

Agenda Item 16



ILMINSTER TOWN COUNCIL GRANT APPLICATION FORM 2020/21

Please Note: Prior to completion of this form please read The Town Council's Grant Policy and Guidelines

1. Name / Title of ^{Project} Organisation Sunflowers of Somerset

2. Name of person submitting the applica

Position held in organisation

Address

Tel. No.

Email sun

3. Full details of project for which a grant is sought: with emphasis on how it will benefit the citizens of Ilminster

A Community Project to distribute sunflower seeds to local people, schools, churches, care homes, shops, cafes in Ilminster and local villages and encourage them to grow the flowers where they will be visible to everyone. We aim to beautify the town, bring neighbourhoods together in community activities such as competitions, arts & crafts to encourage friendship. Gardening and crafting both promote mental health and wellbeing and sharing in a community activity like this enhances moods, companionship and engaging in the locality.

4. Total anticipated cost of project £280 - 00
(Please enclose supporting estimates)

5. Amount of grant sought from Town Council and % of total project cost £112 - 00
40 %

6. Please give details of applications made to other grant making bodies in respect of this project
(eg South Somerset District Council/Lottery. etc)

Date	Organisation	Amount Sought	Granted
NONE			

7. Please provide details of the contribution that will be made by your organisation to the Project.

..... All other costs met by personal means.

8. Has your organisation received a grant from this Council within the last 3 years?

YES/NO If YES, please provide details.

..... NO

Please use additional sheets if necessary

Don't forget to include:

- Constitution / rules
- Financial information – accounts
- Evidence project costings are reasonable

Please return the completed form to
 Ilminster Town Council
 Council Offices
 North Street
 Ilminster
 Somerset
 TA19 0DG

6. Please give details of applications made to other grant making bodies in respect of this project
(eg South Somerset District Council/Lottery. etc)

Date	Organisation	Amount Sought	Granted
NONE			

7. Please provide details of the contribution that will be made by your organisation to the Project.

..... ALL other costs met by personal means

.....

.....

.....

8. Has your organisation received a grant from this Council within the last 3 years?

YES/NO If YES, please provide details.

..... NO

.....

.....

Please use additional sheets if necessary

Don't forget to include:

- Constitution / rules
- Financial information – accounts
- Evidence project costings are reasonable

Please return the completed form to

Iminster Town Council

Council Offices

North Street

Iminster

Somerset

TA19 0DG

SUNFLOWERS OF SOMERSET

20th July 2021

Ilminster Town Council
6 North Street, Ilminster

Dear Sirs

COMMUNITY GRANT APPLICATION FOR SUNFLOWERS OF SOMERSET

Further to our telephone calls and emails, we wish to proceed further for our application for a small community grant for our organisation. (We have already sent in a financial statement and completed a grant application form and now have a community bank account in this name)

The aims of our organisation are to:

1. Distribute Sunflower Seeds as widely as possible across Somerset, to schools, churches, care homes, shops, businesses and other organisations to encourage everyone to 'get growing for a Green Britain' and this has already been done very successfully.
2. To promote well being and mental health through gardening and art with involvement in arts and crafts, and many schools and care homes have taken up this challenge with exhibitions already being held in Ilminster and surrounding villages
3. We aim to bring community groups together to draw them in so that they feel a connection with groups of other people doing the same thing
4. And we aim to beautify areas with golden blooms that make people smile!

Our little group is made up of myself, (the co-ordinator and publicist), and a couple of friends – a florist and an artist. We are simply raising awareness of sunflowers and giving people something good to engage with after the stresses and strains of Lockdowns and the Pandemic. A few other helpers are involved on the fringe of our activities as well.

We hope we have given you enough information to enable you to consider our request and we look forward to hearing from you soon.

Yours faithfully

SUNFLOWERS OF SOMERSET

START UP EXPENSES

Printing of fliers	Macs Printing – 200 fliers (reduced price)	5.00
	Macs Printing – 250 fliers (commercial rate)	14.00
	Clover Press – 400 fliers	20.83
Postage of seeds	12 x 2 nd class (66p)	7.92
	8 x 2 nd class large (96p)	7.68
Purchase of sunflower seeds	3 x 300 packs Just Seed Ltd (inc postage) 28.3.21	4.63
	3 x 300 packs Just Seed Ltd (inc postage) 6.4.21	4.25
	5 x 300 packs Just Seed Ltd (inc postage)	6.20
	5 x 300 packs Just Seed Ltd (inc postage)	7.25
(Approx 2500 seeds donated by Thompson and Morgan and D.T. Brown seeds)		No cost
Purchase of small plastic sachets to hold seeds (for fliers and schools)	6.4.21 - 5 packs of 100 at 1.95 each	9.75
	13.4.21 5 packs of 100 at 1.95 each	9.75
	21.4.21 5 packs of 100 at 1.95 each	9.75
Somerset flag (For Flowering flower shop in Chard) To make flag and sunflowers window display got SOMERSET DAY (May 8)		14.90
2 x packs colouring pencils @ £4 each (For Kitchen on Silver Street)		8.00
1 printer cartridge to print Sunflower mindfulness pictures (For Wellbeing colouring project at The Kitchen on Silver Street)		27.80
TOTAL SPEND TO DATE		£157.71

Photocopies of all invoices from printers, seed companies etc are available if needed

Projected future costs: Please see next page
PROJECTED COSTS FOR EVENTS THROUGHOUT THE SUMMER

Art Materials for Sunflower workshops at The Meeting House	£25.00
Sunflower Bonnet Parade organised and sponsored by Tesco PLC	No cost
Schools artwork and displays at The Minster, The Library and Monks Yard expected to be organised and funded (if any costs are necessary) by the Schools involved	No cost
Ongoing mindfulness colouring at The Kitchen on Silver Street should be met by materials already purchased	No cost
Various certificates and small prizes to be awarded for competitions, Town Trail etc. Not exceeding	£50.00
Other events being organised in small towns and villages outside of Ilminster to be met by own fundraising schemes, therefore	No cost
TOTAL	<u>£75.00</u>
Small contingency kitty for any unexpected items such as stationery, Postage, additional art materials or display materials	£50.00
FINAL TOTAL	<u>£125.00</u>

Total spent to start up	£157.71
Projected future costings	£125.00
	<u>£282.71</u>



SUNFLOWERS OF SOMERSET

NEWSLETTER - JUNE 2021

Well ... who would have believed that in 8 short weeks, the concept of SUNFLOWERS OF SOMERSET would have attracted so much attention! From the germ of an idea of two little boys, Arthur and Edward, who wanted to give out sunflower seeds to their neighbours during the Lockdown back in January, to now – a Community Project drawing together schools, churches, care homes, nurseries, cubs and scouts, shops and cafes, tourist attractions, craft groups and artists and a grand total of around 6000 sunflower seeds distributed throughout Ilminster, Chard, Crewkerne, Taunton, Yeovil and many little villages in between! All growing sunflowers to beautify their towns and villages and to make people smile!

Since its launch as a Community Project on March 28 with a dedicated email address and Facebook page, SUNFLOWERS OF SOMERSET has distributed 650 leaflets with free seeds attached through outlets in shops, churches, garden centres, post offices and cafes and then delivered packs of seeds to 11 nurseries and pre-schools, 15 schools, 6 churches, 5 care homes, 5 Cubs and Scouts groups, 2 hotels, 2 Residents' Associations and 2 Tourist Offices so far! But time is running out and those little seeds need to be in the ground within

the next couple of weeks! We still have around 500 Giant Sunflower seeds and an equal number of Dwarf Seeds if anyone knows of someone or an organisation who can use them and we are still waiting on several other places who have not yet had time to respond to us



Photos of school children getting dirty, care home residents getting mucky fingers as well as the youngest planter (Asha aged 18 months) and Pip the Dog (yes!) all planting their seeds have been sent to us and all of them can be seen on our Facebook page.

The Kitchen on Silver Street in Ilminster have a competition going on between the staff and their little pots can be seen in their shop windows! Crewkerne

Hospital's patients and staff have created a beautiful Sunflower montage for their day room; Hornsbury Mill are so excited about planting their 100 Giants in their grounds and organising an event or two, that they see themselves as 'Sunflower City!' Thurloxtton Farm, who grew the most amazing sunflower meadows last year, have just planted out their zillions of seeds and are crossing their fingers that they will do as well this year.



Meanwhile, up in North Somerset, Friends of Grove Park in Weston super Mare are busy filling their flowerbeds with 500 sunflowers to be planted by many different community groups and in Porlock, a 'Person from Porlock!' (ref. Samuel Taylor Coleridge's famous poem about Kublai Khan), is heading up a small team of volunteers to spread Sunflower Sunshine all around Porlock Village..... and so the list goes on.

Many schools are planning 'well-being days' to create sunflower art and poetry – Greenfylde School's work will be on display at The Minster and Swanmeade's at the Library in Ilminster. Neroche School in Broadway will have their work on show at Monks Yard in Horton Cross. More plans are afoot amongst other schools to do the same – watch this space for news! Residents of Horton Village are planning a Sunflower Trail of painted stones around their village and The Meeting House in Ilminster will be holding Sunflower Art workshops in the school summer holidays. Hats off to Tesco's in Ilminster who are sponsoring us to organise a children's Sunflower Bonnet Parade on the August Bank Holiday weekend with lots of prizes for 'best bonnets.'

There are 'Tallest Sunflower' competitions being planned, some gardening groups are planning photographic competitions and there are thoughts of a Teddy Bear's Sunflower Picnic as well as a Sunflower craft fair on the agenda. So much happening ... so much sunflower activity within the next few months so exciting!

And it all kicks off during the first week of June with The Kitchen on Silver Street in Ilminster holding some 'Cuppa 'n' Colour' sessions – wellbeing and mindfulness colouring-in of sunflower pictures ... just go and relax with a latte and try your hand!

Other local businesses are coming on board too, the first one being 'Send a Little Joy' in Horton who have the most beautiful Sunflower greeting cards on sale. Check out their website here: www.sendalittlejoy.co.uk

We are hoping to get some Sunflower poetry under way and maybe some pictures for an exhibition too so are there any poets and artists among you? Please get in touch!



So - if you've got sunflower seedlings on their way up, have a think about what you might like to do within your organisation or in your village and please **DO** let us know so we can build it into our Sunflower calendar and publicity! We want to hear from you!

Happy growing!

Best wishes

Marjorie

sunflowersofsomerset@gmail.com

Sunflowers of Somerset on Facebook

