

**Outer West Area Committee Well Being Fund**  
**Commissioning of Service**

**Project Name: HILLSIDE HALL COMMUNITY CENTRE GREENSPACE**

**Lead Organisation: Groundwork Leeds**

**Project Delivery - How will the project be delivered? (list any partners involved in the project):**

This scheme is being managed by Groundwork Leeds in partnership with West North West Homes Leeds (WNWHL). All of the works will be carried out by a contractor after a full tendering process.

West North West Homes Leeds (WNWHL) are the lead partner in the project and helped set the general parameters for what could logically be created and achieved within this scheme. The improvements to the public open space have been designed with due regard to sustainability and appropriate levels of future maintenance requirements.

The Bawns and Nuttingroves TARA is also a partner in the project and they (and other local residents) have helped to inform the layout design. The TARA will also be able to help promote the sustainability of the improvements over the medium to long term.

**Project Summary (include a brief description of the main activities, why the project is needed and links to key priorities):**

The aim of the project is to resolve issues around antisocial behaviour within the local community through the creation of a new village green/park adjacent to the existing Farnley Community Centre. The project forms an important element of the Bawns Masterplan produced by Groundwork for West North West Homes Leeds (WNWHL). The Masterplan includes a series of strategic phased improvements to the area in and around the Bawns Estate. The total value of the Masterplan projects is expected to be in the region of £327,000.00. Of this amount, it is envisaged that £78,245.00 would come from funding sources associated with Leeds City Council (including the amount applied for in this Well Being Fund application); plus the WNWHL Area panel, Community Spaces, Green Leeds / Biffaward and, potentially, the Veolia Environmental Trust.

**Outcomes (summarise the main outcome/output/benefit the project will achieve):**

We propose to create the following features on site:

1. An avenue of semi mature street trees surrounding the green to create structure and definition within the landscape.
2. A new footpath across an existing desire line.
3. A new events area to the front of the Community Centre.
4. New seating (steel benches) along existing and proposed footpaths and within the events area.
5. A central covered seating area made of Green Oak timbers with a slate roof

The main achievements for the project would include:

1. Tree planting to help reduce the impact of climate change on a susceptible community and create the beginning of a Green Infrastructure strategy for this area.

2. The creation of an events space would increase the variety of events the community centre could provide. This space would be multifunctional and be capable of being adapted for many uses.
3. Increase in the number of people using the community centre and open space. This would encourage people to participate in informal recreation within the space.
4. The provision of a sheltered seating area would provide an area for all members of the community to gather. In particular there is a serious problem at present in the locality with youths congregating under archways (with residential properties above), which is causing issues of antisocial behaviour, and tensions between youths and local residents. The covered seating area would provide a comfortable sheltered space for youths to gather which would address the lack of facilities of this kind for this age group in the community.
5. It is planned to set up a yearly event on the green to help bring the community together and strengthen in particular intergenerational relationships within the community.

**Project Cost. Please indicate**

**How much the project will cost?** The project will cost ££ 83,740.00 (Capital);

**Identify which geographic areas will benefit:**

Farnley & Wortley Ward.

**How much Well Being Funding is sought and breakdown between capital and revenue)**

The project will cost £ 83,740.00

The amount requested from the Outer West Area Committee is £7,500.00 (Revenue) and is subject to consultation with residents and securing match funding.

**Who will be in receipt of the financial order. (name of the organisation and contact details)**

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