



# BIG Warsop Activity Proposal 2020/21

<b>1. Contact Details:</b> Who is making the application?	Organisation: SWALLOWS GREEN COMMUNITY PARK	
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Before completing this Activity Proposal form it would be useful to read the Big Warsop Plan in order to understand our vision, project themes, priorities and outcomes. You should consider these when writing your application for funding. The plan can be found on our website [www.bigwarsop.com](http://www.bigwarsop.com)

## 2. Project Name Swallows Green Community Park

### Project Description

Green piece of land situated within Robin Hood Estate in Warsop that is owned by MDC and used to have play equipment on. For over a decade or 2 this green has been left. As far as play equipment or community space there is nothing within the area on the east side of the A60. This space is completely fenced off and overlooked by housing on 3 sides with a well-lit road and convenience store on the 4<sup>th</sup> side.

A community group has been established to develop the space into a usable piece of land that the whole community can enjoy. It is envisaged by completion that this Community Park will obtain a Green Flag Award. The Community group will be responsible for developing the space and maintaining soft landscape, while MDC will continue to own the land, cut the grass, perform ongoing arboreal work and advice on any Health and Safety issues.

The community and group are made up of residents who live around and on Robin Hood Estate. Most have children or grandchildren, however this park is to serve elderly and disabled people as well.

The work will be undertaken in phases and most will be performed by members of the group, some voluntary, some at minimal wage.

Phase 1 is to develop a pathway around the perimeter of the park that will be measured to enable people to know how far they've walked/run. This will help with rehabilitation and health. This pathway will be 2 M wide and of a surface which will support those with mobility issues, pushchairs, wheelchairs, and walking 2 abreast. The pathway will eventually have activities along the route similar to a Trim Trail. However, in the initial stage it will have benches along it to allow people to rest. The pathway is approx. 300 m long.

We have obtained quotes for the pathway development (see attached) and it is envisaged that the community group will undertake the work. The main operators will be paid a basic wage for this as they will need to take time from their Day Job to enable it to progress quickly.

We have promise of material's from Bowring transport for the infill of the pathway. Already bought are benches, picnic tables and waste bins. We have permission from MDC to install them ourselves provided we use MDC specs and they will check all the work and sign off approvals. These will be installed along the pathway and within the park once the pathway route is established.

Phase 2 is to plant a wild flower area, a memorial flower area, and a handful of trees. We are planning a memorial tree; which will already be an established size, and then smaller trees, probably fruit trees to establish a community orchard. Tall overhanging trees are not wanted within the green so careful consultation of which species will be undertaken with the residents that surround the park. Flowers such as snow drops and crocus's will be scattered around in a fashion of natural habitation. Within areas hedgehog houses, bat and bird boxes, bug hotels will all be encouraged. It is hoped by the time phase 2 is being established that we will have a younger community group working alongside the adult community group.

Space will be put aside to enable community fetes, car boots, fund raisers to occur, along with space for larger play equipment. We have been identified as the area that will benefit from 106 monies from the Oakfield development once that has been completed. Variation of Conditions have just been consulted on. It is thought the 106 monies will pay for play equipment made from sustainable resources such as wood that will be sympathetic to the Green.

### New Applications Please Tell us

- What are you going to do?
- How will you do it?
- How many people will be involved etc.
- How will it be managed?
- How are you going to monitor its progress?

### Repeat Applications

if this is a repeat application please tell us if anything is different this time? What have you learned from your last project and how will you do things differently?

This project and the ongoing management will be undertaken by an established community group. Thought the group is currently small and has not as yet been tested due to the Covid Pandemic most of us are certain that once the work gets underway commitment will once again be strong. It has to be said that even during lockdown we've been able to maintain a strong group identity that are eager to get the work underway

**3. Which of our five themes does your project support?** (please circle or highlight, as appropriate)

<b>Strengthening Communities</b>	<b>Empowering People</b>	<b>Supporting People</b>	<b>Improving the Environment</b>	<b>Having things to do?</b>
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#### **4. Expected outcomes of the activity.**

What difference will the activity make to local people and the Parish of Warsop?

We believe more than anything that this project will strengthen our already very strong community. It will provide safe outdoor space for all abilities and members of the community, giving people the chance of safe exercise. Most members of this community group are doing this to improve their environment, give their children a safe environment and this in turn will empower the group by giving them the confidence and knowledge that they can do this, that public bodies such as councils have faith in community groups to dictate what they need and want in their environment.

This project will give all residents that live on the East of the A60, but mainly Robin Hood and Mount cres estates a place to relax, play, train without having to travel down to Carr lane or the Carrs.

#### **5. Project Location**

Where project is to be located? (although the project does not need to be located within Warsop Parish, your plan must clearly show how local people will be involved in and benefit from the activity)

Swallows Green is located within Robin Hood Ave, and Little John Ave. Houses back onto 3 sides of the Green, many with gates and the 4<sup>th</sup> side is along Cottage lane. This side has a brick border with gateway, that in the future gates may be considered. There is already an anti vehicle post preventing vehicles getting onto the Green.

#### **6. What consents are required and when given? e.g. Planning Permission**

MDC own the land and have already given permission for the Community group to develop. They are aware of Phase 1, and have actively supported the use of 106 monies.

MDC have been very clear that there is no possibility of them developing this piece of land and we feel grateful that this land hasn't so far been ear marked for development. However, if left much longer may well do so.

#### **7. What links are there to existing activities?**

a) Are other organisations involved in the project? b) Does it help or complement other projects operating in the area?

There are no links to existing activities as none operate in this part of Warsop. Once the funding has been obtained to get the new path in place we will start to contact other local organisations such as Mansfield District Leisure Trust, Warsop Youth Club and Vibrant Warsop to develop projects and run events and activities on the site.

### 8. Monitoring & Evaluation.

If your proposal is successful then you will be required to complete a review and evaluation pro-forma (example available on our website). Please let us know if you intend to undertake any other monitoring in addition to this.

Monitoring of the project will be ongoing, and none of our plans except the pathway (phase 1 and 2) are set in stone. Due to Covid we have been very limited in exploring what else the public living in the surround would like. Therefore it is hoped that after Phase 1 we will publicise Phase 2 and then seek ideas and comments moving on. The Group are fully aware that vandalism is our biggest threat and therefore community vigilance is vital but also knowledge of what is wanted and permitted plays a crucial part. There is no point putting things within the space that isn't wanted. We know a pathway is wanted as the space is used for dog walking, and in these times 'daily step counts' are very fashionable.

### 9. Project Timescale

Start date: March 2021

End date: June 2021

### 10. Cost of Project and Funding Requested

State the amount you are requesting from **BIG Warsop** and the amount you are requesting from other funders (if any). If you are requesting funding from other sources please indicate if this has already been secured.

Funder	Amount	Date Secured
BIG Warsop	£12,000	N/A
Other: Donation of Debra Barlow - Warsop Parish Councillor Allowance x 2 years £1,000 and Mayors fund	£1,500	Jan 21
Remaining will be sourced from other funders/local businesses as needed. James Bowring has offered to supply some of the materials however we have not yet determined which, benches have been donated by a local benefactor (£2k) We have applied for funding from Veolia but were unsuccessful on that occasion probably due to lack of information. We will apply again if successful with Big Warsop potentially for match funding to either complete phase 1 and/or 2	£1,500	TBC
<b>TOTAL</b>		

### 11. Big Warsop Funding Breakdown

#### Item Description

Please see attached quotation with the cost breakdown

#### Cost (£)

**£15,430**

**13.Forward Strategy**

Do you plan to carry this activity on past the BIG Warsop funded timeframe? If so how will this be achieved? Have you considered how this project might sustain itself?

It is hoped that the Community group will be an ongoing project as MDC have been very clear that they don't have any extra money for this Green Space. Therefore, for maintenance and ongoing improvements the group will need to continue. We believe that if public bodies demonstrate that they have faith in our community the community will in turn be willing to care for a much needed and wanted safe space.

<b>14.Applicant Declaration</b>	<b>I declare that to the best of my knowledge and believe the information given on the application form and in my supporting material is correct. I accept the Terms and Conditions should my application be successful.</b>
<b>Applicant Signature:</b>	
<b>Name and Title:</b>	
<b>On behalf of: (name of organisation)</b>	
<b>Date:</b>	