

# York's Forgotten Corners Fund Expression of Interest

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**Your project should be aimed at enhancement, development and upkeep of a forgotten corner within the City of York in a sustainable way.**

This form can be used to record your expression of interest.

The information on the form will be assessed against the criteria in the project information sheet and at [www.york.gov.uk/ForgottenCorners](http://www.york.gov.uk/ForgottenCorners).

The Executive Member for Environment will make a final decision on funding awards. Should your project be successful a member of the Project Team will contact you to arrange the commissioning process. We will notify all those who have submitted an expression of interest as soon as possible after the deadline.

Instructions: Please complete all sections as fully as possible. For help completing this form please contact the Communities and Equalities Team on [shapingneighbourhoods@york.gov.uk](mailto:shapingneighbourhoods@york.gov.uk)

Further details about the fund can be found at [www.york.gov.uk/ForgottenCorners](http://www.york.gov.uk/ForgottenCorners)

The closing date for expressions of interest is **22 August 2018**.

## Outcomes of the project:

- The project should seek to enhance public open space for the benefit of York residents and its environment.
- Seek to improve the appearance of the space, enhance its biodiversity and accessibility to members of the public.
- Involve community volunteers in the improvement and maintenance of the space.
- Produce a project plan outlining how the space could be maintained in a sustainable way without further funding from the City of York Council.

## Section 1: Your contact details

Name:

Colin Smith

Name and type of the group/organisation:

York Allotments Incorporated Charitable Organisation (YACIO) [Registration Number: 1174306] in association with Green Lane Growers

i.e. registered charity, not for profit organisation/social enterprise, community/ voluntary group, faith group, school, university or college, Parish Council

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You can continue your application on additional sheets if required.

Please describe how the community will be involved in the project, including how you intend to recruit volunteers and supervise them working on the Forgotten Corner.

The project would be based on Green Lane Allotments set in the heart of Acomb. Three years ago an association (Green Lane Growers) was set up by an enthusiastic group of plot holders. The association is governed by its constitution and is managed by a Chair, Secretary, Treasurer and five committee members. The association has a bank account in its name. Regular meetings of members are held which are minuted. There is a loyal and skilled group of volunteers who have demonstrated their commitment through the development and maintenance of several on-site projects. Further details can be found in the attached papers.

Please describe how the improvement to the forgotten corner will be sustained. Is there a community group who will maintain the area on an ongoing basis?

Green Lane Growers has within its number a loyal and skilled group of volunteers who have demonstrated their commitment through the development and maintenance of several on-site projects. Further information relating to the projects listed below can be found in the attached papers.

- Schools/young people's plot
- Orchard and meadow area making use of unlettable land.
- Development of a community compost site to enable recycling.
- Purchase and erection of an association store/meeting place.
- Development of an unlettable plot as a social gathering point for all tenants and their family and friends

### Section 3: Structure and quality assurance

Please tick the current policies and practices that your organisation has in place and is able to evidence.

Policies and practices. (Tick all that apply)

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Governing documents                      | <input type="checkbox"/> First Aid Arrangements                |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bank account in name of the organisation | <input type="checkbox"/> Accident and Incident Reporting       |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Insurance                                | <input type="checkbox"/> Consent Forms                         |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Health and Safety                        | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Equal Opportunities Policy |

Please also provide details of any quality schemes that your organisation currently works to.

YACIO requires that all association projects are held to account through a process of reporting:

- Plans for upkeep and maintenance (to include management plans)
- Usage (including user demographic information)
- User satisfaction/dissatisfaction
- Demand versus availability

First aid arrangements, Accident and incident reporting and Consent forms would all developed as part of the project plan.  
YACIO holds Public Liability Insurance

# Green Lane Allotments



## Forgotten Corners

Thank you for taking the time to consider the bid presented below which argues that a proportion of the funding under the heading of Forgotten Corners could benefit a largely 'forgotten' demographic group (those with disabilities) in an arguably 'forgotten' area of York (Acomb) in terms of outdoor space available for cultivation.

### *The bidders*

This expression of interest is submitted jointly by York Allotments Charitable Incorporated Organisation (YACIO) and Green Lane Growers (a formal Association of plot holders on Green Lane Allotments, Acomb) with support and advice offered by Edible York and Brunswick Nurseries.

YACIO is a registered Charity with the responsibility of managing 16 allotment sites across the City of York. These were previously managed by the City Council until 1<sup>st</sup> November 2017 when the management was handed over to the Charity. Its constitution clearly states that its aim is to provide allotment space to ALL residents of York.

Green Lane Growers is a formal Association of plot holders which was established in 2014. It is governed by its constitution through a formal committee and holds a bank account in its name.

### *Background to the bid*

A report produced by the York City Council in 2012 (Health and Wellbeing in York – A joint strategic needs assessment for the City of York) put forward a number of recommendations many of them identifying the needs of residents with disabilities.

#### *Recommendation 1:*

We recommend that all activity concerned with planning, strategy, commissioning and service provision incorporates objectives aimed at tackling health inequalities as a matter of course.

#### *Recommendation 8:*

We recommend that active consideration is given to tackling the many and complex issues faced by people living in the most deprived areas of the city. This will involve communities working alongside statutory, voluntary and independent partners.

#### *Recommendation 9:*

We recommend that action is taken to explore and increase employment opportunities for the following groups of people: people with physical and learning disabilities – both young and older, young people, adults who may be returning to work (including rehabilitation back to work following illness), people with mental health problems and people who have substance use problems.

#### *Recommendation 13:*

We recommend that there is continued support for initiatives aimed at increasing levels of physical activity across the whole population and that priority is given to vulnerable groups and those who are least active.

The report goes on to provide information relating to the lifestyle needs of this group of people. "...disabled people are more likely to live in poverty and their income is, on average, less than half of that earned by their non-disabled peers. Disabled people are less likely to have educational qualifications and are more likely to be economically inactive with only one in two disabled people of working age currently in employment, compared with four out of five non-disabled people."

The NHS Information Centre has calculated that 16.1% of York residents have a limiting, long-term condition and that 3.7% of working age adults are permanently sick and unable to work.

The York Fairness Commission interim report notes that while two fifths of York's population live in areas that are in the least deprived, 7% of York's population (around 13,000 people) live in

## Examples of development work carried out by Green Lane Growers



*The Orchard*



*The Meadow*