



## Community Spaces Capital Grant

### Examples of typical projects Barnwood Trust has funded

#### EQUIPMENT AND HARDWARE

##### Community allotment and garden

Funding for equipment and facilities for this new community garden and growing space (within a large council allotment) so that it could be used by everyone, including people with physical disabilities and mental health problems. Funding was agreed for an accessible composting toilet (which was the largest cost item at over £4,000), a wooden shelter, polytunnel, adapted garden tools and pizza oven. The project works to connect current and former allotment holders with people who may be newer to gardening. Most of the work was undertaken by the allotment holders and garden users and materials were re-used to reduce costs.

*Barnwood Trust Community Spaces investment - £5,400.*

##### Community centre

To buy new chairs that were suitable for everyone including people who were struggling particularly with the old chairs. Barnwood Trust wanted to invest in equipment that was quite urgent for the centre to buy but also support the space with its wider improvement plan to make it a more welcoming space for everyone.

*Barnwood Trust Community Spaces investment - £1,740.*

##### Community and sports centre

To buy new folding tables and folding chairs for a sports hall to make it a more flexible venue for community events, for example (this space had no furniture to do this) and to replace old chairs in a meeting room. Barnwood Trust was a part funder of this project.

*Barnwood Trust Community Space investment - £250.*



### **Community centre**

Funding to replace the centre's existing chairs and tables. The chairs were old and particularly unsuitable for people with disabilities while the tables were old, heavy and hard to move around.

*Barnwood Trust Community Spaces investment - £3,115.*

### **Community Centre**

Funding to replace worn, unattractive and in some places dangerous floor coverings for this popular and well used community space. The centre had already invested in improvements to the three rooms concerned where replacement flooring was needed to finish the space so that it was safer, more attractive and welcoming.

*Barnwood Trust Community Spaces investment – £4,172.*

## **CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS (CONSTRUCTION COSTS)**

### **Community centre**

The remodelling and refurbishment of a small community centre where the project has also raised almost £5,000 from individual donations including a successful crowdfunding campaign. Funds were used to improve the internal and external environment; making it more welcoming, attractive and accessible. The improvements include a mini café, meeting rooms and accessible toilet. The community also has plans to revitalise the back garden with new decking and planting. Barnwood Trust was a part funder of this project and we believe that our up-front investment helped to attract funding from other organisations.

*Barnwood Trust Community Spaces investment - £25,000 (overall cost of £54,000 approximately).*

### **Community centre**

Undertake a makeover of the kitchen at a well-used community hub. The funding will enable the space to be used to cater for events and activities and the centre's plan to buy free standing equipment would enable it to be moved and re-used if the building was remodelled in the future.

*Barnwood Trust Community Spaces investment – £6,970.*

## **TO MAKE OUTDOOR SPACES MORE ACCESSIBLE AND WELCOMING**

### **Community allotment and garden**

To create a large suite of raised bed mini allotments where the allotments are being used partly by a local hospital and local GPs for Social Prescribing ('gardening on prescription') for

therapeutic benefits while others can be rented by local residents, in this residential area. Barnwood Trust was a part funder of this project.

*Barnwood Trust Community Spaces investment - £5,000.*

### **Memorial garden part of a larger park**

Funding to enable the completion of this small space, part of a large town park. Our funding paid for an information board explaining the history of the large municipal Park and the Peace Garden and for some planting. Barnwood Trust was a part funder of this project.

*Barnwood Trust Community Spaces investment - £1,500*

### **Community allotment**

A relatively small amount of funding provided a level accessible surface for an area where people gathered and short path and surrounding area of a water butt so they became fully accessible.

*Barnwood Trust Community Spaces investment – £1,500.*

## **TECHNICAL ADVICE OR CONSULTANCY SERVICES**

### **Community coffee shop**

To employ the services of a cafe business consultant to undertake an assessment of the requirements of a community coffee shop and provide advice, information and support to help make it a more welcoming and attractive resource for local residents.

*Barnwood Trust Community Spaces investment - £1,000.*

### **Community hub**

The grant paid for a structural engineer's fees to provide the information required for a community hub to formulate its plans for its lift project. This funding was to ensure the development plans meet building regulations and disability access needs.

*Barnwood Trust Community Spaces investment – £500.*