



GRANT APPLICATION FORM

**For Applications for the Financial Year
April 1st 2021 – March 31st 2022**

Part 1: Your Details

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Root-and-Branch Out CIC

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If you are applying on behalf of a community or voluntary group, please give its name and address

Growers Row Shared Garden, Rutland Showground. Oakham

Part 2: A Description of your idea

What do you want to do?

We are a social enterprise who run various community projects for all around nature, food and the environment - nurturing the community through nature.

We have a 1.5 acre community garden based at The Rutland Showground where we host volunteering days and workshops to manage the growing and caring for the garden and community who spend time with us.

We plan to extend the days we operate from just a Wednesday to a weekend as well to encourage more people to utilise the space. This entails a cost for a coordinator for the day and some resource costs. We would also like to purchase some specialist tools to enable access for all our volunteers and also child sized tools.

Part 3: Your Community

Who would benefit from your project?

Rutland community volunteers
People of all ages and abilities.
Home educated children and families.
Adults with learning difficulties
People who need support with their Mental Health
Potential refugee support
Other organisations eg, Rutland Rotaract, Rutland Out of Hours,
Oakham School
Local schools and nurseries.
Rutland Agricultural Society
Local art classes

What difference will your project make?

Our shared garden is a place that people can come to have a friendly chat and a cup of tea and get involved with gardening. We grow vegetables, fruit and flowers which all have a purpose. We share our harvests and if there is a surplus, we take it to our Community Fridges in Oakham and Uppingham, to share among our customers.

We host a weekly volunteer session which connects people to their local environment and community. We grow produce that we can later use in workshops ie Calendula flowers for salve making, to build learning, purpose and skills.

Having a shared garden means that people who are unable to have their own allotment or growing space can access a community garden where people work together for common good.

Our shared garden promotes Community and Nature connection.
Being a green space, open to all, means that networks amongst people are developed and a sense of ownership is fostered to consider sustainability for people and place.

Part 4: Monitoring

How will you monitor the project once it has started?

We record numbers of volunteers for each session.
We record seeds and plants that are put in the ground.
We weigh our harvest.
We have a weekly blog with photos to see progress.
<https://www.rootandbranchout.co.uk/growers-row.html>

We have regular testimonials from participants.

Part 5: Funding

What is the total cost of your project? (Please remember to enclose two quotes if applicable)

£6,500 per year

How much money are you applying for?

£2,000

Have you applied for funding from anywhere else? Please give details

Currently funded by Awards for All till November 2021, we plan to apply to other funders to support the project.

Please give an approximate breakdown, if applicable, of how you expect to spend the money:

Co-ordinator cost	per day £50 2 days per week	£5,000.00
Seeds		£75.00
Compost		£75.00
Bulbs, plants		£150.00
Tools		£350.00
Marketing, Admin		£850.00
		£6,500.00

If your application is unsuccessful, are funds available to ensure your project goes ahead? If yes, please give details:

We will make sure the project keeps running by utilising all our existing contacts. Funding will ensure sustainability of the project for the long term.

Signature: Alex Wilby & Claire Crowley

Date: 31st August 2021

Note: Please remember to supply the most recent set of accounts, if applicable, of your organisation.

Please return this form to: Town Clerk
Oakham Town Council
ROL House
Long Row
Oakham
Rutland
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