



Organisation Name	Maids Moreton Parish Council
Project Name	Bramble Clearance at Maids Moreton Playing Fields
Funding Stream	Community Area Priority
Total Cost of project	£2,700
Amount of Match Funding	£0
Amount being applied for	£2,700
Amount suggested	£2,700

Project Summary

Maids Moreton Parish Council have been approached by Maids Moreton Conservation Group to help them in their bid to plant more trees in the parish. They have worked with The Woodlands Trust to receive some tree saplings to be planted around the village.

Maids Moreton Parish Council would like to take this opportunity to clear some well developed bramble patches that are present around our playing field, improving the usefulness of the perimeter in several places. This would bring substantial areas of our playing field back into regular use. These areas of bramble will be cleared and planted with tree saplings donated by The Woodlands Trusts.

In time, it is hoped the trees will promote a wider and better biodiversity in the area and help with carbon capture more effectively than the current bramble.

The cleared areas will become available for use by spectators of rugby and cricket, both of which are played regularly on the playing field. In time, the cleared areas and trees could also provide possible picnic sites and shade for local residents.

How does the project address local priorities?

Green Space and Communities - The playing fields have had a very high use during lockdown periods. By expanding the perimeter of the playing field this will create a larger, and therefore safer area, for families, local residents and community groups to use to get exercise and fresh air.

By increasing the cleared areas on the perimeter of the playing field, and providing trees for shade, this will encourage families to picnic and spend more time outdoors. The playing field has a children's play area, Scout Hut, rugby pitch, Cricket Pavilion and a cricket pitch. Making it an ideal space for families and community groups to use.

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

Improving Our Environment - By increasing the number of trees in the playing field site, this will add to the biodiversity and carbon capture of the area, providing green corridors through which wildlife can travel.

The trees are being provided by The Woodlands Trust, will be British Woodland native trees such as Oak, Rowan and Birch. Adding to the native tree population in the local area.

The trees will be planted and maintained by Maids Moreton Parish Council and Maids Moreton Conservation Trust, giving them a higher chance of success than those planted and left unmaintained.

How does the project achieve value for money?

Although there is no match funding being provided for the clearance, this project will enable a larger scheme to take place. Demonstrating partnership working between Maids Moreton Parish Council, Maids Moreton Conservation Trust and The Woodland Trust. The tree saplings have already been sourced and volunteers lined up to plant them. Maids Moreton Parish Council along with Maids Moreton Conservation Trust will maintain these trees going forward.

Community Board Coordinator comments

This application has been fully assessed in line with the Community Board funding criteria and is recommended as a project which is suitable to receive funding from the Buckingham and Villages Community Board's Community Area Priorities fund.

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.