



Area Partnership Funding Proposal Form



Before completing this form, please ensure that:

- ❖ You read the appropriate Area Plan prior to submitting your request.
- ❖ You select the appropriate Area Partnership(s)
- ❖ You complete this form fully. We will only consider the information contained within this form.
- ❖ If any changes occur after you send in your application, you must notify the Area Manager.

Area Partnerships

Please indicate the area where people will benefit from this proposal by selecting the box(es) next to the appropriate Area Partnership(s)

REFERENCE NO (Internal only):

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| All Area Partnerships (please use the links below) | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Dunbar and East Linton (Please click on the link to view the Area Plan) | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Fa'side (Please click on the link to view the Area Plan) | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Haddington and Lammermuir (Please click on the link to view the Area Plan) | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Musselburgh (Please click on the link to view the Area Plan) | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| North Berwick Coastal (Please click on the link to view the Area Plan) | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Preston Seton Gosford (Please click on the link to view the Area Plan) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

Organisation Information

1. Details of Organisation

Name: Prestonpans Bloomers

Address: 19 Jacobite Way

Post Code: EH329JE

Daytime Telephone No:

Mobile No: 07968305499

Email: Prestonpansbloomers@outlook.com

Website Address (If applicable):

2. Main Contact for this Application

Name: Janis Wilson

Position Held: Group coordinator

Address (If different from above):

Post Code:

If this person has specific communication needs, please provide details:

Daytime Telephone No:

Mobile No: 07968305499

Email: janis-w@hotmail.co.uk

3. Type of Organisation		
Community Group	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Public Sector
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Voluntary/3 rd Sector Organisation
Other (Please Specify):		Charity No: (if applicable):
4. What is the main aim, objectives and activities of your organisation? Max 500 Words		
<p>Prestonpans Bloomers is a community run organisation whose main objective is to fill Prestonpans with colour. We hope to have planted troughs on railings all along the high street as well as plants in some capacity at Preston Tower in its landscaped gardens, and on the lampposts of Preston Village. These plants and planters are to compliment the newly restored historical and civic spaces in our town which were previously neglected and under used.</p> <p>At the moment, we have four troughs and two three tiered planters in and around our Civic Square which we water and feed on a regular basis – the plants are changed on a seasonal basis. There are also two raised beds on the High Street we have been given – one opposite B&M and one opposite the Town Hall which we have been filling with seasonal flowers but sadly they are both bare and in need of some attention.</p>		
5. Title of Project Proposal and Project Summary max two lines (to be used in publicity)		
<p>Plants for high street and civic square. To install more planters on the High Street and change the plants in the existing planters from autumn 2023 to autumn 2024.</p>		
6. Project Outcomes		
<p>Please identify up to three outcomes you will achieve from your project. Outcomes are the difference your project will make i.e. 10 young people will be able to access a sports bursary scheme which will develop their skills and/or improve their wellbeing 20 vulnerable people will receive meals and befriending which will reduce their social isolation</p>		
Outcome 1 To aid the health and wellbeing of the people of Prestonpans.		
Outcome 2 To enable a deprived community to take pride in their surroundings.		
Outcome 3 To encourage people to come together and help make positive changes in their community.		
7. To which of the Area Partnership Plan priorities does your proposal contribute? Please outline how your application will address inequalities? Max 400 words		
Our plan is community minded, fair and challenges inequality.		

Prestonpans is one of the most deprived areas in East Lothian which, until recently, had little to no community development or investment. Recent projects at the Civic Square and Preston Tower have changed that and the town now has something tangible in which to take pride. Bloomers has already raised money/been given donations for four troughs and two three tiered planters which are situated in and around the civic square. The difference this has made to the aesthetics of the area is remarkable and a talking point both on social media and in community groups. Adding a splash of colour to any street brings a smile to the faces of the folk who pass by. This small change to an area can have a massive impact on the people who use it.

Our projects encourage people to participate in ways which are suited to their abilities – from conveying ideas about locations of future planters to physically helping with the upkeep of the plants – watering, weeding, pruning, thus creating inclusivity and collectivism. It is for the health and wellbeing of everyone in Prestonpans that our town is a nice place to live and work as well as to visit, and creating spaces which are relaxing, tranquil, and bonnie places to sit and think adds to the ambience we are hoping to create with our initiatives. Having spaces which have been created by people in the community for the community encourages people to look after them and ensure they remain in good condition. They embolden the community to take pride in their surroundings. Community action which is inclusive and fair is important to low income communities as it gives people a community identity and a sense of belonging. It allows residents to participate, albeit in a small way, in decision making regarding community spaces. It gives them the opportunity or simply an excuse to connect with other members of the community thus helping alleviate alienation and social isolation.

8. How does your project support communities recovering from COVID?
Max 200 words

Our project and our ambition for Bloomers is to create relaxing and peaceful spaces for everyone to use. Spaces which have been created, in part, by the community. After almost three years of restrictions on movement and gatherings at a time when communities lost so much, our initiatives are aimed at giving Prestonpans life and colour and enhancing our newly refurbished spaces with the addition of planters bursting with colour. Community spaces are where people can gather and chat and can be, for many, an excuse to leave the house. The addition of blooms acts as a point of conversation, and we hope to involve the community more by asking for suggestions regarding the placement of future plants-planters.

9. How does your proposal help meet the East Lothian Plan outcomes?

[\(Please click on the link to view the East Lothian Plan 2017 - 27\)](#) [Summary of East Lothian Plan 2017-27](#)

Theme - Prosperous

Outcome 1.1: East Lothian people are working, are free from in-work poverty and are able to develop and improve their work skills

Outcome 1.2: Local businesses are thriving and the business base is expanding.

Outcome 1.3: People and businesses in East Lothian have better access to digital infrastructure and the digital skills they need.

Theme - Community-minded

Outcome 2.1: East Lothian has strong resilient communities where people respect and support each other.

Outcome 2.2: East Lothian People can live affordably and contribute to a thriving community life in a high-quality environment.	x	
Theme - Fair		
Outcome 3.1: We tackle the causes and effects of poverty in East Lothian and we reduce the gap between the richest and the poorest people.	x	
Outcome 3.2: People in East Lothian are enjoying healthier lives.	x	
10. Proposal Description		
❖ What evidence do you have that demonstrates the need for this proposal click to see Area Partnerships How the local community has been involved in the development of this proposal? Max 100 words		
<p>The attention / compliments the existing planters and troughs have gathered has been overwhelming. The addition of something so simple to a town centre can have a massive impact on the wellbeing of the community. Giving a community something to take pride in can be uplifting for the whole community, and asking for ideas and suggestions allows the community to be a part of the initiative.</p>		
❖ How will you ensure that this proposal reaches those in your community who need it most? Max 100 words		
<p>The idea of planters situated alongside our newly developed community and civic spaces is that they are there for the whole community to enjoy. They are easily accessible spaces which can be used by everyone in the community.</p>		
❖ How will you promote and publicise your proposal? Max 100 words		
<p>We will share on our own social media sites and ask for larger community groups, for example, the community council, to share them so they reach a larger audience. We will put posters up in the community notice boards opposite the town hall, and we will ask volunteers to share on their own social media sites.</p>		
❖ How will this proposal be sustained, if applicable? Max 100 words		
<p>n/a</p>		
❖ What the funding will be used for i.e. what you intend to do, where it will take place and which other organisation(s) would be involved, if applicable? Max 100 words		
<p>We hope to use the funding to change the plants in the existing planters throughout the remainder of 2023 through to summer 2024 and to add to the existing plants on the high street either by way of more railing planters or another three tiered planter on the corner of Ayres Wynd-High Street.</p>		

11. How will you monitor, measure and evaluate the proposal outcomes?

**11.1 How many people will
a. directly benefit from the funded project?**

Children		Young People	
Adults		Elderly People	

b. indirectly benefit from the funded project? (i.e. families members or wider community)

Children		Young People	
Adults		Elderly People	

11.2 How will you evaluate and measure the impact for local people? (e.g. what evidence will you gather?) – [Click here](#) for Evaluation Support Scotland website

The project is for the benefit of the whole community and not one which can be evaluated mathematically or statistically.

11.3 How will you know the outcomes have been achieved? (e.g. the difference you want to make?)

Outcome 1: To aid the health and wellbeing of the people of Prestonpans – this has already been evidenced by the reaction to the existing planters. Adding more colour in and around the civic square will brighten up a once bare and ordinary space.

Outcome 2: To enable a deprived community to take pride in their surroundings. When a town looks good, people can be proud to be a part of it. When people are proud of their surroundings, they look after them. Bloomers has received many positive messages and comments from people regarding the high street and the plants there. We’d like to think adding to the colour will make more folk proud of their high street.

Outcome 3: To encourage people to come together and help make positive changes in their communities. Bloomers encourages people to convey their thoughts and suggestions for additional plants/planted areas, and we welcome everyone to help in any way they can. Our most recent evidence of this was a significant donation from the British Legion for the planters on the square. We welcome thoughts and ideas from our community for any upcoming projects.

12 What are your key milestones or indicators of success? (e.g. what do you plan to do and when?)

The plants will be changed over from summer to autumn/winter around October/November time. We will plant up the beds along the high street as soon as we can. We will order more planters which should arrive in time for the winter plants.

13 When will it happen?

Expected Start Date: October 2023 (Month/Year)	Expected End Date: October 2024 (month/year)
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Finance

14. Amount Requested	£ 1000	
15. Total Cost of the Proposal	£ 1122	
16. If you have secured or requested any other funding for your proposal, please provide details		
Funder	Amount	Confirmed/Pending - decision date
	£	
	£	
	£	
	£	
	£	
	£	
17. Please provide a breakdown of the expenditure to be incurred on this proposal.		
Items to be purchased or activity to be supported with workings i.e. 10 pots of paint £2 x 10	Supplier	Cost
Changeover of plants in troughs November and May	East Lothian council nursery	300
Changeover plants in planter November and May	As above	300
Purchase planter	As above	378+vat and delivery
Total Cost of Proposal:		£ 1122
18. Governance/Supporting Documents (If you are an existing group/charity or organisation).		
Please tick the box(es) below to indicate that you have included the following documents with your completed Funding Proposal Form. (Please refer to guidance note before completing this question)		
Most recent Annual Accounts		<input type="checkbox"/>
Most recent Bank Statements for all accounts (past 3 months)		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Does the organisation have a bank account with at least 2 unrelated signatories	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Constitution, Memorandum or Articles of Association		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Equalities policy/statement or your commitment to equalities?		<input type="checkbox"/>
If you are a new group or just forming, please provide some information about your organisation. (This could include a letter of support from a constituted body such as community council, trusts, charities, schools, church, TRA's etc.)		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Other supporting documents (if applicable) – :		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Declaration		
❖ I/we confirm that the information set out in this Funding Proposal Form, any appendices and any enclosed accompanying documents are correct.		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

❖ I/we confirm that if funding is awarded, the funds will be used in accordance with the purposes set out in this proposal.	x
❖ I/we confirm if there are any significant changes to the proposal or the project/initiative, the Area Manager will be informed immediately.	x
❖ I/we confirm that any funds not used for the purpose outlined in this proposal will be returned immediately to the Area Partnership.	x
❖ I/we agree to provide an interim report on the agreed date(if required)	x
❖ I/we agree to provide an end of project monitoring and evaluation report, including a financial report, within 2 months of project completion date. Future funding will not be considered from organisations who have outstanding evaluation reports.	x
❖ I/we confirm that staff or volunteers delivering this proposal are registered with the Protecting Vulnerable Groups Scheme if applicable? Click here for link	x
❖ I/we confirm that the employer will be responsible for all staff employment rights associated with this proposal and not East Lothian Council and/or the Area Partnership.	x
❖ I/we confirm that the employer will meet IR35 requirements https://www.gov.uk/guidance/ir35-find-out-if-it-applies	n/ a
❖ I/we confirm that the host organisation delivering this proposal or any part of it has adequate insurances (e.g. Employer, Public liability and/or Professional indemnity insurance as appropriate).	x
❖ I/we confirm that we meet relevant responsibilities under the General Data Protection Regulation click here and Data Protection Act 2018 click here	x
Signed: <u>j wilson</u>	Print Name: <u>Janis Wilson</u>
Designation: <u>group organiser</u>	Date: <u>14/08/23</u>
Applicant or on behalf of the organisation requesting funding	
Signed: _____	Print Name: _____
Connected Communities Manager	Date: _____
When completed please email this form to: areapartnership@eastlothian.gov.uk	