

MELBOURN PARISH COUNCIL

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Application for Grant

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.

Name of Organisation	St George's Allotment Association
Name, Address, and Status of Contact	Chris Selway (Chairman) [REDACTED]
Telephone Number of Contact	[REDACTED]
Is the organisation a Registered Charity?	No
Amount of grant requested	Skip Hire (x2) £816 Soil Improver £504 Total £1320
For what purpose of project is the grant requested.	1. Hire of two 8 yard general waste skips to assist with clearing non-compostable assorted rubbish from the Melbourn allotment site. 2. Purchase and delivery of ~10 tonnes of soil improver for communal use by plot holders.
What will be the total cost of the above project?	Skip Hire (x2) £816 Soil Improver £504 Total £1320
If the total cost of the project is more than the grant, how will the residue be financed?	N/A
Have you applied for grant for the same project to another organisation? If so, which organisation and how much?	No
Are 3 rd parties necessary to deliver your project? If yes, please list them.	No
Who will benefit from the project?	All of the St Georges Allotment community will benefit from these projects. Plot holders include families with children and a fair proportion of retired people. Clearing rubbish from the allotments benefits the current holders but also provides legacy value to future plot holders. It also benefits the environment by reducing environmentally harmful materials such as plastic and provides 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

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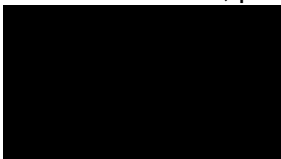
	<p>June and September is expected to clear a similar amount, as quantities of rubbish have been building over the year.</p> <p>The soil improver will be available to all plot holders and its benefits include improved soil structure, increased moisture retention, weed suppression and better crop growth. The improved soil fertility will also benefit future plot holders as well as the current ones.</p>
<p>Approximately how many of those who will benefit are parishioners? Please provide % numbers for beneficiaries within the parish if known.</p>	<p>The skips and soil improver will benefit all 73 association members and the vast majority of these are parishioners.</p>

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. June 2025

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

Signed..... Date.....12 May 2026...

3rd parties

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

Name:

Organisation:

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St. George's Allotment Association Treasurer's Report 2026

Thanks to the continuing arrangement with the Parish Council our membership levels have remained relatively stable (72 in 2023, 76 in 2024, 70 in 2025 and 73 in 2026), and the balance of total funds available as at 20/3/26 stands at £31,034.96. This is, of course, a reflection of the considerable success in securing grant funding to a value of £30,000, comprising a £20,000 grant from the National Lottery Awards for All scheme and a £10,000 Allotment Improvement Grant from SCDC. This is a significant change of course from 2025 (£515.35), but it should be noted that even without these funds there would have been a small increase, reflecting the successful fundraising during 2025.

Following our renewal timing, insurance is paid for 2026. The cost of insurance for the allotments has risen slightly for 2026 and is now at £131.61 (compared to £126.62 in 2025), 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 £1,487.31, covering skip hire costs and provision of soil improver. We made a profit from the seed orders and some interest on the money on deposit with the building society. Our major additional source of income was through the Melbourn Fete stall which, thanks to the kind donations from members, raised £110.

I recommend maintaining the membership fee at £5 for 2026, 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 2026 in addition to the insurance costs for 2026, applying this membership fee¹. 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. However, we are now likely close to the limit of member numbers given the number of allotments.

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

ACCOUNTS March 2026

	£
OPENING BALANCE 28/3/2025	515.35
Building Society balance as at 20/3/202	30855.78
Cash as at 20/3/2026	159.79
Debtor – Parish Council fees	365.00
Creditor – Insurance payment	-131.61
Creditor- NSALG payment 2026	-219.00
TOTAL available as at 20/3/2026	31029.26

¹ Members voted unanimously to retain the current membership fee at £5 for 2026, as recommended by the Treasurer.

St George's Allotment Association

Community Grant Report 2025

Summary:

The St George's Allotment Association applied for and received a Melbourn Parish Council Community Grant in June 2025 to cover the hire cost of two 8-yard general waste skips (one for early summer and one for autumn), to purchase soil improver for use on the allotments and to purchase security locks and chains to improve site security. The grant received (£1487.51) was comprised of £720.00 for hire of two skips, £514.80 for purchase and delivery of ~10 tonnes of soil improver and £252.51 for three security locks and chains. Both skips were hired and the soil improver was delivered during the year. One lock and chain has been purchased so far and the remaining will be purchased once new security gates have been installed later this year.

Soil Improver:

The known benefits of using soil improver as a mulch include improved soil structure, increased moisture retention, good weed suppression and better crop growth. The improved soil fertility will also benefit future plot holders as well as the current ones. The delivery of a lorry load of soil improver from Envar in Somersham, near Huntingdon, was arranged with Melbourn based A J Grab Hire Ltd, and on the 9th October 2025 they duly delivered ~10 tonnes of lovely black gold, see photo. The soil improver was available to all plot holders and within a few weeks had been wheelbarrowed to individual plots by the holders. The soil improver is generated from waste food and vegetation collected from households around the county and composted under ideal conditions by Envar.



Waste Clearance Skip Hire:

Two 8-year old general waste skips were hired from the Mick George Group and delivered to the allotments on 1st July and 24th October 2025. 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.

Conclusion:

The hire of two skips and the purchase and delivery of soil improver have been completed; and the remaining security equipment will be purchased shortly.

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From: [REDACTED]
To: CHRISTOPHER SELWAY



Tue 12 May at 11:44 ☆

Hi Chris

Good to hear from you.

We can certainly do that for you. The cost will be the following:

£17 per tonne + VAT
£250 + VAT haulage

I look forward to hearing from you.

Kind regards

[REDACTED]

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