



Denham, Gerrards Cross and The Chalfonts Community Board Funding Report - 2020/21

Date: 06/11/20

Organisation Name	Chalfont St Peter Parish Council
Project Name	100 Trees by 2020
Funding Stream	Community Area Priorities
Total Cost of project	£3,434.76
Amount of Match Funding	£0
Amount being applied for	£3,434.76
Amount suggested	£3,434.76

Project Summary

In 2016 the Parish Council introduced the project to "Plant 100 trees by 2020" in areas of environmental concern. This was to be a self-funding project by grants and donations from the community.

With the blessing of the Buckinghamshire Council we have installed 83 trees on roadside verges in the last 4 years.

The idea has been to mitigate some of the carbon dioxide and other pollutants that are a consequence of increased traffic within our village. These increases have been the result of continued urbanisation, major housing development and the continued works on HS2.

How does the project address local priorities?

The trees have been sited to combat the increased emissions, reduce the impact of flooding within the village and improve the mental wellbeing of local residents. The planting of trees is a known way to reduce both pollutants and flooding.

Once we complete our 100 trees by 2020 we hope to continue this great work.

How does the project align with the values, objectives and corporate priorities of Buckinghamshire Council?

The new Environment Bill has highlighted the importance of tree protection, replanting of street trees in urban areas have been specifically noted within the Bill as being important to human health and welfare. Road traffic emissions are one of the biggest contributors to air pollution in urban areas. 40,000 to 60,000 premature deaths in the UK are caused by air pollution. The UK has one of the highest rates of asthma in the world, with 15% of our children being affected. It is a known fact that trees planted in front of a home reduce the pollution inside the home by up to 60%, as well as improving the quality of air in the location.

Chalfont St Peter has over the last 5 years seen a marked increase in major housing developments and the HS2 head house and shaft located in the village. With the introduction of the 100 trees by 2020 project we are trying to reduce the environmental impact on those residents who live in high traffic areas, such as outside schools, on the

HS2 building route, by major new housing developments etc. We cannot stop these developments however, we can support active measures to reduce the impact on our residents lives by planting trees in these locations.

How does the project achieve value for money?

The majority of the works have already been funded, with the Parish Council asking for funds to finish the project off.

Community Board Coordinator comments

This application has been discussed at the Climate Change and Environment Working Group on the 5 November 2020, where it was agreed to recommend that this application be approved.

It is recommended that members consider this project for funding noting the above comments.

The applicant will be required to agree to terms and conditions, which include a monitoring agreement, as discussed with the Community Board Coordinator before the fund will be formally awarded.