

The Edinburgh Community Climate Fund

(1a) Organisation/group name:

Friends of Thornybauk in partnership with Wheatley Homes East

(1b) Project name: Growing Together for a Net-Zero Future**(2) Tell us about your organisation / group (what do you do?) (150 words maximum)**

Wheatley Homes East (Formerly Dunedin Canmore) is a housing association -Wheatley Homes East. Scottish Charity No. SC034572. Registered under the Co-operative and Community Benefit Societies Act 2014 – 1823R(S) 8 New Mart Road, Edinburgh, EH14 1RL. WHE is actively supporting this initiative with match funding, organisational support and can ensure sound financial management with all grant being reserved for the project

Friends of Thornybauk (Community Garden at Thornybauk, Fountainbridge EH3 9PX) formed as a prototype in 2022. Engaged with a majority of the 21 residents to grow small salad vegetables, herbs and hardy, perennial flowering plants.

(3a) Please select the fund criteria which your project relates to (Select all that apply)

- ☒ Create opportunities for community leadership and learning on climate change
- ☒ Reduce greenhouse gas emissions within communities and contribute to the net-zero target for Edinburgh
- ☒ Generate sustainable projects for the benefit of local people to build resilience or adapt to climate change within communities
- ☒ Build relationships between neighbourhoods of different socio-economic and ethnic backgrounds to work together on just, equitable and accessible climate and resilience activities contributing to the cities net zero agenda, also ensuring that activities work towards reducing or removing barriers for disabled people in the transition to net zero.

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(3b) Tell us about the project you would use the money for. (500 words maximum)

We want to establish a Community Garden and an apple orchard to help reduce greenhouse gas emissions and increase awareness of how communities can contribute to net-zero across the Edinburgh Council area.

Our project would involve communities in Slateford Green and Gorgie Park Close with many volunteers in growing salads, small vegetable crops and using novelty approaches like 'tattie bags' to get everyone involved. The project will pull two and more resident communities together helping to create social cohesion and involvement of different age ranges, ethnic and cultural backgrounds in ways that improve health and wellbeing as well as helping achieve net zero for Edinburgh.

Our garden project will be driven and led by resident enthusiasts within the local community who we will help to form into a Neighbourhood Friends of group based on our successful Thornybauk garden project.

The money received from the ECCF would provide for:

Repair and renovation of existing raised beds

Provision of new raised beds

Peat-free enriched soil from Caledonian Horticulture

Purchase of hardy, perennial flowering plants, chosen for their insect-friendly (bees, butterflies etc) pollinating flowers.

Garden tools (trowels, forks, secateurs etc) and related items – canes, wooden stakes, labels etc.

Vegetable seeds and annual flower seeds

Poly greenhouse

Secure storage box

A round, wooden garden table for residents to sit and enjoy their work, the floral displays and the hard work of the bees and butterflies. Bird feeders filled with nuts and seeds will hang from the orchard trees.

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(4) Describe your project in no more than 30 words (this will be used for publicity) This project will provide a Community Garden and Orchard, growing plants and trees, which will absorb carbon dioxide from the atmosphere, an output of oxygen and deliver Net Zero emissions.

(5a) Who do you hope will benefit from this project?

The people that will benefit directly are all of the residents of the two Wheatley communities. Those that wish to gain new gardening skills will be encouraged and further afield their messages will be told to other communities to encourage them to repeat the success outside their homes. Keep Scotland Beautiful will provide advice on Climate Change issues.

(5b) Is your group open to all?

☒ Yes

☐ No

If no, please explain:

(5c) Will the project have a positive impact on any of the following protected characteristics?

☒ Disability

☐ Marriage
or civil
partnership

☐ Pregnancy
and
maternity

☐ Race

☐ Sex

☒ Age

☐ Sexual
orientation

☐ Religion or
belief

☐ Gender
reassignment

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(6) Where will the project be delivered?

**The project will be delivered at Gorgie Park Close, Slateford
Edinburgh EH14 1NQ**

**(7) Project start date: 01.03.23
Project end date: 31.12.23**

**(8) How many people do you hope
will benefit from your project?
Directly 162 people
Indirectly – many more**

(9) Is anyone else working with you on the project?

☒ **Yes**

☐ **No**

If yes, please tell us about this:

Advisors and specialist volunteers:

Royal Caledonian Horticultural Society ("The Caley", based at Saughton Park)

Friends of Saughton Park

Keep Scotland Beautiful – Britain in Bloom – lead J. Camburn

Royal Horticultural Society – Community Outreach Officer – M. Menzies

Thatchers Community Orchard advisors

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(10) Do you require permission from anyone or any additional insurance to carry out your project?

☐ Yes

☒ No

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| (11) Please outline a breakdown of the cost of delivering this project (including VAT). | | (12) Do you have additional funding or income from charges which will contribute to this project? If yes, please detail below | |
| Goods/Equipment/Time etc | £ | Source | £ |
| Raised beds | 5300 | Wheatley admin | 250 |
| Soil | 600 | Volunteers labour | 500 |
| Round Garden Table | 700 | | |
| Plant supplies, seeds etc | 450 | | |
| Tools, ancillary equipment | 550 | | |
| Total Expenditure | 7600 | Total income | 750 |

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