

FAREHAM

BOROUGH COUNCIL

Report to the Executive Member for Leisure and Community for Decision

Portfolio:	Leisure and Community
Subject:	Community Fund Application – Hampshire Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust
Report of:	Director of Community
Strategy/Policy:	Community Engagement Strategy
Corporate Objective:	Strong and Inclusive Communities

Purpose:

This report presents an application for funding under the Council's Community Fund Programme.

Executive Summary:

Mr John O'Reilly on behalf of the Hampshire & Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust has applied for funding of £837.00 towards a hedge replacement project at Swanwick Lakes Nature Reserve.

The project involves the removal of non-native planting from the reserve to encourage the growth of native plants, trees and shrubs. Funding is sought for the purchase of replacement native hedge whips comprising a mixture of hazel, hawthorn, blackthorn, spindle and dogwood. The trust would contribute a further £1,500 to the project in-kind through the provision of volunteers and the officers who they would assist over the course of around three days to plant the new hedge.

Councillor Woodward, Councillor Swanbrow and Councillor Mrs Bayford have commented on the application to give their support.

Recommendation:

That the application for £837.00 from Fareham Borough Council's Community Fund Programme submitted by Hampshire & Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust for the purchase of replacement hedgerow planting be approved.

Reason:

This application meets the agreed Community Funding Programme criteria for financial support for community projects.

Cost of Proposals:

The total cost of this project will be £837.00 and can be met from within the existing budget for the Community Fund Programme.

Risk Assessment:

There are no risks associated with this application.