

## ARI Flagship grants scheme – The Results

Name of organisation/project	Grant	Project description
Hastings & St Leonards Allotments Federation/Pauls Field Allotments Project	17,877	Project aims to bring 28 derelict plots back into use. Works include: new gates; compost bins; drain extension to alleviate water-logging; improve mains water supply; improved signage; badger-proof electric fencing; composting toilet; refurbish sheds; clearance works.
Stoney Road Gardens Association	3,000	Turn 12 derelict and open-plan plots into smaller, properly demarcated plots. Two existing ploholders will be re-sited, to create a total of 34 smaller plots, more manageable and more appealing to inexperienced new gardeners and elderly gardeners. Works include fencing, clearance, and extending water pipes.
South Rise Leisure Gardeners Society / improvement project	2,500	Bring 11 derelict plots back into use to achieve 100% occupancy on allotment. Works include rotovating, weed clearance, ploughing, extend access road and parking area
Devenish Partnership Forum / Yoan Road project	20,540	Create new allotment on site of currently overgrown grassland, already in ownership of the applicant, Devenish Partnership Forum - a local community group. A newly established Devenish Gardening Club will then manage the site.
Dale Allotment Association / Sneinton Dale Allotment project	21,859	Dale Allotment Association want to carry out the following works on the Sneinton Dale Allotments: create six mini allotment plots to attract families; install raised beds; provide a children's play area; communal BBQ and composting toilet. Also want to run 72 half day training sessions for new gardeners on subjects such as hedge maintenance/organic gardening/composting; set up Garden Mentors scheme
Bootstrap Enterprises	16,400	Partnership of local community group, Hyndburn Borough Council & local PCT want to restore 36 currently derelict plots across a number of allotments in the borough. Costs include clearance work, publication of a "New Growers Pack", marketing and fencing

Community Campus '87	16,850	Restoration of 5 plots in an allotment where 50 are derelict. Also works to turn remaining derelict plots into: vegetable beds, a wildlife garden, outdoor craft area, raised beds, composting area, plant propagation area and toilets. Once capital works completed, site will offer training to young people & organic produce will supply local lunch club. Part time Project Coordinator to be employed to deliver training programme.
East Cowes Community Partnership	10,500	ECCP have, since 2002, been working to restore the entirely derelict Vectis Road allotments. Now almost half the plots are in use. Funding is sought to create an area of mini-plots to attract families onto the site. Additional costs sought to refurbish derelict sheds. ECCP are in process of setting up an allotment society to run the site in future
Eynsham Allotment Association	3,000	A number of plots on the site have become un-lettable due to degeneration of boundary hedges, some of which are over 200 years old, and ensuing scrub encroachment/ severe shading. Funding is sought from the applicant to repair and re-lay the worst stretches of hedge (approx 100m pa for four years).
Greenwater Pool Allotment Association	800	Grant aid is sought to construct a central footpath linking two rows of plots and to purchase a petrol driven cultivator, as several members of the allotment society have mobility difficulties
West End Allotment Association	3,000	Applicant seeks funding to purchase a heavy-duty chipper/shredder and appropriate storage for the equipment, so it can become a 'no bonfire zone'.
Bullroyd Allotments Association / Regeneration & Outreach project	16,500	Project to increase occupancy of plots from 70% to 100%. Want to employ a Gardening Tutor, with knowledge of minority languages, to run short courses for new gardeners (free of charge). Also costs for plot clearance; promotional leaflets; composting toilet; seeds, tools and compost for tutored groups

North Lincolnshire SOVA / allotment project	4,640	Renovation of double plot in a Scunthorpe allotment to offer training to referrals from the local Youth Offending Team. Grant is sought for the staff cost of an additional employee to work 7hrs per week on project, also for the purchase of seeds, tools and paving
Environ Trust / "Seeds of Change" project	23,208	Create new part-time Allotment Diversity Officer post. Aim is to turn 40 derelict plots across 5 allotment sites in the city back into cultivation. Achieve target of 50% of those plots being taken up by BME families
Three Rivers CVS/Learning Forum	12,000	Set up a community gardening project, promoting use of allotments, by offering training to residents who have little or no gardening experience. Will run series of taster sessions, short courses and 5-week courses on plots across 9 allotments in district
Southern Allotments	15,000	Southern Allotments in Manchester consists of 87 plots of which over 50 are derelict. The site has long been neglected but, due to the enthusiasm of a number of local people, an allotment society is in the process of being established, so as to begin reversing the fortunes of the site. Grant aid from ARI is sought over a four year period to clear derelict plots, publicise the allotments, purchase a steel container for use as office/shed, install a portaloos, purchase tools/computer equipment, repair water standpipes and reinstate electricity supply to the site.
Rosedale & Victoria Allotments	12,550	In 1999 fewer than half the plots at the Rosedale & Victoria Allotments were occupied. The group has worked hard to regenerate the site and now there is a waiting list. Have also developed a pond & sensory garden. Grant sought to purchase a heavy duty rotovator; improve fencing; install new gates designed by a local artist; new plants for sensory garden; improve signage; and print new publicity materials

Cardiff MIND	3,478	This is part of a wider 'Mind-Diggers' project, which set up gardening training opportunities for people with mental health problems. Funding is sought for Phase II of the project, which entails renovation of a derelict plot on a council owned allotment, in partnership with the Penylan Allotment Association. This will enable the group to improve their training services and, at a later date, set up a social enterprise. Funding sought for clearance works; fencing; a polytunnel; construction of a pagoda; fertiliser/plants/tools/protective clothing and a shed.
South Western Allotments Association	21,820	The allotments are situated with the Pollok Estate in Glasgow and is very close to Pollok Country Park, one of Glasgow's most visited parks. A recent Management Plan for the Park included a survey of the allotments and identified a number of serious problems, including a severely overgrown hawthorn hedge; poor fencing; frequent flooding and a lack of toilet facilities. Grant aid is sought to re-lay the boundary hedge, erect new fencing, improve site drainage, install a composting toilet and install raised beds for less mobile gardeners.
Ackroyd Avenue Allotments Society	<u>£9,790</u>	Ackroyd Avenue Allotments are divided into three sections with a total of 130 plots. Sections 1 and 2 are well-used and are close to the site's amenities such as sheds, greenhouses and composting areas. However, the plots in the third section have proved harder to let due to the fact they are located a considerable distance from such facilities. As such 13 out of 30 plots in Section3 are vacant. The applicant seeks funding of £18,220 in order to clear vacant plots; install new sheds and greenhouses; install raised beds to attract disabled users; add new topsoil to low-lying plots; construct raised beds; erect new fencing; purchase compost bays; composting toilet.

Fillongley Allotment Association	5,000	Currently the site is largely overgrown and unsightly, which is putting off potential ploholders. Currently 5 plots are tenanted but there is clearly demand for more in the town, as some local people use alternative allotments 10 miles away. The applicant has developed a 5-phase approach to regenerating the site, and ARI funding is sought for phase 1. Works include: site clearance and levelling; materials to demarcate plots; materials for weed-proofing and defining access paths better; purchase of composters/water butts//fertiliser/lime etc; and preparation of promotional materials
Maesgeirchen & Tanbryn Allotments Association	11,878	Maesgeirchen is an estate of social housing with approx population of 2,400. It is one of the most deprived wards in Wales. Community voiced desire to establish allotments on the estate. To that end the Maesgeirchen & Tanbryn Allotments Association was formed in April this year and a lease on an appropriate site to accommodate 11 plots is in the process of being agreed with Gwynedd Council. MTAA also awaiting planning permission for change of use of site, erection of security fencing, sheds & polytunnels. Grant aid from ARI is sought for cost of erecting workshop/storage facility; construction of raised beds; construction of hard-standing area; picket fencing to separate communal garden area from individual plots.
Hempland Lane - Heworth Allotment Association	11,000	Applicant wishes to convert currently derelict plots into a wildlife area. This would benefit not only allotment ploholders but also general public as a public footpath and a number of well-used permissive paths traverse the site. Funding sought for: site survey & plans (£800); site supervision (£1,500); excavation and landscaping works (£3,600); drainage works to wildlife area (£3,500); plants & seeds (£1,200); and trees (£400).