

THE STANLEY SMITH (UK) HORTICULTURAL TRUST

Application Summary Sheet (please do not extent beyond one page)

Contact details

Organisation: Fourth Reserve Foundation

Contact details withheld to comply with the Data Protection Act.

About your project

Please provide a description of the project which you are applying for a grant for. Use the box below to provide a short high level synopsis and continue on separate sheets with a wider description as necessary.

To restore a Railwayman's on a railway cutting. To include a pond, woodland wild flowers, a seating area for bird watching, a fence/gate & stepping stones. In restoring this we will bring back a garden that would have been the first garden in the local area & attract a wider variety of wildlife such as bees, lizards and toads and increase biodiversity. In restoring this section we will bring a colourful and picturesque green space to what is in the main a woodland area and thus provide an enhanced visitor experience.

Please identify the category of the Trust's objectives which you believe your project meets.

- promote the conservation of the physical and natural environment by promoting biological diversity
- promote the creation, development, preservation and maintenance of gardens (open to visitors)

Please describe personnel who will be participating in the project (if appropriate).

Julia Cody - Landscape garden designer (One of trustees)
Nicholas MacGuinness - gardener/horticulture teacher to young people with needs (volunteer manager)
Clive Stanley - gardener (One of trustees)
6 x volunteers who are gardeners as main role

Please describe your long-term plans for the future of the project once the grant has been used (if applicable).

Preserve the site - it combines both ecology & heritage so will bring greater attention from public.
It will enhance the nature reserve and so will attract more visitors during Open Days and events.
It will improve the appearance of the nature reserve - this section is currently very bleak - no vegetation other than a couple of small trees.

Financial Information

Please attach all relevant financial information such as expected other income and proposed expenditure.

Sum applied for: £1500

Please send your application (including this cover sheet and any supporting documents) in electronic form, hard copy or both to the following addresses:

Postal address (hard copies): Dr David Rae, Director, Stanley Smith (UK) Horticultural Trust, Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh, 20a Inverleith Row, Edinburgh EH3 5LR

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Railwayman's Garden - a restoration project

Fourth Reserve Foundation (Charity no.1186942)

Buckthorne Cutting Nature Reserve

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Views of the Buckthorne Cutting Nature Reserve 2020

Charity Background: The Fourth Reserve Foundation was established in 2017 to protect and preserve the Forest Hill to New Cross railway cutting that is a Metropolitan Site of Importance for Nature Conservation. As part of this work the charity established and manage the Buckthorne Cutting Nature Reserve in Lewisham. As well as managing the site for the benefit of wildlife the aim is to restore this non-designated heritage landscape. We have uncovered 4 neglected and threatened sections in the nature reserve with important historical connections that together take visitors on a historical journey through a natural landscape. The first is the railwayman's garden from the late 1800s; the 2nd is a plum orchard from a space previously used as an allotment in WW2; the 3rd is a canal pathway from early 1800s that is being researched by the London geo-Partnership for its scientific interest as a fossil horizon and the 4th is a reed bed currently covered with bramble on the site of a pond that pre-existed the Croydon in the 1700s.

Charity Aim: To promote for the benefit of the public the conservation, protection and improvement of the physical and natural environment of the New Cross to Forest Hill railway cutting through the provision and maintenance of a nature reserve.

Project purpose or aim:

- To restore an area or the nature reserve that was once the site of a Railwayman's garden in the late 1800s and so enhance the heritage value of the space.
- The garden will include a pond, woodland flowers, a seating area for bird watching, a fence/gate and stepping stones to enable visitors to walk around the edge of the garden to the seated area. In restoring this section of the landscape we will bring back a garden that would have been the first garden in the local area when it was all farmland.
- In restoring this section we will bring to the flowers and habitats to attract a wider variety of wildlife such as bees, lizards and toads and increase biodiversity.
- In restoring this section we will bring a colourful and picturesque green space to what is in the main a woodland area and thus provide an enhanced visitor experience.

Advancement of Charity Aim:

- This project will better preserve the site as it combines is both an ecological and heritage based project so will bring greater attention from the local authority and wider community.
- It will enhance the nature reserve and so will attract more visitors.
- It will improve the appearance of the nature reserve - this section is currently very bleak - no vegetation other than a couple of small trees.

Who and how many people will benefit?

- 1200 visitors yearly at open days
- 60 local school children weekly
- 100 volunteers
- 140 children during school holidays
- 30 refugees for well being sessions

Cost of garden project:

Overall cost is £2700

£1000 has been donated by Thames Water - fence/gate costs

£200 has been generated from donations - extras - unrestricted income

The funding request from Stanley Smith Charity is therefore £1500

Note - no cost in labour as all volunteers

Budget breakdown:

Item	Cost
Wild flower seed 2 kg and 150 plug plants	£500
Rotivator hire	£100
Stepping stones	£250
Bench x 1	£150
Specimen trees x 2	£500
Total	£1500

The trustee leading this project is Julia Cody and her background is:

Julia has been working as a garden designer for the last 15 years and is a joint director of Hamilton Cody Garden Design based in Brockley, London. She has a postgraduate qualification in Landscape Architecture from Greenwich University and studied horticulture at Hadlow College. Julia studied Fine Art and has a BA Hons from Goldsmiths College. Between the fine art degree and discovering plants and garden design she was a professional photographer working in editorial and advertising. Photography continues to be a big part of her life today and is used a great deal in the garden design business. Julia is a trustee of the Buckthorne Cutting, an amazing urban woodland close to home and is 'honoured to be able to assist in supporting it's preservation and protection.'

Application to Stanley Smith Horticultural Trust by Fourth Reserve Foundation