

MELBOURN PARISH COUNCIL

Application for Grant for Voluntary Organisations

Please note that this application will not be considered unless it is accompanied by a copy of the latest set of annual accounts showing the organisations income, expenditure and level of balances.

If the organisation does not prepare annual accounts, copies of the bank statements covering the previous six months must be enclosed.

1.	Name of Organisation	St George's Allotment Association, Melbourn
2.	Name, Address, and Status of Contact	Chris Selway (Chairman) [REDACTED]
3.	Telephone Number of Contact	[REDACTED]
4.	Is the organisation a Registered Charity?	No
5.	Amount of grant requested	Skip Hire (x2) £536.00 Soil Improver £486.00 <b>Total £1022.00</b>
6.	For what purpose of project is the grant requested.	Hire of two 8 yard general waste skips to assist with clearing non-compostable assorted rubbish from the Melbourn allotment site, such as broken wire fencing, rusted metal, broken glass, waste plastic, etc. First skip to be on site in June 2024 and second one in September 2024. Also, delivery of ~12 tonnes of soil improver from Envar in Somersham for communal use by plot holders.
7.	What will be the total cost of the above project?	Skips: £536.00. (Two skips at £268.00 each) Soil Improver: £486.00 <b>Total: £1022.00</b>
8.	If the total cost of the project is more than the grant, how will the residue be financed?	N/A
9.	Have you applied for grant for the same project to another organisation?  If so, which organisation and how much?	No
10.	Are 3 <sup>rd</sup> parties necessary to deliver your project?	No


	If yes, please list them.	
11.	/ho will benefit from the project?	All of the St Georges Allotment community can benefit through cleaner and tidier allotments. Plot holders include families with children and a fair proportion of retired people. Having less rubbish on allotments not only benefits the current holders but also provides legacy value to future plot holders. It will also benefit the local environment by reducing environmentally harmful materials such as plastic and provide safer conditions for plot holders. In terms of deliverability, two skips were rapidly filled last year and removed considerable quantities of rubbish. This year's plan with skips in June and September is expected to clear a similar amount, as quantities of rubbish have been building over the year. The soil improver will be available to all plot holders and the known benefits of using it as a mulch include improved soil structure, increased moisture retention, weed suppression and better crop growth. The improved soil fertility will also benefit future plot holders as well as the current ones.
12.	Approximately how many of those who will benefit are parishioners?	The skips and soil improver will benefit all 76 association members and the vast majority of these are parishioners.

You may use a separate sheet of paper to submit any other information which you feel will support this application, please keep this information to 1 page.

Have you previously received a grant from MPC? Yes

If yes, please give date. March 2023

If yes and within the previous 12 months, please confirm that the grant has been spent and provide a brief report.

Signed.....  .....Date.....24 April 2024...

**3<sup>rd</sup> parties**

I/we have been fully consulted about the role attributed to us in this proposal and agree to carry it out.

Name: Organisation:

**MICK GEORGE**

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From: accounts <[accounts@ajgrabhire.co.uk](mailto:accounts@ajgrabhire.co.uk)>  
Date: 16 April 2024 at 07:22:57  
Subject: RE: Quote for Soil Improver

Hi Chris

Good to hear from you.

I'm afraid that Amey at Waterbeach doesn't have compost anymore so we have to get it from Envar in Somersham, therefore it is a little more expensive now:

£15 per tonne + VAT  
£225 + VAT haulage

I look forward to hearing from you.

Kind regards  
Jane Harris

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## ST GEORGES ALLOTMENT AND LEISURE GARDENERS ASSOCIATION

### TREASURERS REPORT FOR 2023

Thanks to the continuing arrangement with the Parish Council our membership levels have grown (up from 70 in 2022, 72 in 2023 to 76 in 2024), and the balance of total funds available as at 28/3/24 stands at £500.11. There is little change from 2023 (£523.29) however the building society account balance is lower this year (£237.74) compared to last year (£658.92) mainly due to the timing of receipt of membership fees for 2024 (£380), i.e. not received yet from the Parish Council.

Following our renewal timing, insurance is paid for 2024. The cost of insurance for the allotments is now at £145.68 (compared to £143.02 in 2023) , reflecting cover for all allotment holders as now required by the Parish council. Our Chairman secured funding through the Community Grant applications to the Parish Council for £780.30, covering 2 skip hire costs and soil improver. A small profit was also made from the seed orders (£11.40) and we received interest income of £14.54.

I recommend maintaining the membership fee at £5 for 2024, the fee we introduced in 2011 and have held level since then. Using stable membership levels as a guide we should cover the NSALG fees for 2024 and also the insurance costs for 2024, applying this membership fee. In general increased membership numbers do not increase overall balances for the Association due to the costs incurred per member, but insurance costs do drop per member as the overall number increases. We are however likely close to the limit of member numbers given the number of allotments.

The continued support of all of the allotment holders for our funding activities is vital and we look forward to the coming year and any suggestions for further opportunities to fundraise.

Using previous years as a guide we can be confident that there is scope to utilise the majority of the funds balance for improvements and services at the allotment sites during the coming year.

**EOGHAN GRIFFIN**  
**TREASURER**

### ACCOUNTS March 2024

	£
OPENING BALANCE 31/3/2023	<b>523.29</b>
Building Society balance as at 27/3/2024	237.74
Cash as at 28/3/2024	110.37
Debtor – Membership fees	380.00
Creditor- NSALG payment 2024	-228.00
TOTAL available as at 29/3/2024	<b>500.11</b>



## St George's Allotment Association

### Community Grant Report 2023

**Summary:** The St George's Allotment Association applied for and received a Melbourn Parish Council Community Grant in May 2023 to cover the hire cost of two 8-yard general waste skips (one for early summer and one for autumn), and to purchase soil improver for use on the Melbourn Allotments at The Moor, Melbourn. The grant received (£780.30) was comprised of £520.80 for hire of two skips and £259.50 for purchase and delivery of ~9 tonnes of soil improver. Both amounts were fully spent during the year.

**Waste Clearance Skip Hire:** Two 8-yard general waste skips were hired from the Mick George Group and delivered to the allotments on 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2023 and 27<sup>th</sup> October 2023. Plot holders rapidly filled both skips by clearing non-compostable assorted rubbish from their plots, such as broken wire fencing, rusted metal, broken glass, waste plastic, etc., see photo.



This project is beneficial to all of the St Georges Allotment community and resulted in many tidier allotments. Having less rubbish on their allotments not only benefited the current plot holders but also provides legacy value to future tenants. It also benefited the local environment by removing environmentally harmful materials such as plastic and provides safer conditions for plot holders to tend their plots. It complements the ongoing work by the council to reduce the amount of asbestos cement fragments on the allotments.

**Soil Improver:** The delivery of a lorry load of soil improver from Waterbeach Waste Management Park was arranged with Melbourn based A J Grab Hire Ltd, and on the 25<sup>th</sup> August 2023 they duly delivered 10.8 tonnes of lovely black gold, see photo. The soil improver was available to all plot



holders and within a few weeks had been wheel-barrowed to individual plots by the holders. The known benefits of using it as a mulch include improved soil structure, increased moisture retention, weed suppression and better crop growth. The improved soil fertility will also benefit future plot holders as well as the current ones. The soil improver is generated from waste food and vegetation collected from households around the county and composted under ideal conditions at the Waterbeach Waste Management Park.



**Conclusion:**

The hire of two skips and the purchase and delivery of soil improver have been completed; therefore both grant projects have been fully completed in 2023, bringing benefit to allotment holders and the allotment environment. The full amount of the grant has been spent, and a small additional amount to cover the increased cost of the extra soil improver was provided from the Association funds.