



APPLICATION FOR FINANCIAL SUPPORT FROM CROXLEY GREEN PARISH COUNCIL

Grant Criteria

1. Applications for Grants will only be considered from local Community Groups with a majority of members having a bona fide address within the Parish
or
from individuals with a permanent address within the Parish.
2. Only one Grant Application from a particular organisation or individual will be considered during the Council's financial year.
3. Grants will be made to assist the founding of local community groups or to provide temporary assistance for their continuing viability. Repeated grants to the same group or individual should not be expected.
4. Grants will be confined to local groups providing social, cultural, educational, recreational or sporting activities for the local community, or newly formed groups for these purposes
or
in the case of individuals undertaking an activity for the benefit of the local community.
5. Applications must be made on the prescribed form, signed by the person applying and authorised by the signature of an officer of the group.
6. All valid Grant Applications will be considered on their merits.
7. The Council reserves the right to inspect, view or otherwise satisfy themselves that the Grant has been dispersed in accordance with the details provided.

Notes

Please ensure that all sections of this application are fully completed. It is important to be concise and your responses must be on the form. Attach separate documents where applicable.

Data Protection. Any information entered onto this application form may be stored and held in accordance with the Data Protection Act and used by Croxley Green Parish Council.

If you have any questions please contact The Clerk on either 01923 710250 or via e-mail at info@croxleygreen-pc.gov.uk

Croxley Green Parish Council indicates that submission of this form does not guarantee that funds will be made available. Decisions are made on an individual basis irrespective of other application grants that may have been requested.

SECTION A: ABOUT YOU

A1	Name of Organisation	Friends of Croxley Common Moor
A2	Name of Contact Person	Fabian Hiscock
A3	Address of Organisation or Address of Contact Person	101 Byewaters Watford
	Postcode	WD18 8WH
A4	Telephone Number	Daytime 01923 245407 Evening 01923 245407
A5	Fax Number	
A6	E-mail address	fabianhiscock@virginmedia.com
A7	What is the status of your organisation? – Please tick heading	
	Registered Charity (please give number)	Charity No.
	Voluntary or Community Organisation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Housing Association	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Unregistered Association	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Other (please state)	
A8	What is the purpose of your Organisation?	To provide an effective local body which will help provide protection to this SSSI under the umbrella of the CMS and TRDC. FCCM carries out practical conservation work, and other tasks to benefit the moor in any way possible, in order to implement the Management Plan.
A9	Does your Organisation have a formal constitution?	Yes (Statement of Organisation)
A10	Has your organisation started up in the last year?	No
A11	Approximately how long has your organisation been in existence?	20 years
A12	Are you affiliated to a National Body?	Yes
	If Yes state which one(s)	Through CMS, to The Conservation Volunteers
A13	Which geographical area will you be working in? – Please tick heading	
	All of Croxley Green	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Dickinsons Ward	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Durrants Ward	<input type="checkbox"/>

SECTION B: APPLICATIONS FOR FUNDS

B1 How much are you applying for? £400

B2 What is the total cost of your project £950 (£800 bench cost, £100 collection cost, £50 allowed for fittings and fixing)

(use a separate sheet of paper if necessary)

B3 What do you aim to achieve with this funding?

We aim to provide a bench for pedestrian users of the Common Moor to rest. It will be designed, made and located so as to honour the late David Wynne Jones, a founder member of the Friends and very prominent local figure much devoted to wildlife conservation.

B4 Are you matching this request for funding in any way?

Yes. David's family has contributed £500 from donations after this funeral, an undefined but small contribution is expected from TRDC, and any balance will be found from the Friends.

B5 How many people are involved in your project? About 15

B6 Are the majority of your regular participants drawn from the Croxley Green area? Yes

B7 Who is the project aimed at assisting? – Please tick categories

Babies (0-3 years)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Children (3-7)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Young Persons (7-13)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Teenagers (13-18)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Parents	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Single Mothers/Fathers	<input type="checkbox"/>
Elderly	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Unemployed	<input type="checkbox"/>
Neighbourhood Group	<input type="checkbox"/>	Specific ethnic groups	<input type="checkbox"/>

Other (Please give details) Any walker on the Moor desiring to sit down!

B8 Do you or will you receive funding from any other source? – Please specify source and amount

Source	Amount
TRDC	£500 pa

B9 Will your project work in partnership with any other community, statutory or voluntary organisations? – Please specify

The Countryside Management Service oversees our work and provides links with other voluntary groups. Other groups (for example) contribute to our clearance work from time to time, and various community groups participate in Moor activities: for example, the boys of Haberdashers Aske's Boys School regularly come, and during 2017 the Rickmansworth Sea Scouts and the Northwood & Pinner Liberal Synagogue both took part.

B10 What is the total income and expenditure of your organisation?

Income	£500	Expenditure	£500
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B11 Who controls the bank account and who authorises expenditure?

The bank account is controlled by our Treasurer, with expenditure authorised by the Committee on a two-signature basis.

B12 Please attach a copy of your most recent accounts OR projected cash flow if no accounts exist.

B13 Please attach a copy of your constitution

B14 What authority do you have to submit this application? See Para 4 of Minutes (Oct 2017).
Please provide a copy of (Minute?) giving you authority to make application.

Declaration

I declare that I have checked the information on this form and I believe it to be correct.

Signature _____

Print Name Fabian Hiscock

Date _____

Please return the completed form to:

The Clerk
Croxley Green Parish Council
Council Offices
Community Way
Croxley Green
Rickmansworth
Herts
WD3 3SU

Friends of Croxley Common Moor



FRIENDS OF CROXLEY COMMON MOOR
MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING
THREE RIVERS HOUSE, 1 PM FRIDAY 18 OCTOBER 2017

ABBREVIATIONS:

CCM = Croxley Common Moor, CGPC = Croxley Green Parish Council,
CMS = Countryside Management Service, FCCM = Friends of Croxley Common Moor,
HCC = Hertfordshire County Council, HLS = Higher Level Stewardship,
MP = Management Plan, NE = Natural England,
RSPB = Royal Society for the Protection of Birds,
SSSI = Site of Special Scientific Interest, TRDC = Three Rivers District Council,
TCV = Trust for Conservation Volunteers

PRESENT: Fabian Hiscock (chairing), Graham Everett (taking minutes), Heidi Hutton (CMS), Kay Fitzgerald (TRDC), Graham Clark, Ian Ward

1) APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE - John Watton

2) MINUTES OF LAST MEETING -Agreed

3) FINANCE

No report, in John's absence. (It subsequently transpired that Graham had overlooked the report previously e-mailed by John.)

4) USE OF DONATIONS IN MEMORY OF DAVID

Graham E: Total of £500 donated. Previous e-mail correspondence favoured using this for a birds interpretation board or, failing that, a bench decorated with a bird theme.

Fabian: Recognised the contribution made by David to creating and promoting the FCCM. Has confirmed that CGPC intends to refurbish existing bird boxes on the Moor, but thinks it may be willing to supplement the amount donated.

Heidi: Has serious reservations about a birds interpretation board as:

- a) the Moor's primary importance is for its flora
- b) Access Plan already includes two flora interpretation boards
- c) £1500-£2000 for an interpretation board is well over the amount collected
- d) even £500 would only cover a basic bench
- e) she may be able to contribute the amount allowed for a bench in the Access Plan.

Agreed:

to pursue the bench option;

bench to be located away from the main path, as it is more likely to attract litter there;



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Graham to ask Ann Wynne-Jones whether she has any preference for location.

5) RAGWORT

Graham E: Peter Paine, a regular Moor dog walker, has strongly criticised amount of Ragwort this year, especially along Business Park boundary where Blackthorn was removed in winter 2015/16. 2017 has been a bad year for Ragwort, both in various parts of the Moor and on other sites.

Heidi: Has discussed with NE, which would approve of a glyphosate "weed wipe" next year. However this would necessitate the undesirable temporary removal of the cattle, to avoid them eating the dead Ragwort. NE prefers glyphosate to citronella, as latter is an insect repellent.

Agreed: better to employ contractor to spray Ragwort rosettes with glyphosate during winter, if funding can be found (Maidencroft has quoted £250 for one day's work).

6) CATTLE

Kay: The cattle will stay till end of October, possibly till November. TRDC will continue with new grazier, who next year will increase number of cattle to 40 (60 is maximum permitted by NE).

Graham E: Cattle have recently been crossing river, once as far as the canal, which they seem to do when food supply diminishes.

7) MANAGEMENT PLAN PROGRESS

a) Kay/Heidi: NE wants more work done. It may pay for contractor work not previously targeted in current plan.

Fabian: More useful for contractor to work in further wetter area, which has disadvantages for volunteers.

b) Heidi: CMS party will complete removal of Blackthorn from the area 6 hollows, and Brambles from the large enclosure, when it returns with a mower in January.

c) Heidi: The only remaining work needed on Blackthorn thicket where FCCM work started this season is removing outer side of John's "tunnel", and tidying up side where Cadets worked.

d) Fabian: Concerned about small number of volunteers in September and October.
Action: Graham C to publicise through the "We are WD3" website, and Kay to publicise through "Three Rivers Times".

e) Graham C: Queried large amount of scrub in south east corner.

Kay: One-third mowing did take place this year. NE happy with present approach, except that it would prefer removal of "arisings", for which no funding is available.



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8) ACCESS & INTERPRETATION REPORT ADDRESS

- a) Heidi: Judy Raymond (HCC) is actively pursuing river bridge repair, and has obtained authorisation for path closure. As authorisation lasts six months, and funding is only available till March, the work would be completed before the busiest time of year for visitors. Engineer has recommended total replacement by a "kit" bridge. Work would take around one week. HCC would publicise an alternative path route during bridge closure.
Graham E: If possible, it would be helpful to schedule bridge work between our volunteer session dates.
- b) Heidi: As bridge cost has risen, Judy Raymond may no longer be able to finance surfacing of a fan around that entrance, and the main path for 20 metres from there.
- c) Heidi: Spoke with Lee Rogers of ISG in May, but he did not maintain contact.
- d) Heidi: Groundwork thinks a further funding application to Tarmac would be worthwhile, so she will reapply in January. We can try other funding routes discussed at previous meeting if Tarmac refuses again.
Fabian: Tortuous grant application process is disproportionate for small groups like ours.
Action: Graham E to ask whether any of our supporters has experience of funding applications.

9) CROXLEY REVELS

- Graham: John has suggested producing a roller banner to describe and promote our volunteer sessions.
Kay: Would cost around £100, including design work.
Agreed: worth financing, as it could also be used in library displays etc; Graham to ask John if willing to take this forward.
Fabian: 2018 Revels will be on 23 June.
Graham: We can plan this at our March meeting.

10) PROTECTIVE CLOTHING PURCHASE

- Graham: We only have nine bump caps (excluding those retained by regular volunteers), and 13 goggles. This is probably insufficient when we have a large visiting party for scrub clearance.
Agreed: Kay will order 20 bump caps and 10 goggles, financed by TRDC.

11) MATTERS ARISING

- Heidi/Kay: NE does not favour allowing greater amount of scrub in south-east triangle (Para 6f of previous minutes).



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12) ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- a) Ian: Concerned about efficacy of stump treatment, especially considering amount of Blackthorn regeneration in area 6 hollows.
Heidi: Possibly that area was missed by contractor. However Blackthorn is particularly difficult to control as it spreads by suckers, and Roundup (the only permitted herbicide for this purpose) has limited effectiveness.
Kay: Will try a different contractor next year
- b) Graham E: Proposed repeating 2017 walks programme in 2018, with extra subjects (butterflies, moths, fungi) if relevant walk leaders can be found.
Kay: Willing to organise bookings, and pay fee, for bat walk.
Graham C: Could lead walk on butterflies and dragonflies (July would be best time). Would do birds dawn walk at 5 am, as those attending this year at 7 am expressed willingness to come earlier.
Heidi: Will approach a possible fungi person in Bricket Wood.
Agreed: Repeat 2017 programme, with additional subjects if possible.
- c) Graham E: November session changed to 19th, as Northwood and Pinner Liberal Synagogue will return then for "Mitzvah Day". A second synagogue has offered to attend then.
Heidi: If we have insufficient regular volunteers to support these visitors, she could approach CMS regular volunteers.
Action: Graham E to ask whether two synagogue parties could visit consecutively that day.

13) DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Agreed: To continue holding meetings at 1 pm on a Wednesday (the only daytime time possible for both Ian and Heidi). To arrange dates much further in advance

The chairman, Fabian Hiscock, confirms that these minutes are a correct record of this meeting.

Signed:

Date:



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Friends of Croxley Common Moor (FCCM)

Statement of organisation

First produced April 2000

Previous revisions March 2007, March 2012

Preamble

Croxley Common Moor is a Local Nature Reserve and Site of Special Scientific Interest, which is particularly valuable for its abundance and variety of wild flowers. Most of the moor has never been cultivated or treated with chemicals. Grazing by livestock and scrub cutting, are used to control the scrub (bushes) which would otherwise take over. The moor needs active management to preserve its particular character.

The moor belongs to Three Rivers District Council (TRDC). TRDC and the Countryside Management Service (CMS) together manage the moor under a Management Plan prepared by the CMS.

Status

The FCCM is not a charity, and does not have formal "members". It exists to provide an effective local body which will help provide protection to this SSSI under the umbrella of the CMS and TRDC. The FCCM carries out practical conservation work, and other tasks to benefit the moor in any way possible, in order to implement the Management Plan.

The FCCM committee comprises a chairperson, treasurer, secretary and other members.

The committee may appoint as Honorary President an individual who has given exceptional service to the moor and the Friends.

The committee will meet at least every six months. CMS and TRDC representatives must be invited to attend, but committee meetings can proceed in their absence.

The committee can appoint committee members and amend the constitution.

A Bank Account is authorised, to be operated by the Treasurer but requiring the signature of two committee members for authorisation of cheques. The Treasurer will report the financial position to each meeting, and make a statement of Accounts annually. In the event of the FCCM ceasing to exist, any remaining funds may be distributed to any comparable body in the Three Rivers area by the FCCM committee or (failing that) by TRDC

FCCM will not hold formal Annual General Meetings, but will occasionally organise a public meeting to promote the moor and the work of FCCM.

Responsibilities

No decisions as to the management of the moor can be made without consultation with the CMS and the TRDC.

Committee members are volunteers having an interest in the moor and wishing to take part in the management of the area. They agree to keep an eye on the moor and the boundary fences from time to time, checking for damage; and to report to the CMS or the TRDC either by 'phone or written report, any problems or instances of unlawful use of the area.

The organisation of working parties on the moor is done by the FCCM under the guidance of the CMS, Safety during work is the responsibility of the FCCM Work Leader, and is supervised by the Committee under the Safety Plan prepared by the CMS and reviewed periodically by the Committee.

Chairman: Fabian Hiscock *Signed: (on original) 22 March 2013*

Secretary: Graham Everett *Signed: (on original) 22 March 2013*