

APPLICATION FORM FOR GRANT 22/23

Please read the policy on pages 1, 2 and 3 **before** filling in the form.

1. Name/Address of Organisation:

'GOD'S GREEN FINGERS' GROWING PROJECT AT TUMBLEDOWN FARM

CHURCH OF ENGLAND PARISH OF RADIPOLE AND MELCOMBE REGIS

(We work under the management of the Church of England Parish of Radipole and Melcombe Regis. We are not beholden to the church, either practically or financially, neither are we funded by the church or pass any monies into the church accounts [other than to hold our monies legally for our use], and some members of our group are not members of the church either. We are, however, covered by the churches insurances and policies)

Name of person making the application: Andrew Dukes

Position in organisation: Team Administrator/Leader

Contact phone number: Supplied

Email address: Supplied

About Your Organisation

2. Does your organisation:

	Yes
Have its own bank account, which requires two unrelated people to authorise cheques and make withdrawals?	Yes
Have at least three members on its management committee	Yes
Have a constitution, terms of reference or set of rules (<i>please contact for help with this if needed</i>)	Yes

3. Are you a registered charity? Yes:








If so, please give your charity number: 1131659

4. Is your organisation part of, or affiliated to, a larger organisation?

If so, which: Church of England Parish of Radipole and Melcombe Regis

5. Aims and objectives of your organisation; What does your organisation do and how does it benefit the residents of Weymouth?

A project to provide free and healthy nutrition to vulnerable members of our Weymouth community; to supply, free of charge, food and flowers; and, thereby, reach out to people in need. God's Green Fingers aims to:

-  support vulnerable people;
-  mobilise local churches, and groups and individuals;
-  provide free, healthy, natural and ethically grown food;
-  brighten up homes and lives with flowers;
-  resource free markets, food banks and other local providers;
-  utilise peoples' skills and interests, energy and potential in a beautiful natural environment;
-  promote positive mental health, and develop respect and love for the natural world;
-  involve different groups in the community including schools, people of other faiths and churches, and those who would benefit from meaningful activity in a beautiful natural environment;
-  create a 'bower' or quiet space where people of any age, ability or background can come to enjoy the beautiful surroundings, interact with those working the plots, or just be at peace.

We are now regularly supplying the Nest, Weymouth Food Banks and other local distributors to those in need.

We have also incorporated a number of vulnerable individuals from across the Weymouth community into our team and work who have been brought to us from agencies such as Dorset Council Adult Care, Christians Against Poverty, etc.

6. Where does your organisation meet? Tumbledown Farm (occasionally meet at team members' homes)
7. How often do you meet? Members meet almost every day, working on the growing spaces. We meet as a whole team approximately 5 times annually
8. How many members does your organisation have? Currently 18
9. How many people will benefit from this funding? Unknown – potentially thousands
10. How many of these are Weymouth Town Council area residents? 100%
11. How much funding are you applying for? £798.95
12. What is the total cost of your project? £1048.95

NOTE: Weymouth Town Council will only approve allocations up to £5,000 in exceptional circumstances that are clearly detailed in question 15, with regard to the information in Policy point 6.

13. Briefly describe the project or purchase you would like the funding for:

To create and develop more growing space at Tumbledown Farm in order to provide 50% more healthy, natural food and flowers to local food banks and distributors to vulnerable people locally such as the Nest than currently.

We will purchase materials and build more raised beds for the growing spaces.

We also wish to purchase seating for our ‘bower’ or quiet space to enable elderly and/or vulnerable people, or those with physical or mental issues, to sit in the beautiful natural surroundings of Tumbledown Farm and be at peace – one of the original ambitions for Tumbledown by Councillor Jon Orrell was to provide a ‘place of healing’ and we believe our ‘bower’ will help with this.

14. Which of the Council’s priorities does the project contribute to?

- ✓ Improve the wellbeing of the people of Weymouth.
- ✓ Manage the Council’s assets and resources responsibly and transparently.
- ✓ Manage the Council’s services effectively to meet the needs of the communities we serve.
- ✓ Work to become greener and cleaner in our activities as well as supporting our communities and partners to be as green as possible.
- ✓ Promote opportunities for economic success of the area.
- ✓ Strive for continuous improvement and service development.
- ✓ Work with partners to deliver our core values and strategy.

15. If your application is for between £3,000 and £5,000 please give full details of the **exceptional circumstances** relating to your request. Please see policy point 6 for examples of what constitutes exceptional circumstances

n/a

16. How will you spend the money you are applying for? Please remember that Weymouth Town Council do not normally give grants for running costs unless associated with a specific project:

Item	Amount
Timber	£ 160.00
Timber (lightweight treated batten)	£ 90.00
Plant netting for raised beds	£ 196.00
Mushroom compost	£ 145.00
Top soil (including delivery)	£ 192.95
Seeds (various)	£ 100.00
Watering cans	£ 75.00
Bamboo canes	£ 90.00
Total	£1048.95

17. How else are you funding your project? Include grants from other organisations, fund raising and existing reserves:

Source	£	Confirmed?
Weymouth Rotary Club	250.00	Yes
Total	£250.00	

18. How will the funding benefit the community or residents of Weymouth?

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19. If your project focusses on a particular area of Weymouth, please give the name of the Councillor who is supporting your application?

All areas of Weymouth provided for. Councillors supporting this include Cllr. Jon Orrell, Cllr. Graham Lambert and Cllr. David Northam.

20. How do you know that the groups you work with, or the local community, want this project to take place? Please detail any consultation undertaken:

Our produce has been glowingly and gratefully received by the Nest, local food banks and other distributors to those in need. All these, and many of those accessing our healthy, natural and fresh food and flowers have expressed thankfulness. No formal consultation has been taken, we are volunteer gardeners, but the way the food and flowers we provide is gone from the shelves so quickly give clear evidence of the community's desire for us to continue and develop.

21. How will this funding lead to greater self-sufficiency and lessen the need for future applications?

We will have a fully-functioning two growing spaces, producing to optimum effect – thereby, providing for as many vulnerable people as possible. There is no guarantee of not making future applications. If we continue to grow as a team, we may well seek extra growing spaces to produce more food and help more people.

22. How is your organisation normally funded? Not applicable to new organisations:

We have received kind donations from Weymouth Rotary Club, as well as from an extremely generous anonymous donor (which we cannot expect to continue). We have organised a few fund-raising events, including a 'Harvest Festival' for over 500 people at St Aldhelms Church. A number of us have put a fair amount of our own money into the project. However, we are all volunteers, and mostly retired, and our energies are committed to the production of food and not fund-raising. Funding is a problem for us.

23. What are your current/planned subs/fees/charges?

We have no fees/subs/etc

24. Have you applied for any other funds/grants towards the cost of this project or purchase? Please include details below:

Weymouth Rotary Club (as above)

25. What fund raising activities took place in the **last** 12 months and what fund-raising activities are planned for the **next** 12 months, if any?

Coffee morning at St Ann's Schoolhouse raised £240 last May. We are holding another this coming April.

26. Anticipated income/expenditure for the next 12 months?

Income - £240 from Coffee Morning (donation £250 from Weymouth Rotary Club already made)
Expenditure - £435

27. Details of any grants or financial support received from local authorities including Weymouth Town Council in the past three years with dates:

n/a

28. Grants from non-local authority sources in the last three years with dates, if you have any:

n/a

29. Has the project that you want the funding for already happened? No

30. Will you be passing the funding on to any other groups (except to pay for goods and services)? No

31. If the funding is for security measures do you have the support of the local police and/or crime reduction officer?

Not applicable

32. If the funding is for work with vulnerable adults or children, do you have the support of either Adult Social Care or Children's Services at Dorset Council?

Not applicable

Please give us details of the bank account that the grant should be paid into if approved (this cannot be a building society passbook account):

Name of Account: Supplied

Account number: Supplied

Sort Code: Supplied

Please ensure you have read the policy on pages 1 - 3 before signing the form.

Checklist (please tick the appropriate boxes)

Have you submitted the following?

- A copy of your most recent accounts (not more than 12 months old);
- Your most recent bank account statement & details of any other investments/savings (not more than 3 months old);
- A copy of your constitution / terms of reference / set of rules;
- A copy of the notes from your last Annual General Meeting;
- Details of your organisation's officers;
- A copy of your safeguarding policy if your group works with vulnerable adults, or children;
- A copy of your adopted equal opportunities policy or statement;
- Any other documentation you feel may help in assessing your application.

Privacy Notice

In accordance with the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR), I/We agree that Weymouth Town Council will process and hold personal information about me/us and my/our group or organisation only in relation to this grant application. I/We consent to my/our personal information, including that contained in this form, being stored manually and/or electronically by Weymouth Town Council. It will be held securely and treated confidentially for six years after an application is made. I/We understand that it will only be accessed by authorised staff members to manage the grant application process.

I also understand that Weymouth Town Council may pass details onto an official organisation where required to do so by law or contract. I/We understand that my/our data will be disposed of securely six years after the application and that I/we have the right to correct the information at any time. I/We have been made aware of my/our rights under GDPR.

Declaration:

I/We declare that the information confirmed in this application is correct and that any grant received will be applied as detailed in the request.

I/We declare that we have read the policy on pages 1 - 3 and that our application complies with the policy.

I/We declare that I/we have included all the requested information.

I/We fully understand that if I/we do not include the requested information and/or if mine/our application does not comply with the policy, the application may be rejected.

I/We fully understand that we will need to attend a Finance and Governance Committee meeting to present our request.

Signed:

Name:

Date:

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Grant applications must be checked against the following criteria. Any questions where the answer is no must be reported to the Finance and Policy Committee meeting where the application is being considered and must form part of the formal agenda items list for that meeting.

Yes	No (investigate)	
Yes		The grant will result in a benefit for the area covered by the Town Council and will contribute positively to the area of Weymouth?
Yes		Does the grant exclude ongoing running costs?
n/a		If the application is for running costs has the applicant included plans for where future running costs will be found from?
Yes		Is the grant for a group and not for individuals or organisations whose function is primarily undertaken by the health authority or Dorset Council's Social Services?
Yes		Is the grant for non-political or non-quasi-political organisations or projects?
Yes		Is the grant application for £5,000 or less?
n/a		For applications in excess of £5,000, has the applicant fully detailed the exceptional circumstances?
Yes		Does the application include the required financial and organisational information?
Yes		Is this the only application in this financial year from this group or organisation?
Yes		Is the applicant based in the Town Council area? If not, has the applicant detailed what proportion of beneficiaries of the grant reside in the area?
Yes		Is the application for future funding? (i.e. not retrospective)
Yes		Is the grant for the sole use of the applying group and not to pass on money?
Yes		Has the applicant demonstrated how one-off grant funding will lead to greater self-sufficiency and lessen the need for future applications?
n/a		For applications for funds for security measures, does the applicant have the support of the local police or crime reduction officer?
Yes		For projects involving vulnerable children or adults, do the organisers have the support of Adult Social Care or Children's Services at Dorset Council?
Yes		Will a representative be attending an F&G meeting?

Assessing officer: Helen Legg

Date of assessment: 11th April 2023

Decision (delete as applicable): proceed to committee

Approved as agenda item for the Finance and Governance meeting on: 26th April 2023