

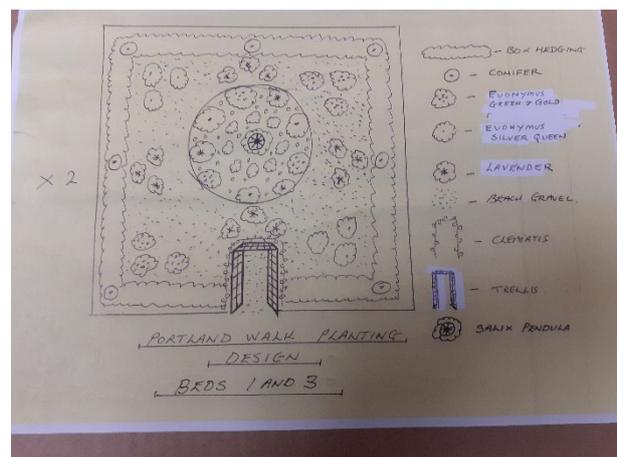
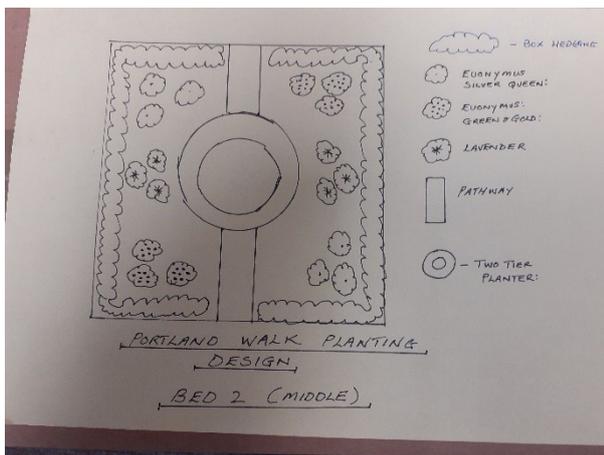
Macclesfield Town Council Ward Budget Application Form

Name of Ward	West and Ivy
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Tell us about the project?

The project is to create a community garden on the four slightly raised grassed beds on Portland Walk, adjacent to Weston Park. The land is owned by Peaks and Plains. I have worked with Caren Breddy, from P&P, to secure permission.

We hope to raise funds for the community garden through a Ward grant, with addition donations of plants and time from the Peaks and Plains gardening team, Andy McKeith, our Macclesfield Town Council Ranger and Alejandra Suarez from Grow Macclesfield.



How will residents benefit from this?

The Community garden would be a garden where people come together to grow fruits, vegetables and ornamental and edible flowers. It will create a sense of community, and residents will improve their social wellbeing and learn new skills. We know, that gardening and spending time in nature can help lower stress and ease depression. Encouraging youth participation is a key part of the project. Gardening nourishes so many of our senses and helps us feel connected to our food, which can help us enjoy it more. It may also form part of our application for Britain in Bloom.

How will residents help the project?

Once the project has been given the go-ahead, Alejandra Suarez from Grow Macclesfield, who is well known to local residents, will accompany me, in speaking to residents in the immediate locality. We will show plans and encourage participation. Over twenty residents expressed interest in helping with the project when it was first suggested in 2020. COVID has delayed the project but not the enthusiasm. The local PCSO, Kieren Turner, will liaise with local teenagers to encourage their involvement. Residents will have the opportunity to become involved with the community garden, helping to plant, maintain and produce fruits, vegetables and edible flowers and then enjoy cooking and eating the produce.

What difference do you hope this project will make?

The creation of the community garden will allow for the building of social ties and build a greater feeling of community. These connections help reduce crime, empower residents, and allow residents to feel safe in their neighbourhoods. There is also evidence it will improve the health and wellbeing of those who get involved and help residents to learn how to grow their own food, promoting sustainability, and skills that can be passed on. We hope that the start date will coincide with the installation of the play equipment in Weston Park. Two really positive projects in one place. Meetings so far have strengthened the relationship between key people in the community. I have developed strong links with the Town Ranger service, Grow Macclesfield, Peaks and Plains and the local PCSO, plus the Calvary Church who have provided a hub for the meetings.

How much will it cost?

The cost to the council would be £400, additional costs will be met by Peaks and Plains. See quote for plants and Sundries.

Plants / Ornamental Salix.

156 X Buxus Sempervivens (Box Hedging) = £206.50.

21 X Dwarf Chameparis (Small Conifer). = £81.00.

2 X Salix Capria Pendular. (Ornamental Weeping Willow. = £43.50.

2 X Clematis Nelly Moser. = £15.00.

Sundries.

6 X Trellis = £93.00.

2 X Poscrete = £12.00.

4 X Treated Post 7ft = £37.72.

Total Cost = £488.72.

The Euonymus 2 x Varieties and Lavender are coming off The Planters from 5 Clouds on Jordangate, so these are no Charge.

The Wildflowers will be provided by P&P.

AleJandra Suarez, from Grow Macclesfield, will Plant the Tier Planters in the middle bed With Herbs and various plants that she has kindly provided.

Andy McKeith is waiting on a price for Beach Gravel from Shentons, in Chelford.

Name of Ward Councillor Cllr Mike Hutchison	Signature: 	Date: 18/02/22
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