (our slogan is ECO Everyone Can help Our planet) to promote environmental issues – three in particular are our focus this year – Biodiversity, Global Citizenship and Litter (this changes every year).

What is your idea (that you are applying for these funds for)?

We would like the Green Grant funds to create an outdoor zone in an area of our school grounds which will be used to establish a variety of plants to attract pollinators and encourage wildlife. We intend to add all weather paths to this area so that the 3 existing flower beds can be accessed throughout the year by the children. Another idea is to have a polytunnel so that the outdoor activities can continue in all weathers. Different year groups will use this zone and link it to curriculum intents for example:

- Reception will use the zone in Autumn to observe changes to plants and then in the Spring Term to identify and name plants.
- Year one will use the zone to find out about different parts of plants. They will learn about planting seeds (this could be done physically in the classroom or in the polytunnel and then be grown on in the flowerbeds to encourage more wildlife.)
- Year 2 and Year 3 plan to plant bulbs and seeds. They too will be growing their own plants and exploring what requirements are needed for a plant to grow.
- Year 4’s main topic in the Autumn Term is Rainforests and how changing habitats are impacting on plant survival. They will explore how plants can be grouped into flowering and non flowering plants.

There will be new signs created to be added to the zone, which will inform visitors, parents and carers about the zone with child friendly designs which link with other signage around the school.

Which element(s) of Shipley's [Climate Action Plan](#) does your idea address?

Our main aim at Saltaire Primary school is to provide a balanced curriculum and extra curriculum for children of all abilities. This project will concentrate on the education, nature and climate elements of Shipley's Plan. The different Year groups in the school will be learning about all three elements of the Plan by being involved in the outdoor zone developing their understanding of the curriculum intents e.g. Reception will learn about how plants change through the seasons. As such this will provide a first class educational resource to meet the aims of Shipley's Climate Action Plan . All those involved will be first hand participants in the outdoor zone planting, watering, measuring, weeding, pruning, improving the quality of the zone and observing the pollinators enjoying the zone. The work of the school community will improve the biodiversity of the site and enhance the ecosystem within the Shipley area.

How will Shipley benefit from carrying out your idea?

Shipley will benefit from this idea as we intend to network with other local schools in the area and Shipley College and invite them to see what we are doing and encourage them to do the same. We intend to seek help and advice from those at Shipley College about establishing and using a polytunnel. One particular school which is a great example of a natural learning environment is Wycliffe School who have an amazing edible garden. We also intend to network with Shipley in Bloom to share ideas about the best plants to attract the pollinators. We will also continue to network with the Hirstwood Regeneration Project to share ideas - we as an eco club have already provided them with spring bulbs of which we had an excess.

How will you measure that you have successfully achieved what you plan to do?

We will measure the success of this idea by keeping a photographic diary of what the outdoor zone looks like currently (at the start of the project). The diary will show the development of the zone throughout the year showing how it is used by different groups of children and the growth of the seedlings and the plants. We will carry out a full assessment of the project in each of the Year groups who are involved by providing opportunities for the children to describe what they have learnt and also to give them a chance to record their findings through written or pictorial media. We will then make a thorough evaluation of the plan in a written and photographic form. Another idea we have is to share the progress we are making with the project by using social media.

How much funding are you seeking from STC? (maximum £2000): £1,500

Total Cost of Project: £2,500 with match funding from Friends of Saltaire Primary School

Source of balance of funds:

In order to save funds we will have a parent/carers group of volunteers to help to create the outdoor zone.

The Friends of Saltaire Primary School intend to match fund our costs.

Please include a breakdown of costs:

Plants and compost - £500

Signage/ educational resources - £500

All weather paths, paving - £120

Polytunnel - £388

and any estimated income (including other grants, admission charges, fund-raising, subscriptions and similar) for this project:

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Referees:

Please give the name and contact details for two referees who we can contact

1. **Mr. Rob Whitehead - head teacher Saltaire Primary School**
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2. **Mr. Chris Evans- deputy head teacher Saltaire Primary School**
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The address for both referees is as above.

Please sign and date to confirm you have read and agree with the
Criteria and Notes for Applicants

Signature of Applicant: KSayers

Date: 05.01.2024

Applications should only be made on this form, which should be returned by Royal Mail or
electronic mail **by midnight on Friday 5 January 2024** to:

**The Town Clerk
Shipley Town Council
Town Hall, Kirkgate, Shipley BD18 3EJ**

E-mail: deputyclerk@shipleytowncouncil.gov.uk