



Good Food Grants Programme 2012-13

Application form

In partnership with



Section 1 – Applicant details

Contact name:

Elspeth Broady

Name of organisation:

London Road Station Partnership (LRSP)

Address of organisation: *(including full post code)*

Contact and meeting point: 147 Ditchling Rise, Brighton, BN1 4QQ

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lrsp@hotmail.co.uk
<http://londonrdstationpartnership.wordpress.com>

Charity registration number: not applicable.

Please briefly explain what your organisation / group does

Many people in our area live in small spaces without access to significant garden areas, which limits their involvement with growing food and composting. Over 2011, we have established a station-community partnership with Southern Railway to develop unused waste land into an ornamental shady garden, a 28m³ edible growing garden with raised beds, and a small-scale composting facility.

Our aim is to promote community involvement through a) opportunities for gardening and sharing know-how, in particular urban small-scale edible growing; b) opportunities for composting; and c) promote environmental awareness of food production and recycling.

Section 2 – Project details

1. Projects must meet one or more of the following outcomes. **Please put an X next to up to three outcomes** which best match your project:

1. **Increase the amount** of food produced locally X
3. **Increase skills and confidence** of local people in growing food X
5. **Reduce, reuse and recycle** waste generated by the food system (e.g. food packaging, composting) X

2. About your project: Will the funding be used for your group's core running costs (e.g. insurance, volunteer costs) or for a specific project or activity? **If core costs:** please explain how the funding will support you work. **If project costs:** please describe the project, what you will do and over what period of time you'll do it, and whether this is a new project / activity or has it already been going for some time. *Suggested word limit: 300 words. If you are uncertain about the difference between core and project costs please contact us.*

We seek funding in order to build on our successful first year, building raised beds for our edible growing and starting our community composting scheme. We aim now to develop:

1. a mini-orchard based on native Sussex varieties of apples and pears trained as cordons up our very visible south-facing wall
2. a shredding facility to recycle woody waste material from the LRSP garden, but also from neighbours' gardens
3. community herb planters on the station, providing fresh herbs easily accessible to passers-by and railway users

Re. 1, we have arranged to obtain the fruit trees, so we seek funding here for training from Brighton Permaculture during 2012-13 to help us develop the orchard successfully. This will include advice on cultivation of the trees, a cooking event which we can use to build community support and interest, attendance on fruit growing courses for volunteers and follow-up visits to the mini-orchard (see <http://www.brightonpermaculture.org.uk/orchard-training>).

Re. 2, around 10 residents regularly use our composting area. Disposing of woody garden material is challenging – and with a mini-orchard, we will be generating more woody waste. A garden shredder would allow us to shred woody waste from the LRSP garden, but also to develop community shredding events at pruning times where neighbours could bring woody waste from their own gardens for shredding either for their own compost or for mulch/compost at the LRSP garden.

Re. 3: users of the station regularly stop by the LRSP garden to chat about what we are doing. The idea of a community herb planter arose from discussions with visitors. Fresh herbs are expensive to buy, but easy to grow and propagate, and are thus ideal 'produce' for public 'self-access'.

Through the above activities, we aim to generate local support for and volunteering in LRSP, and build awareness of edible growing and recycling.

3. What do you hope to achieve and how will you measure it?

Use the table below to outline what you aim to achieve with your project / activity, how you'll do it and how you'll know it has been successful (see example table for some ideas, and don't hesitate to contact us with any queries).

Outcome (corresponds to funding criteria – in question 1)	Project Outcome (what you hope will happen as a result of your work)	Activities and outputs (what you will do to achieve your outcome)	Measuring success? (how will you know you have achieved your outcomes)
1,(2) and 3	<u>Mini-orchard</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Successfully establish mini-orchard of 6-7 Sussex fruit trees 2. Increase awareness of local varieties of fruit trees 3. Develop know-how on how to maintain a mini-orchard and train cordons 4. Increase community involvement through planting/cooking event. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Organise on-site training visit on growing cordon fruit trees and cooking event with Brighton Permaculture 2. LRSP members attend Brighton Permaculture training 3. Produce display board on mini-orchard for station 4. Disseminate experience in LRSP blog, but also through article in <i>Preston Pages</i> and <i>Evening Argus</i>. 5. Invite local primary school to visit. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Mini-orchard successfully planted, trained and pruned by March 2013 2. At least 10 new participants from neighbourhood attend event. 3. Uptake by <i>Preston Pages</i> and <i>Evening Argus</i> 4. Positive feedback from local primary school visit
5	<u>Community shredder</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Improve composting facilities at London Road Station 2. Increase community participation in composting 3. Provide replacement mulch for station garden 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Purchase shredder 2. Organise and publicise community shredding event in autumn and spring 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. All woody pruning from LRSP garden is successfully composted 2. At least 10 new participants engaged in shredding/composting 3. Reduced need for purchased mulch
1, (2) and 3	<u>Community herb planters</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Extend benefits of LRSP to the wider community 2. Develop know-how on growing, maintaining and using home-grown herbs 3. Draw attention to wider work of LRSP and Harvest 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Purchase containers and growing medium 2. Design planting for container 3. Sow herb seeds and propagate/divide existing plants 4. Produce information board on herb containers 5. Organise late afternoon/evening event in June/July to encourage free use. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Distribute at least 500 leaflets 2. Evidence that the herbs are being used 3. Positive feedback from railway users and passers-by. 4. Overall (all three activities above) aim to register 10 new members for LRSP

4. Who will plan and do the work? Will any other groups/organisations be involved in the project? If so, what will their role be? Will you involve any volunteers?

The work will be planned and undertaken by LRSP members (all volunteers).

- Brighton Permaculture are already helping us plan our mini-orchard.
- We will work with Ditchling Rise Area Residents Association (DRARA) in particular in relation to promotion of events and awareness-raising at DRARA Street Party. We also hope to work with the planned Springfield Road Area Residents Association on the organisation of events.
- We link up with Sussex Community Rail Partnership for networking opportunities with other station partnerships.

5. Please give specific details about who will benefit from your work. Who is the project for and how will they be better off because of it? Will you be working with one of the priority groups outlined in the Guidance Notes? *Suggested word limit 200 words.*

1. LRSP members: currently 20 registered. Active gardening group of around 10, with 7 over 60. In particular, we work with a resident from a group home to provide gardening and social opportunities away from the care home environment. Active composting group of around 8, 6 of whom do not have home space for composting.
Will benefit in terms of opportunities for undertaking edible growing, for developing increased know-how and access to produce, and composting facilities.
2. Local residents, particularly in the vicinity of London Road Station, and users of London Road Station.
Will benefit from immediate access to community herb garden, and to composting facilities. Membership of LRSP is open to all. Other community members who may potentially benefit include local primary school(s) where we are encouraging links.

6. Please explain the need for this project. How have you identified this need? What evidence do you have? E.g. have the project beneficiaries (those who will benefit) been involved in planning the activity / project, have you done a survey? *Suggested word limit 200 words.*

The activities outlined above have been specifically identified from LRSP members' discussions, which has led to our review of our 2011 work (currently being written up for our blog).

We have further drawn on discussions in DRARA (Ditchling Rise Area Residents' Association) including with our local councillors for St Peter's/North Laines and Preston Park.

We regularly have informal discussions with the wider community of residents/passers-by: typically, 5-10 passers-by stop to talk to us or visit the garden during our work sessions, and at

the 2011 DRARA Street Party, over 20 residents visited the garden.
We have also spoken to local primary schools (Downs Junior and Montessori school) who have expressed their interest in visits to the garden.
We have also drawn on 'expert' visits from Harvest and Brighton Permaculture

7. How will you continue this work after the funding from Good Food Grants is spent? Is this a one-off activity or a project with a set timeframe (e.g. a 10-week series of cookery classes), or is it an ongoing project? Whatever your situation, how will you find the time, people and money to continue the work in the future?

Currently, the LRSP benefits from a committed core of volunteers with time available to develop these activities. The activities are part of our on-going development. As indicated above, they all aim to engage local people beyond the current LRSP gardening group so that we can build our volunteer base and local support to continue our activities.

Specifically, the activities for which we request funding are sustainable in the future with minimal funding. We have, for instance, deliberately chosen herbs for our most 'public' planting, as these are easy and inexpensive to grow and replace. We have benefitted in the past year from support in kind and in cash from local residents and local businesses, which enables us to cover sundry 'day-to-day' supplies for the garden.

Section 3 - Project costs

1. Project budget: How much will this project / activity cost to run? Please give a breakdown of the costs and how much you would like from Good Food Grants. We will ask for proof of expenditure with your evaluation report so please keep receipts.

Item	Cost	Amount requested from Good food grants	Detail
Training to support mini-orchard	£200	£200	As agreed with Brighton Permaculture
Shredder	£300	£300	Bosch AXT 25D recommended by Which Gardening?
Herb garden planters 2 x £50	£100	£100	These need to be heavy duty durable and high to ensure they do not present hazards at the station.
Growing medium	£60	£60	

e.g. BCCC compost x m3 + horticultural grit			
4 x A2 weather and tamper-proof display frames @ £30	£120	£120	
Total cost	£	£780	

2. If the full cost of the project is greater than the amount you are requesting from the Good Food Grants, please give details of ALL other sources of funding and their contribution, including whether or not the amount has been agreed.

Our bid focuses on major items of expenditure which we cannot fund from our small day-to-day funds (in the region of £100 from donations).

Brighton & Hove City Council have provisionally allocated us £300 for running costs which must not benefit the Station Garden directly. We hope to be able to use these to support publicity and events related to the LRSP garden in the local area.

We provide our own tools and purchase our own seeds. Neighbours have donated a range of garden sundries to support growing. We will also propagate/divide mint, chives, tarragon and fennel and purchase thyme, oregano, bay and sage as required.

NOTE: if you need advice or help with budget, monitoring & evaluation or any other aspect of your application please contact Ann Baldrige on 01273 431718 or email ann@bhfood.org.uk.

Section 4: Hands-on Gardening Help – optional for growing projects

Gardening isn't always easy but a bit of help from someone who's been through it all before can go a long way. That's why the Harvest project offers community and school gardening projects the opportunity to link up with an experienced gardener who can share their knowledge and skills.

This year, as a part of the Good Food Grants scheme, you can also apply for free practical gardening advice and support from an experienced community gardener (normally a separate application process). This could be advice around planning, designing, when to plant and harvest, building fences / beds / compost bins, or any other practical help in the garden. We can offer 6-20 hours of paid time which is funded by the Harvest project at the Food Partnership. This will not be counted as a part of your project budget in your Good Food Grant application.

This gardening support is also available at other times of the year, but we hope that including this offer alongside the Good Food Grants will make it easier for projects to benefit. We will let you know in March (at the same time as the Good Food Grants decisions) whether your application has been successful – just in time for Spring gardening.

Please use the space below to outline the kinds of practical support your garden project would like.

Section 5 – Bank details

If your application is successful, we will arrange to make payment by cheque or by direct transfer into the project's bank account.

Please specify how you would prefer to receive payment:

- If by bank transfer (BACS), please fill out the following:

Account name: LONDON ROAD STATION PARTNERSHIP

Sort code: 08-92-99

Account number: 65478994

These details will be kept secure and will not be shared with anyone outside of the grants assessment team.

Section 6 - Certification

I certify that all monies provided in relation to this application will be used for the purposes set out above. I agree that should the application be funded:

- the project will completed by 31 March 2013.
- we will submit an end of grant evaluation report on completion of the project on or before 31 May 2013.
- to provide detailed evidence of actual expenditure in the end of grant report.
- funding will not be released to successful applicants until the applicant has returned a signed grant agreement.

I certify that all the above is correct and complete to the best of my knowledge.

Name	Elspeth Broady
Position	Coordinator
Signature
Date	10 th February 2012

Forms should be returned by post or email on or before 5:00pm, **Friday 10 February 2012** to:

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Check list:

- ✓ I have read the grant guidelines
- ✓ All parts of the application form are fully completed
- ✓ Certification (section 6, above) has been signed and dated