



## ScholeMoor Community Allotment

Project Name	Task Group	Date
ScholeMoor Community Garden	Cleaner Greener	11/05/2015



# Creative Support Project Proposal

## Project Name

Creative Community Garden

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Converting a derelict piece of land into a community allotment

## Project Task Group

This project falls under the task group “Cleaner Greener” and tackles one of the key area’s identified in the community plan.

## Delivery and Timescales

This project will be delivered by creative support and will aim to complete the project within 6-8 months of receiving funding.

## Aims and Objectives

Creative support aims to improve the quality of life, condition and amenities of the local community. The group aims to promote community spirit and activity in the GreenMoor area by converting a disused piece of land into an open access community allotment and garden.

## The Land in Question

The strip of land is to the rear of numbers 38 to 46 Scholemoor Road and is situated between Scholemoor Road and Necropolis Road (see image 1a).

The land is within the GreenMoor area and will benefit the residents of the GreenMoor area satisfying the basic requirements for big local funding.

## The Groups Involved

1. **Creative Support:** The group delivering the project and lease holders
2. **In-Communities:** The owners of the land
3. **Creative Allotments:** The group who will take on the garden in year 2 and beyond
4. **Participate Project:** They will help with developing the land further and supply free labour
5. **PayBack:** Supply a workforce to clear the land, ready for development

## Proposal Overview

The piece of land which Creative Support group would like to turn into a community garden is currently used for fly tipping which makes the area look unpleasant and increases anti-social behaviour.

This project will transform what can only be described as an unsightly “dumping ground” into a mini oasis. It will bring the area to life and provide a welcome space for people to meet and socialise giving the opportunity to exercise, spend time with others, make new friends and enjoy being part of a community.

## Why a Garden?

In 2014 upon recognising that there was a lack of social facilities in the Scholemoor area the Community Links Team at Creative Support hosted an open house launch event at Scholemoor Beacon community centre. From the event what was ascertained was the desire for a community Allotment Garden in Scholemoor.

In addition to the open event, a door knock has been carried out by Creative support and the Community wardens asking residents if they would like to be involved in setting up a community garden. Currently we have 50 residents willing to volunteer and manage the garden once completed.

## Project Outcomes

Once the project is funded we will be able to establish the community garden, this will prevent it from being used for fly-tipping. The funding will provide opportunities for activities which will help volunteers to socialise and make new friends bringing the community together for a shared goal. Not only will we have a more engaged community but this will also give the volunteers a chance to exercise and share skills. This all makes for a healthier, happier and closer community.



## Project Sustainability

After the first year the completed project will be handed over to a community group that will maintain and manage the Allotment/Garden. This will empower the local community to benefit from the project for the foreseeable future.

A community group has been established and is called “Creative Allotments”. The group have made a partnership with “In-Communities” who own the land and support resident groups. Further support is also available from the “Participate Project” and “Creative Support” if required.

## Progress so far?

Creative Support in conjunction with PayBack has cleared the land and is fly-tipping free.

The PayBack group have agreed to volunteer their time and manpower to clear the land ready for re-development.

The “Participate Project” have agreed to volunteer time and manpower where required to help develop the allotment.

## What funding has been secured?

Creative Support has secured £450 towards the project. A breakdown of the funding is below

1. In-Communities fund: £200
2. Community Chest: £250

## What will it Cost?

The total cost of the project is **£10,095**

This funding will allow us to complete the work as outlined in the plan below and manage the garden for 12 months. After the initial 12 months the Garden/Allotment will be handed over to "Creative Support" to manage.

A breakdown of the costs is below:

1. Grass Mesh 3 rolls: £240
2. Top Soil: £420
3. Seating: £600
4. Fire pit: £200
5. Trellis and Posts: £300
6. Containers/Store: £1000
7. Path: £2,695
8. Polytunnel: £600
9. Potting Bench: £300
10. Fruit Trees: £240
11. Steel Drum Planters: £300
12. Vegetable trough: £1,400
13. Compost bins: £60
14. Water system: £400
15. Pond: £200
16. Bog Plants: £120
17. Rakes x2: £40
18. Spade x2: £60
19. Saw: £10
20. Gloves x 5: £100
21. Compost: £250
22. Wheelbarrow x2: £80
23. Garden Incinerator: £20
24. Heavy Duty Bin: £20
25. Water Can: £10
26. Garden Hose: £70
27. Hose Connector: £10
28. Plant Food: £40

All materials will be purchased locally, supporting local businesses where possible and the products will be sourced at the lowest possible price.

## Pros and Cons

Pro's	Con's
➤ In the community plan, the community want it.	➤ The land is on a short term 2 year lease to Creative Support from In-Communities
➤ Reduced Fly Tipping	
➤ Brings the community together	
➤ Remove social isolation	
➤ Introduces a more active life style	
➤ Empowers the community	
➤ Sharing of skills	
➤ Bring waste land back into use	
➤ Gives the area a cleaner appearance	
➤ Will help reduce anti-social behaviour	
➤ Within the task group budget	
➤ Good value for money	
➤ The grounds can be used for other social events	
➤ Potential flagship project for the GreenMoor Big Local Group	

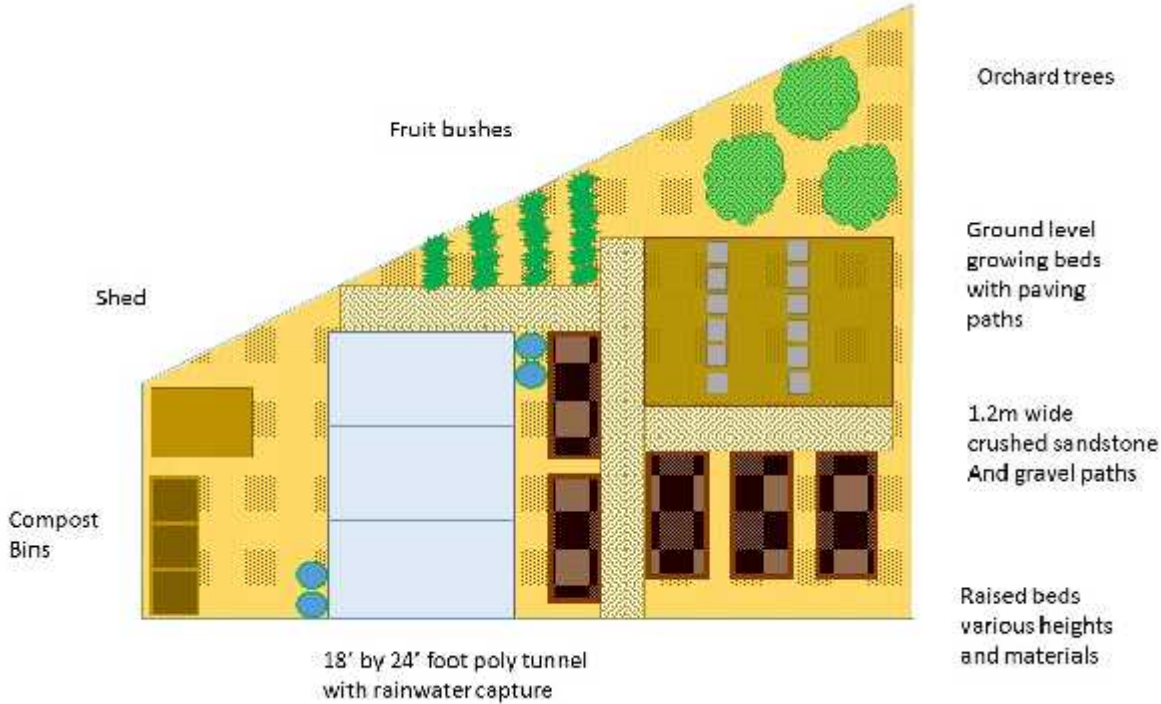
Although the plot of land is on a 2 year lease to Creative Support, In-Communities have advised that they have no plans on developing the land and will look to extend the lease once the Garden has be development. They will also support the organisation "Creative Allotments" in their first year of managing the land.

## Conclusion

We would like ScholeMoor Big Local to fund this project and we require a total of **£10.095** to deliver this project.

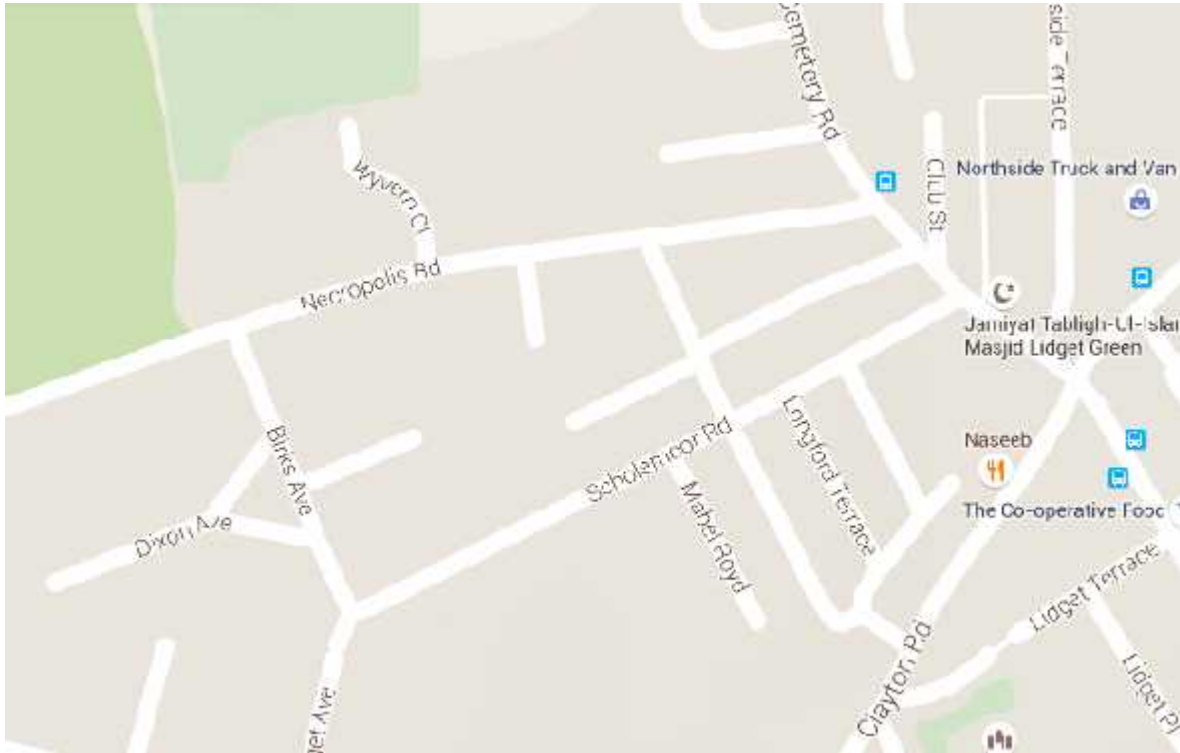
# The Finished Product

## Project Plan



Appendix

Image 1a





## Creative Allotment Group



Creative Allotments is a fully constituted group with a chair, secretary, treasurer and bank account. They will take over the day to day running and management of the allotment once completed and handed over by "Creative Support" after the first year.