

**North Yorkshire County Council**

**Business and Environmental Services**

**Executive Members**

**23 August 2019**

**Allerton Waste Recovery Park Landscape and Cultural Heritage Fund**

**Report of the Assistant Director - Transport, Waste and Countryside Services**

**1.0 Purpose of Report**

- 1.1 To report to the Corporate Director - Business and Environmental Services (BES) and to the BES Executive Members on the expenditure profile for the Allerton Waste Recovery Park (AWRP) Landscape and Cultural Heritage Fund (LCHF).
- 1.2 To seek approval from the Corporate Director – BES for release of funding for the project highlighted in Appendix A of this report.

**2.0 Background**

- 2.1 The Section 106 Agreement for AWRP was signed on 14 February 2013 and included the requirement for the Council to establish a Landscape and Cultural Heritage Fund (LCHF).
- 2.2 The LCHF is to be used towards reducing the visual and landscape impacts of the development and the delivery of enhancement and strengthening of the local landscape character, biodiversity and/or features of cultural heritage prioritised within a 3.5km radius of the Site. It is informed by the Landscape Management Strategy developed by Amey and approved by the Planning Authority which includes a Conservation Management Plan and Outline Habitat Management Plan. The value of the LCHF is £839,500
- 2.3 On 18 September 2015, a report was approved by BES Executive Members to enter into a contract with Two Ridings Community Foundation (TRCF) to manage distribution of the LCHF on behalf of the County Council. The contract began on 23 November 2015 and ends on 22 November 2019 but can be extended if necessary for a further year.
- 2.4 The small grants fund (£100 to £1,000) was launched in October 2015, the large grants fund (£10,001 to £50,000) was opened in December 2015 and the medium grants fund (£1,001 to £10,000) was opened in early 2017 (the upper limit for medium grants has subsequently been extended to £25,000)
- 2.5 The large grant element of the fund has been over-subscribed and the fund has consequently been suspended for large grants. The large grant fund could be reopened depending upon the small and medium fund future take up although the level of subscription means that this is unlikely to be necessary.
- 2.6 Historically, funding for small grants has been released by TRCF providing that the projects meet the necessary requirements set out in the guidance information and application process. In this final year 2019/20, as funds are becoming more limited, decisions on small grant applications will be made in May 19, August 19 and December 19 subject to available funding.

- 2.7 Applications for the medium grant fund are normally assessed at an independent panel meeting. The panel is made up of NYCC and HBC Councillors, the local community, technical advisors and TRCF. Historically, two meetings have been held per year to maximise scope for delivery of projects taking into account planting and seasonal activities.
- 2.8 Authority was delegated by the Corporate Director - BES in consultation with the BES Executive Members on 27 January 2017 to enable TRCF to decide some medium grant fund applications through a fast track process.

### 3.0 Outcome of Panel Meeting (Medium Grants)

- 3.1 The eighth panel meeting took place on 30 July 2019 and considered twelve projects. Six of the twelve projects were awarded funding. Details of the projects and Panel recommendations are summarised in the table below. More detailed information on the projects awarded funding under the medium grants scheme can be found in the Panel sheet in Appendix B.

| Applicant                                    | Project   | Amount recommended | Panel comments and amount awarded  |
|--|---|--------------------|--|
| Holgate Bank Grange                          | Funding to create 193 metres of new native hedgerow.  | £6,939.35          | <b>£6,596.63 Awarded</b> - Panel felt that they could not approve the box hedging element of the project due to susceptibility to disease. Queries raised around the cost of fencing and the need to remove the existing fence.  |
| Great Ouseburn Parish Council                | Funding to improve the local landscape at the Fishpond Bridge area of Ouse Gill Beck by creating a wildflower area and pond.  | £4,885.00          | <b>£4,885 Awarded</b> - Panel appreciated the work that has gone into getting this project off the ground and felt confident to award the grant now with the support of the NYCC ecologist.  |
| Goldsborough & Flaxby Grouped Parish Council | Funding to improve access on the Knaresborough Round walk by replacing stiles which are in a state of disrepair with gates and also undertaking essential repairs to wooden walkways. | £5,000.00          | <b>£0 Rejected</b> - This project does not require additional funding but simply an extension of the original project and rather than the parish council repaying the reclaimed VAT to the fund they should be allowed to reallocate this to the replacement of the stiles with the small additional balance coming from the VAT reclaimed on the work undertaken by the extended project and any balance of VAT reclaimed paid to the fund. |
| Pond House Farm                              | Funding to repair the external rendering of a historic dovecote building by removing the existing badly damaged rendering and replacing with a lime based render.                     | £9,320.54          | <b>£7,456 Awarded</b> - Discussion held around the heritage value of the dovecote and the fit with the fund. Panel agreed that the project did present a good fit with the aims of the fund to preserve local cultural heritage but that in keeping with other similar projects as it is in private ownership the owner should be expected to make a contribution to the cost. Agreed to offer 80% of the total cost.                        |
| Ferrensby Parish Meeting                     | Funding for works to improve the pond area and village green in Ferrensby   | £23,330.20         | <b>£3,393 Awarded</b> - Panel agreed to approve up to £3393 which provides £2393 for the cost of two noticeboards plus installation as outlined in the application and also provides for up to £1000 to engage a structural engineer to  |

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|---|---|--------------------|--|
|   |   |                    | provide an independent report on what is needed to support the side of the pond.<br><br>The panel also agreed that £20,000 should remain ring fenced in the fund to allow the group to undertake the pond work once these details have been resolved to the satisfaction of the panel.   |
| Staveley and Copgrove Parish Council    | The grant will be used to improve the area around the village pinfold and the play area together with the replacement of a tree on one of the village greens and the refurbishment of the bt phonebox which is used to house the village defibrillator. | £9,176.00          | <b>£9,176 Awarded</b> - Panel appreciated the value of the project to provide enhancements to the local area.  |
| The Old Cornmill                        | Funding to plant a new copse and hedgerow next to the footpath that leads to the Staveley nature reserve.   | £7,014.00          | <b>£0 Rejected</b> – Concerns were expressed regarding the proposal to remove a hedgerow and planting woodland close to the nature reserve which is a habitat for wading birds. Concerns were also expressed about the cost of planting standard trees and their maintenance. On balance the panel felt that the project was not a priority for funding. |
| Glebe Farm, Staveley                    | Funding to replace wrought iron fencing and undertake essential tree work at the entrance to Staveley village.  | £23,520.00         | <b>£17,640 Awarded</b> - Panel agreed to award 75% of the net project cost (VAT will be reclaimed by the parish council) with 75% of the scrap metal value being repaid to the fund.   |
| Staveley Community Primary School       | Funding towards an outdoor classroom, pond, wildlife garden, copse, and sensory garden; for children for ongoing outdoor learning, new skills and health.   | £21,072.00         | <b>£0 Rejected</b> – Panel felt that the costs contained in the application were not a good fit with the fund and were expensive in relation to other similar applications.  |
| The Friends of Little Ouseburn Playpark | Installation of bat and bird boxes and rubbing post in play park to create a nature park to benefit the local community.  | £10,000            | <b>£0 Rejected</b> - Panel felt that the costs in the application were high and the project did not present a strong fit with the aims of the fund.  |
| Lingfield Barn                          | Funding to create an orchard and wildlife area which can be used by Kirk Hammerton school for outdoor forest school sessions.   | £9,727.62          | <b>£0 Rejected</b> - Panel felt that it did not present a strong fit with the aims of the fund with limited ecological benefit and no formalised arrangement with the school to use it compared to the private benefit to the landowner. The applicant is on the edge of the area of benefit and the costs in the application are high.                  |

| Applicant                   | Project   | Amount recommended | Panel comments and amount awarded   |
|-----------------------------|---|--------------------|---|
| The Old Barn, Clareton Lane | Funding to landscape driveway with planting and cobble setts to improve the local landscape | £6,515.00          | <b>£0 Rejected</b> - Panel felt that this application did not present a strong case for support with limited public and ecological benefit. |

Total amount bid for to the Panel £136,499.71  
Total amount awarded by the Panel £49,146.63  
Total amount not awarded by the Panel £87,353.08

#### 4.0 Small Grants Update

4.1 The small project grants (£100 to £1,000) are being managed by Two Ridings. Since the launch of the fund in October 2015, thirty seven awards have been made. Below summarises the awards made since the last update to BES Executive Members on 22 February 2019:

| Applicant                     | Date awarded | Amount | Project Description   |
|-------------------------------|--------------|--------|---|
| Private individual            | Feb 19       | £975   | Planting hedges and fruit trees   |
| Kirk Hammerton Primary School | Feb 19       | £1,000 | Make pond safe  |
| Private individual            | Jun 19       | £1,000 | Hedge in garden to create a partition / screen  |
| Private individual            | Jun 19       | £1,000 | Redevelopment of front garden to provide a haven for wildlife and improve visual appearance of property and Whixley Village |

#### 5.0 Progress update

- 5.1 Appendix A provides details of project spend to date and a progress update on the various projects. End of grant reports have been received for the majority of the completed projects.
- 5.2 The LCHF guidance notes have been updated to include the timescales for applying, assessing and awarding grants in preparation for the project to close.
- 5.3 An impact report will be produced at the end of the project explaining what the fund has been spent on (including both quantitative and qualitative information). This will then be available on the TRCF, Amey, NYCC and CYC websites.
- 5.4 Press releases will be taking place in the near future to promote the fund further, if required.

#### 6.0 Legal Implications

- 6.1 In accordance with the previous report, funding release for large and medium projects will be subject to the standard NYCC Terms and Conditions.
- 6.2 Claw back provisions are included as part of the grant agreements which will protect the longevity of the funds impacts and projects undertaken.

## **7.0 Financial Implications**

7.1 The fund was launched in October 2015 and to date 65 projects have received funding comprising of 37 small grants (£33,718), 13 medium grants (£116,083) and 15 large grants (£476,809). A total of £626,610. If the funds are approved for release at this meeting then the total funding for projects awarded will be £675,756.63. Allowing for fees paid to TRCF to administer the fund, there remains £62,943.37 available to be allocated.

## **8.0 Equalities Implications**

8.1 TRCF has a robust equalities policy in place which is used as part of the fund assessment process. The equalities information is collected through the application forms for the medium and large grants fund and proportional information is collected in relation to the small grants fund. Information about funding awards to date is used to inform specific targeted marketing/outreach activities to ensure that the LCHF process is accessible to the widest audience given the parameters on the fund set by the planning process.

8.2 Following the annual contract review meeting an Equalities Impact Assessment (EIA) has been completed by TRCF on the LCHF. The outcome is no adverse impact and therefore no change needed. Information on the TRCF equalities policy has also been provided to NYCC.

8.3 An Equality Impact Assessment screening form has been completed by NYCC and it concludes a full EIA is not relevant or proportionate. The completed form is in Appendix C.

## **9.0 Recommendations**

9.1 That the Corporate Director - BES approves the release of funding for the project highlighted in Appendix A – LCHF project spend to date.

9.2 Subject to such approval, that the AD TWACs releases project funding to the successful projects in line with the conditions set by the panel.

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Background Documents: None

## LCHF project spend to date and progress update

| Date   | Amount awarded | Narrative  | Status  | Progress                               |
|--------|----------------|--|---------|--|
| Jan 16 | 957            | 45 Bird boxes - Marton cum Grafton Woodlands Group   | Awarded | Complete                               |
| Feb 16 | 1000           | Landscaping works around Whixley cricket club  | Awarded | Complete                               |
| Mar 16 | 1000           | Repair work to the Estate boundary wall  | Awarded | Complete                               |
| Mar 16 | 5389           | To develop and improve a range of wildlife habitats on the site and install an additional outdoor classroom.                                     | Awarded | Complete                               |
| May 16 | 1000           | To create a seating area and floral display on the entrance to the village (Little Ouseburn)   | Awarded | Complete                               |
| Jun 16 | 1000           | Funding for initial consultancy work for the development of landscape and ecological enhancements in Great Ouseburn.                             | Awarded | Complete                               |
| Sep16  | 23,058.62      | Clareton Lane Residents planting projects in and around residential properties   | Awarded | Complete                               |
| Sep 16 | 30,131.28      | Provision of new footpath in churchyard, creation of a community garden, communal seating area and improvements around the churchyard boundaries | Awarded | Complete                               |
| Sep 16 | 25,668.44      | Survey work to inform scoping for a tree planting and landscaping project and refurbishment of Arkendale phone box                               | Awarded | Complete                               |
| Sep 16 | 35,717.32      | New woodland and pond area in the paddock near Clareton Manor Barn and hedgerow planting   | Awarded | Complete                               |
| Sep 16 | 44,984         | Creation of woodland paths and controlling the spread of Himalayan Balsam  | Awarded | Complete.                              |
| Sep 16 | 50,000         | Repair to section of the Allerton Park boundary wall   | Awarded | Not yet started – conditions to be met |

## Appendix A

| Date          | Amount awarded | Narrative  | Status  | Progress  |
|---------------|----------------|--|---------|---|
| Sep 16        | 50,000         | Works to the Temple of Victory   | Awarded | Slight delays, due to complete June 18, requested update July 18. |
| Oct 16        | 996            | Funding for the costs of carrying out isotope testing on a Roman skeleton found at Grafton   | Awarded | Complete  |
| Oct 16        | 600            | Funding to pay for landscape architects fees to prepare a planting scheme to provide screening.  | Awarded | Complete  |
| Feb 17        | 996            | To remove a leylandii hedge and replace with native beech.   | Awarded | Complete  |
| Feb 17        | 1000           | Project to help promote improved for hedgehogs and other species.  | Awarded | Complete  |
| February 2017 | 47,000         | Funding towards a project to replace and extend a decayed wooden boardwalk and fencing at Upper Dunsforth Carr nature reserve.   | Awarded | Complete  |
| Feb 17        | 8,961          | Funding to purchase trees and protective fencing to provide screening, make visual improvements to the local landscape and increase local biodiversity by creating new habitats. | Awarded | Complete  |
| Feb 17        | 19,715         | Funding is required to provide a large scale planting project to provide screening and also create a length of new hedgerow to support wildlife and increase biodiversity.       | Awarded | Hedgerow complete April 18, tree planting delayed                 |
| Feb 17        | 4,110          | Funding is required to undertake the next stage of the Fishpond Bridge conservation area project to include ecological surveys and full technical drawings to be produced        | Awarded | Complete  |
| Mar 17        | 900            | Marton School – Connecting to our Woodland Classroom   | Awarded | Complete  |
| Jun 17        | 1000           | Wildlife pond and related planting   | Awarded | Complete  |

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|-----------|----------------|--|------------------------|--|
| Jun 17    | 950            | Green wall fencing   | Awarded                | Awaiting end of grant report                   |
| Jun 17    | 1000           | Mass planting of Daffodil bulbs in the grass verges around Marton cum Grafton  | Awarded                | Complete                                       |
| June 2017 | 990            | Replacement of Leylandi hedging with Portuguese Laurel   | Awarded                | Complete                                       |
| Aug 17    | 9,527          | Funding is required to purchase and plant trees to provide screening and increase biodiversity by extending an existing area of woodland and introducing understory planting.  | <del>Not</del> awarded | N/A  |
| Aug 17    | 10,000         | Funding to regenerate the schools wildlife area and pond to remove overgrown vegetation, provide a pond dipping platform, new seating and refurbished pathways to provide a safe and accessible outdoor classroom resource                                     | Not awarded            | N/A  |
| Aug 17    | 9,999          | Funding for the restoration of a heritage building in the village of Arkendale.  | Awarded                | Complete                                       |
| Aug 17    | 8,766          | Funding to create a wildlife area within the school grounds to improve habitats and support children's learning about the environment. £9,566 was awarded at the panel but other funding was secured from elsewhere so £8,766 was awarded.                     | Awarded                | Complete                                       |
| Aug 17    | 9,931          | Funding to purchase equipment for use by the volunteers of the Harrogate Support Group in supporting the work of the Yorkshire Wildlife Trust at the Staveley nature reserve and also to site a shipping container to store the equipment on site.             | Awarded                | Complete                                       |
| Aug 17    | 6,750          | Funding to make improvements to the local school playground including a bespoke sculpture to celebrate their 150th anniversary year, visual improvements to the surface of the playground, installation of bird, bat and hedgehog boxes and bug hotel benches. | Not awarded            | N/A  |
| Oct 17    | 1,000          | Removal of leylandii hedge. Planting of new orchard / soft fruit trees.  | Awarded                | In progress – planting to take place Autumn 18 |
| Sep 17    | 996            | Funding to replace rotten fencing with a native species hedge along with planting native shrubs and trees to encourage more wildlife   | Awarded                | Complete                                       |



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|-------------|----------------|---|-------------|----------------------|
| August 2017 | 730            | Funding for a disused telephone box to house a defibrillator.   | Awarded     | Complete             |
| Nov 17      | 939            | Funding to supply and plant new native hedging.   | Awarded     | In progress          |
| Nov 17      | 1,000          | Funding to supply and plant new native hedgerow   | Awarded     | In progress          |
| Nov 17      | 1,000          | Removal of nuisance species and supply and planting of native hedgerow  | Awarded     | In progress          |
| Jan 18      | 715            | Funding to restore a wall and gate post which is a heritage asset in the local community.   | Awarded     | In progress          |
| Feb 18      | 41,253         | Funding for a large scale planting & environmental improvement project, gapping 1.05km of hedgerows, providing additional trees for screening and restoration work at the Mar, an important local wetland habitat                       | Awarded     | In progress          |
| Feb 18      | 11,790         | Funding to provide planting for screening and to improve local biodiversity   | Awarded     | In progress          |
| Feb 18      | 5,000          | Funding to enhance common land area's within the parish including purchasing of equipment to assist volunteers in managing the land to encourage biodiversity and also install information boards about the flora and fauna in the area | Awarded     | In progress          |
| Feb 18      | 10,000         | A project to undertake coppicing in woodland near Goldsborough to increase biodiversity using volunteers as part of a woodland wellbeing programme  | Awarded     | In progress          |
| Feb 18      | 34,984         | Funding to improve the footpaths through the woodland in the parish which form part of the Knaresborough round walk.  | Awarded     | Conditions to be met |
| Feb 18      | 20,000         | Funding to undertake a programme of hedgerow restoration work on the Ribston estate in Goldsborough parish  | Awarded     | In progress          |
| Feb 18      | 39,947         | Funding to create a wildlife area at the school and also to purchase a strip of land which will link the school to the community woodland and plant native hedgerow along the boundary  | Awarded     | To commence Sept 18  |
| Feb 18      | 49,988         | Funding to enhance Fishpond Bridge area in Great Ouseburn by installing a seat, replacing the timber bridge and re-surfacing paths to improve access  | Not awarded | N/A                  |

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| Feb 18   | 24,058         | Funding to improve access at the Stavely nature reserve including improvements to the car park, resurfacing of pathways and renovation of the bird hide to make it accessible to the public | Not awarded | N/A  |
| Feb 18   | 30,000         | Funding to remove leylandii hedging and plant 300 metres of native hedgerow and create new wildlife habitat   | Not awarded | N/A  |
| Feb 18   | 10,000         | Funding to replace the asbestos roof of a farm outbuilding with clay pantiles in keeping with other buildings in the area   | Not awarded | N/A  |
| Feb 18   | 1,000          | Creation of 30m hedgerow and natural pond   | Awarded     | In progress                                    |
| March 18 | 1,000          | Landscaping a garden to benefit wildlife - enhancement of orchard, creation of wildflower meadow, infill planting of hedgerows, native shrub planting, installation of bird and bat boxes.  | Awarded     | In progress                                    |
| Mar 18   | 500            | Children's kitchen garden development   | Awarded     | In progress                                    |
| Feb 18   | 400            | Creation of a mini apple orchard  | Awarded     | Planting to take place Autumn 18               |
| Jun 18   | 5,050          | £1050 to be spent on 500 seed packets. £4000 to be allocated for bird / bat / hedgehog / bug box (£15 voucher for each primary school child in catchment).                                  | Awarded     | Seed purchase complete, bird boxes in progress |
| Aug 18   | 10,000         | Funding to resurface a well used public footpath  | Not awarded | N/A  |
| Aug 18   | 1,000          | Funding to create a wildflower meadow with grass mown paths for recreation at the Fishpond Bridge area of Ousegill Beck.  | Awarded     | In progress                                    |
| Aug 18   | 7958           | Funding to install electrical equipment to power the clock and chimes.  | Awarded     | In progress                                    |
| Aug 18   | 8,870          | Funding to create an outdoors classroom and sensory area at a school playground.  | Awarded     | In progress                                    |

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| Aug 18  | 1,675          | Funding to research and publish historical information relating to Hay a Park   | Not Awarded     | N/A   |
| Aug 18  | 8,087.50       | Funding to support the Ouse Beck Wetland Himalayan Balsam Removal Project   | Awarded         | In progress   |
| Oct18   | 1,000          | Planting trees to create a screen   | Awarded         | In progress   |
| Sept 18 | 1,000          | Planting of native trees, provision of stock fence and natural hedgerows  | Awarded         | In progress   |
| Nov 18  | 984            | Removal of unsightly non-native conifers and magnolia. Regenerate the area with fruit trees and native shrubs and bulbs   | Awarded         | In progress   |
| Mar 18  | 274            | Purchasing and planting trees in Upper Dunsforth Village Green spaces to replace those chopped down   | Awarded         | In progress   |
| Oct 18  | 1000           | Establish a wildflower meadow within the orchard of the paddock adjoining Orchard House   | Awarded         | In progress   |
| Nov 18  | 821            | Class 2 garden wildlife area  | Awarded         | In progress   |
| Feb 18  | 994.50         | New hedges and fill existing Hawthorne hedgerow which has several gaps. Also, to plant trees  | Awarded         | In progress   |
| Jan 19  | 5000           | Funding to improve access on the Knareborough Round walk by replacing stiles which are in a state of disrepair with gates and also undertaking essential repairs to wooden walkways | Deferred        | N/A   |
| Jan 19  | 10,000         | Funding for the restoration of two stained glass windows in the Whixley church as part of a wider community heritage project  | Awarded         | In progress   |
| Jan 19  | 20,000         | Funding for works to improve the pond area and village green in Ferrensby   | Partly Deferred | Awarded £1000 to undertake ecology report – complete. – Main application to be re-considered at panel July 2019 |

| Date   | Amount awarded | Narrative   | Status      | Progress   |
|--------|----------------|---|-------------|--|
| Feb 19 | 975            | Planting hedges and fruit trees   | Awarded     | Complete – awaiting end of grant report                                |
| Feb 19 | 1,000          | Make pond safe  | Awarded     | Complete   |
| Jun 19 | 1,000          | Hedge in garden to create a partition / screen  | Awarded     | In progress  |
| Jun 19 | 1,000          | Redevelopment of front garden to provide a haven for wildlife and improve visual appearance of property and Whixley Village   | Awarded     | In progress  |
| Jul 19 | 6,939.35       | Funding to create 193 metres of new native hedgerow.  | Awarded     | Approval required from Corporate Director (BES) for release of funding |
| Jul 19 | 4,885.00       | Funding to improve the local landscape at the Fishpond Bridge area of Ouse Gill Beck by creating a wildflower area and pond.  | Awarded     | Approval required from Corporate Director (BES) for release of funding |
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| Jul 19 | 9,320.54       | Funding to repair the external rendering of a historic dovecote building by removing the existing badly damaged rendering and replacing with a lime based render.                     | Awarded     | Approval required from Corporate Director (BES) for release of funding |

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| Jul 19 | 23,330.20      | Funding for works to improve the pond area and village green in Ferrensby   | Awarded     | Approval required from Corporate Director (BES) for release of funding |
| Jul 19 | 9,176.00       | The grant will be used to improve the area around the village pinfold and the play area together with the replacement of a tree on one of the village greens and the refurbishment of the bt phonebox which is used to house the village defibrillator. | Awarded     | Approval required from Corporate Director (BES) for release of funding |
| Jul 19 | 7,014.00       | Funding to plant a new copse and hedgerow next to the footpath that leads to the Staveley nature reserve.   | Not Awarded | N/A  |
| Jul 19 | 23,520.00      | Funding to replace wrought iron fencing and undertake essential tree work at the entrance to Staveley village.  | Awarded     | Approval required from Corporate Director (BES) for release of funding |
| Jul 19 | 21,072.00      | Funding towards an outdoor classroom, pond, wildlife garden, copse, and sensory garden; for children for ongoing outdoor learning, new skills and health.   | Not Awarded | N/A  |
| Jul 19 | 10,000         | Installation of bat and bird boxes and rubbing post in play park to create a nature park to benefit the local community.  | Not Awarded | N/A  |
| Jul 19 | 9,727.62       | Funding to create an orchard and wildlife area which can be used by Kirk Hammerton school for outdoor forest school sessions.   | Not Awarded | N/A  |
| Jul 19 | 6,515.00       | Funding to landscape driveway with planting and cobble setts to improve the local landscape   | Not Awarded | N/A  |

Indicates the four projects where part of the funding has been returned.

Total awarded to date £630,089

Name of Group: Staveley And Copgrove Parish Council

Date Established: 1977

Main Contact: [REDACTED]

|  |   |         |  |                           |                      |   |
|--|---|---------|--|---------------------------|----------------------|---|
| Total Project Cost:  | £11,011.20  | Start : | 01/07/2019   | District:                 | Harrogate<br>HGS 9LE | Org Size                                      |
| Amount Requested:  | £9176.00  | End:    | 31/12/2019   | IMD Rank:<br>(1 is worst) | 22011 of 32,844      | F/T Staff: 0<br>P/T Staff: 1<br>Volunteers: 6 |
| No. of beneficiaries:  |   |         | 250  |                           |                      |   |
| Primary age group:   |   |         | Children (5 – 12)  |                           |                      |   |
| Primary issue:   |   |         | Improving local landscape & preserving cultural heritage |                           |                      |   |
| Primary beneficiaries:   |   |         | Children and Young People                                |                           |                      |   |
| <b>Organisation aims &amp; main activities:</b>  |   |         |  |                           |                      |   |
| Parish council activities  |   |         |  |                           |                      |   |
| <b>Brief description of project:</b>   |   |         |  |                           |                      |   |
| The grant will be used to improve the area around the village pinfold and the play area together with the replacement of a tree on one of the village greens and the refurbishment of the bt phonebox which is used to house the village defibrillator.  |   |         |  |                           |                      |   |
| <b>Breakdown of project costs:</b>   |   |         |  |                           |                      |   |
| Other  | Refurbishment of telephone box - £1986.00<br>Gate for pinfold -£470<br>Tree work, clearance and hedgerow and tree supply and planting - £6740<br>VAT - £1835.20 |         |  |                           |                      | £11,011.20                                    |
| <b>Total</b>   |   |         |  |                           |                      | <b>£0.00</b>                                  |
| Amount Raised so far:  | £0.00   |         |  |                           |                      |   |
| <b>Application Information</b>   |   |         |  |                           |                      |   |
| Visual improvements to local landscape, planting, preservation and improvement of cultural heritage and village character.   |   |         |  |                           |                      |   |
| <b>Grants Officer Comments:</b>  |   |         |  |                           |                      |   |
| <p>This is a straightforward request that will enable the parish council to undertake a number of activities all with the aim of improving the local landscape and the overall look of the village which is in a conservation area.</p> <p>The project has three main aspects:-</p> <p>The re-planting of a tree on West Green. The two trees on West Green outside the Royal Oak pub get a special mention in the conservation area report but sadly one has had to be taken down due to disease and is now glaringly missing. The parish council would like to replace this with a second oak tree.</p> <p>The refurbishment of the village telephone box which is in a poor state of repair but now houses a defibrillator. The fund has been used previously to refurbish phone boxes at both Arkendale and Goldsborough. Only one quote has been provided so far however this has come in from the same contractor that undertook the Arkendale work, is local and appears to be good value for money. The panel may choose to seek a second quote here.</p> <p>The final aspect is general improvement work around the recreation field and the village pinfold. This includes cutting back of overgrowth, removal of dead trees, crown lifting, removal of ivy from the pinfold, replacement of old fencing with 15 metres of mixed native hedgerow and also providing a new gate for the pinfold in a traditional style, galvanized and painted black.</p> <p>Staveley is on the edge of the area of benefit and outside the priority 3.5km area around the development. This application should be considered alongside the application to improve the entrance to Staveley village as they are both concerned with improvements to Staveley village but together will have a significant impact.</p> |   |         |  |                           |                      |   |

Name of Group: Ferrensby Parish Meeting

Date Established: 1950

Main Contact: [REDACTED]

|                     |            |        |            |                           |                      |   |
|---------------------|------------|--------|------------|---------------------------|----------------------|---|
| Total Project Cost: | £24,330.20 | Start: | 02/01/2019 | District:                 | Harrogate<br>HGS SJG | Org Size                                      |
| Amount Requested:   | £23,330.20 | End:   | 30/09/2019 | IMD Rank:<br>(1 is worst) | N/a                  | F/T Staff: 0<br>P/T Staff: 0<br>Volunteers: 4 |

No. of beneficiaries: 150

Primary issue: Environment &amp; improving surroundings

Primary age group: All Ages

Primary beneficiaries: Local residents

Organisation aims & main activities:

Ferrensby is a village and civil parish in the Harrogate district of North Yorkshire, England. Being so small we are a Parish Meeting rather than a parish council. We support our 150 residents with information from the Police, Council and Highways and over the years have held a variety of community celebrations.

Brief description of project:

Funding for works to improve the pond area and village green in Ferrensby to improve local wildlife habitats and enhance the village landscape.

Breakdown of project costs:

|             |  |            |
|-------------|--|------------|
| Operational | Soft Landscaping Pond Improvements Ferrensby ; To remove water, silt and some of the vegetation surrounding the pond - £3,945.00<br>Hard Landscaping To supply and install 36m of gabion baskets and fill with gabion stone, to fit along tarmac road in the pond - £7,711.00<br>Soft Landscaping Create floating island/raft for ducks - £825.00<br>VAT on pond work - £3656.20<br><br>Noticeboard A1Px2 £1803.00<br>Installation approx £400 | £24,330.20 |
| Total       |  |            |

Amount Raised so far: £1,000.00

Application information

The village pond has had little or no work done on it in the last 30yrs and is now at a state of serious decline, silted up and becoming choked with weed and reeds. The grant will enable us to refurbish the pond bringing life back to the centre of the village and stop the collapse of the road into the pond. We wish to improve the surrounding area of the pond and offer a platform for the wildlife to rest in safety. The refurbishment will offer our 150 residents (and visitors) a place to rest and watch the wildlife. We hope to improve the soft landscaping with more appropriate shrubs to encourage more birds, butterfly's and bees.

Grants Officer Comments:

There has been much concern expressed by local residents about the decline of the village pond and the members of the parish meeting have been raising funds to address some of these issues. They have been impressed with the work that has been undertaken at The Mar in Arkendale and have met with the contractors to discuss what is needed at the pond in Ferrensby. They felt that the contractor had a good understanding of what they are hoping to achieve although the costs were much higher than they imagined.

At present they have not undertaken any ecological surveys, they felt that the water quality was not good enough to support wildlife and were quite certain that they do not have newts. They are hopeful that by undertaking this project the quality of the water and the surrounding planting will be improved sufficiently to attract more wildlife.

Part of the landscaping of the pond includes the shoring up of the side of the pond next to the road as it is collapsing into the pond. This will include installing gabion baskets full of stones at the edge of the pond.

The NYCC ecologist is not supportive of the project as it stands and recommends that an ecological management plan is developed to ensure maximum benefit as a wildlife habitat. The group may also need to liaise with the highways dept for advice working so close to the roadside.

In addition to the work on the pond, the project includes the replacement of the village noticeboard which is in a bad state of disrepair and sits on the 'village green' which is really a small corner of grass at the crossroads in the village. The group hope that these measures will improve the look and feel of the village centre for local residents as well as attracting wildlife to the pond.

UPDATE

This application was deferred in the previous meeting but a small grant was offered to enable the group to commission an ecology report to ensure that the project is undertaken sympathetically and maximises the opportunities for enhancement.

Following a review of the ecology report, the NYCC ecologist is comfortable with the recommendations of the report but feels that there is limited ecological benefit to be gained here from undertaking the enhancements outlined and does not support the use of a duck raft.

It is also unclear whether Highways are actually responsible for installation of or at least maintenance of interceptors/oil filters that prevent run off from the road from polluting the pond and this needs to be explored further.

The project does of course have value in terms of cultural heritage as an important feature of the village. If funding is offered it should be subject to the following conditions:-

- All work must be carried out in line with the recommendations contained in the ecology report. Any installation of gabion baskets must include some habitat mitigation such as coir rolls as outlined in the ecology report.
- Confirmation to be provided that NYCC Highways do not have responsibility for the collapse of the road or providing and/or maintaining oil interceptors/filters to help prevent pollution.
- Confirmation to be provided that any planning permissions or other permissions, for example from NYCC Highway, are in place prior to draw down of funds. This includes aspects in relation to any installation of gabion blocks along the roadside and also any proposed planting in the area.
- Funding is not offered toward the cost of the duck raft as this does not provide ecological enhancement.
- Second quote to be provided for pond work.
- Two quotes to be provided for the cost of the village noticeboard.
- Any VAT reclaimed to be repaid to the Allerton Park LCHF.



Name of Group: Glebe Farm

Main Contact: [REDACTED]

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|---------------------------|------------|-------|---|----------------------|---|
| Total Project Cost:       | £28,224.00 | Start | District:                                   | Harrogate<br>HGS 9LD | Org Size                                      |
| Amount Requested:         | £23,520.00 | End:  | IMD Rank:<br>(1 is worst)                   | N/a                  | F/T Staff: 0<br>P/T Staff: 0<br>Volunteers: 0 |
| No. of beneficiaries: N/a |            |       | Primary Issue: Preserving cultural heritage |                      |   |

**Brief description of project:**

Funding to replace iron fencing and undertake essential tree work at the entrance to Staveley village.

**Breakdown of project costs:**

|              |  |                   |
|--------------|--|-------------------|
| Other        | Fencing inc Installation 18,500 (+3,700 VAT)<br>Gate Repair 300 (+60 VAT)<br>Tree Work 4720 (+944 VAT) | £28,224.00        |
| <b>Total</b> |  | <b>£28,224.00</b> |

Amount Raised so far:

**Grants Officer Comments:**

This application is made by the private landowner on whose land the fencing and line of trees are situated however it is mainly being championed by the parish council who are driving this forward. The landowner while happy to offer his permission is elderly and not keen to get involved with the detail of the project, he is not concerned by the look of the fence.

The fencing and the trees sit just outside the conservation area of Staveley village but it does form an important part of the local cultural heritage creating a sense of place when entering the village from Copgrove.

The proposed project has the support of the principal conservation officer at HBC who has provided a statement relating to the significance of this enhancement. The parish council have also consulted with local residents and have provided a number of statements of support from villagers.

It is possible that there will be some scrap value in the removed fencing and this should be explored and repaid to the fund if this is the case. The existing fence will be removed by the landowner.

The ironwork will be undertaken by a local blacksmith based in Coneythorpe.

In terms of the tree work, most of the trees (20) along this length of road will need some work including deadwooding and crown lifting. 5 oak trees will be supplied and planted where they are currently missing in the line and one large and ancient horse chestnut may need to be removed although this is unclear at the moment as the contractor feels that it could possibly be saved.

The application should be considered alongside the other works to be undertaken in Staveley which are the subject of the parish council application as together they will provide significant enhancements to the village.

If funding is offered it should be subject to the following conditions:-

- Scrap value of metal fence removed to be repaid to the fund.
- Confirmation to be provided that any necessary permissions are in place prior to draw down of funds.

Name of Group: Great Ouseburn Parish Council

Date Established:

Main Contact: [REDACTED]

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|---------------------|----------|--------|------------|---------------------------|-----------|---|
| Total Project Cost: | £6622.00 | Start: | 02/09/2019 | District:                 | Harrogate | Org Size                                      |
| Amount Requested:   | £4885.00 | End:   | 30/04/2020 | IMD Rank:<br>(1 is worst) | N/a       | F/T Staff: 0<br>P/T Staff: 0<br>Volunteers: 0 |

No. of beneficiaries:

Primary issue:

Organisation aims & main activities:

Parish council

Brief description of project:

Funding to undertake environmental enhancements at the Fishpond bridge area of Ouse Gill Beck including creating a small pond and wildflower planting.

Breakdown of project costs:

|              |  |                 |
|--------------|--|-----------------|
| Operational  | Landscaping - £1,500 + VAT<br>LOBO Ecology - £1,200<br>Interpretation board - £2185 +VAT<br>VAT - £737 | £6622.00        |
| <b>Total</b> |  | <b>£6622.00</b> |

Amount Raised so far:

Grants Officer Comments:

The parish council have been working to establish a project at the Fish pond bridge area of Ouse Gill Beck for a couple of years with previous project plans rejected due to concerns about developing the area which is a SINC site. The original plans sought to recreate the historic view across to the church by widening the beck but unfortunately the Internal drainage board were not supportive of this plan and permission could not be obtained.

There is much appetite among the local residents to enhance this site which is demonstrated by the initial consultation that took place with the local community when this was first started in 2016.

A further application was received in 2018 seeking to establish a large area of wildflower planting with grass mown paths for local amenity however this again raised concerns from an ecological point of view. A small grant was awarded to enable them to commission an ecological report to help them identify suitable opportunities for enhancement and this report provides the basis for this most current application.

The report has been reviewed by the NYCC ecology office who is comfortable with the plans but would like to be consulted on the wildflower mix. The report has also been shared with HBC for comment.

The project is much reduced from the original request but includes some interesting aspects in the creation of a pond and scrapes along with a smaller area of wildflower planting which should provide plenty of interest for local residents and hopefully some benefit to local wildlife. The work will be undertaken and overseen by local ecologist Bernadette Lobo. If funding is offered it should be subject to the following conditions:-

- Confirmation to be provided that any relevant permissions are in place prior to draw down of funds and in particular permission from the Ainsty Internal Drainage Board.
- Confirmation to be provided that the parish council will undertake any ongoing maintenance to the ponds and scrapes created and the wildflower planted areas.
- Confirmation to be provided that the parish council will take responsibility for the ongoing management of the area as recommended in the ecology report including removal and disposal of the nuisance species referred to in the report.
- Proposed wildflower mix to be agreed with Martin Hammond, NYCC ecology officer.
- Two quotes to be provided for Interpretation board.

Applicant: Holgate Bank Grange

Date Established:

Main Contact:

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|---------------------------|-----------|--|------------|---------------------------|----------------------|---|
| Total Project Cost:       | £6939.35  | Start:                                     | 01/11/2019 | District:                 | Harrogate<br>HGS 0QT | Org Size                                      |
| Amount Requested:         | £6,939.35 | End:                                       | 08/11/2019 | IMD Rank:<br>(1 is worst) | N/a                  | F/T Staff: 0<br>P/T Staff: 0<br>Volunteers: 0 |
| No. of beneficiaries: N/a |           | Primary Issue: Improving wildlife habitats |            |                           |                      |   |

**Brief description of project:**

Funding to plant 193 metres of new native hedgerow along with 12 standard trees and protective fencing. Also to plant 28 metres of box hedgerow around a feature of local cultural heritage.

**Breakdown of project costs:**

|              |  |                 |
|--------------|--|-----------------|
| Other        | Mixed species of native hedgerow plants: £369.45 (plus VAT)<br>Spiral Shelters/Mesh Guards/Bamboo Canes: £396.63 (plus VAT)<br>12 Native Trees/Stakes/Ties/Spiral Shelters: £500.28 (plus VAT)<br>84 Buxus Sempervirens: £285.60 (plus VAT)<br>Labour for Herbicide/Planting/Guard Fencing: £845 (plus VAT)<br>310M Post and Wire Fencing: £3300 (plus VAT)<br>VAT total - £1099.39<br>Skip Hire: £250 (including VAT)<br>Labour to remove fencing: £93 (no VAT) | £6,939.35       |
| <b>Total</b> |  | <b>£6939.35</b> |

Amount Raised so far:

**Grants Officer Comments:**

This application seeks to create 193 metres of new mixed native hedgerow in fields at Holgate bank on the approach to Arkendale along with the planting of 12 standard hedgerow trees. The application has been reviewed by NYCC landscape architect and ecologist and advice has been offered about the best trees to choose along with underplanting. The cost of the standard trees is considerably more than whips however this does help to pick them out during hedgerow trimming and they can be further protected by using double height stakes. Holly is recommended for underplanting the trees. The planting of new hedgerow is welcomed and provides considerable benefit to local wildlife as well as improvement to the local landscape. This application has been given a high priority as it seeks to create a substantial amount of new hedgerow which is of considerable benefit to wildlife habitats and it also falls within the 3.5km priority area.

The area of box hedging has been chosen to make a feature of a large piece of stone present on the farm and well known to members of the community although no-one seems to know how or why it is there. The applicant is keen to explore this further but in the meantime, box hedging has been chosen so it doesn't grow high and obscure the view of the stone.

If funding is offered it should be subject to the following conditions:-

- Horse chestnut is not recommended due to susceptibility to disease and oak should be used rather than beech or copper beech.
- Hedgerow trees should be underplanted with Holly.
- Confirmation to be provided that the landowner will take full responsibility for ongoing maintenance of planting and trees must be safeguarded during hedge trimming.

Name of Group: Pond House Farm

Main Contact: [REDACTED]

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|---------------------------|-----------|--------|---|---------------------------|-----------------------|---|
| Total Project Cost:       | £9320.54  | Start: | 1.9.2019                                    | District:                 | Harrogate<br>HIGS DRG | Org Size                                      |
| Amount Requested:         | £9,320.54 | End:   | 31.10.2019                                  | IMD Rank:<br>(1 is worst) | N/a                   | F/T Staff: 0<br>P/T Staff: 0<br>Volunteers: 0 |
| No. of beneficiaries: N/A |           |        | Primary Issue: Preserving cultural heritage |                           |                       |   |

Brief description of project:

Funding to repair the external rendering of a historic dovecote building by removing the existing badly damaged rendering and replacing with a lime based render.

Breakdown of project costs:

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|---------|--|----------|
| Capital | Remove existing mortar and re-render in lime mortar - £4308.18<br>Scaffold - £1050.00<br>Apply 2 coats of water based paint - £1386.18<br>Install oak boarded door and frame - £1022.78<br>VAT 1553.42 | £9320.54 |
| Total   |  | £9320.54 |

Amount Raised so far:

Grants Officer Comments:

The dovecote is an outbuilding of a property in private ownership in Arkendale. The owners are seeking support to re-render the outside of the building to protect it from the elements and improve the current look of the building. The existing render is badly damaged as is the oak door.

The building is early 19<sup>th</sup> century Georgian and has its own listing with Historic England Independent of the main property.

The applicant has struggled to source two quotes for this work due to the specialist nature of the work and the building's listed status but has provided a quote from the contractor that worked on the property in Arkendale main street that was funded by the scheme and this appears to be reasonable. The panel may require the applicant to continue to seek a second quote as a condition of funding.

The application is supported by the landscape architect at NYCC as being an important use of the fund and very much in keeping with its purpose of preserving the cultural heritage of the area. The application could perhaps be compared to the previous awards made to restore the Temple of Victory at Allerton castle or the restoration work on the stable building in Arkendale. Both are very visible in the local area and the temple was on the Historic England 'at risk' register. The dovecote is less visible but still an important feature of local heritage and forms part of views across fields when entering the village from Ferrensby.

The application has also been shared with HBC for comment.

The applicant is not offering a contribution to the cost and it is unclear if not offering funding in full would create a barrier to the work being undertaken. The dovecote forms the boundary with the next door property and they are also very keen to see the work done as it is currently very untidy with the rendering missing, however the need to protect the building from the elements is more pressing.

| <b>Initial equality impact assessment screening form</b><br>(As of October 2015 this form replaces 'Record of decision not to carry out an EIA')  |   |           |                                     |
|---|---|-----------|-------------------------------------|
| <b>This form records an equality screening process to determine the relevance of equality to a proposal, and a decision whether or not a full EIA would be appropriate or proportionate.</b>  |   |           |                                     |
| <b>Directorate</b>  | BES   |           |                                     |
| <b>Service area</b>   | Transport, Waste and Countryside Services   |           |                                     |
| <b>Proposal being screened</b>  | Releasing funds from the Allerton Waste Recovery Park, Landscape and Cultural Heritage Fund   |           |                                     |
| <b>Officer(s) carrying out screening</b>  | <b>Suzanne Williamson</b>   |           |                                     |
| <b>What are you proposing to do?</b>  | Implement the Landscape and Cultural Heritage Fund for Allerton Waste Recovery Park (AWRP) (as set out in the section 106 planning agreement). The Fund is being managed and delivered through a third party organisation (Two Ridings Community Foundation) who have set up an independent panel to make recommendations on projects to receive funding through the LCHF.  |           |                                     |
| <b>Why are you proposing this? What are the desired outcomes?</b>   | The purpose of the LCHF is to assist with mitigating the impacts of the AWRP development by using the fund to deliver projects to enhance and strengthen the local landscape character, biodiversity and/or features of cultural heritage prioritised within a 3.5km radius of the Site. The priority areas and types of projects which could be delivered through the LCHF are set out in two separate planning documents – the Landscape Management Strategy and Outline Habitat Management Plan. |           |                                     |
| <b>Does the proposal involve a significant commitment or removal of resources?</b><br>Please give details.  | No – the total fund amount £839,500 was made available in 2014, with a view to the fund being spent within five years. This decision is to release funding for approved projects from the fund as per the recommendations from the independent panel  |           |                                     |
| <b>Is there likely to be an adverse impact on people with any of the following protected characteristics as defined by the Equality Act 2010, or NYCC's additional agreed characteristics?</b><br>As part of this assessment, please consider the following questions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To what extent is this service used by particular groups of people with protected characteristics?</li> <li>Does the proposal relate to functions that previous consultation has identified as important?</li> <li>Do different groups have different needs or experiences in the area the proposal relates to?</li> </ul> <b>If for any characteristic it is considered that there is likely to be a significant adverse impact or you have ticked 'Don't know/no info available', then a full EIA should be carried out where this is proportionate. You are advised to speak to your <u>Equality rep</u> for advice if you are in any doubt.</b> |   |           |                                     |
| <b>Protected characteristic</b>   | <b>Yes</b>  | <b>No</b> | <b>Don't know/No info available</b> |
| Age   |   | ✓         |                                     |
| Disability  |   | ✓         |                                     |
| Sex (Gender)  |   | ✓         |                                     |
| Race  |   | ✓         |                                     |
| Sexual orientation  |   | ✓         |                                     |

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| Gender reassignment  |   | ✓                                   |                       |
| Religion or belief   |   | ✓                                   |                       |
| Pregnancy or maternity   |   | ✓                                   |                       |
| Marriage or civil partnership  |   | ✓                                   |                       |
| <b>NYCC additional characteristic</b>  |   |                                     |                       |
| People in rural areas  |   | ✓                                   |                       |
| People on a low income   |   | ✓                                   |                       |
| Carer (unpaid family or friend)  |   | ✓                                   |                       |
| <b>Does the proposal relate to an area where there are known inequalities/probable impacts</b> (e.g. disabled people's access to public transport)? Please give details.   | <b>No</b>   |                                     |                       |
| <b>Will the proposal have a significant effect on how other organisations operate?</b> (e.g. partners, funding criteria, etc.). <b>Do any of these organisations support people with protected characteristics?</b> Please explain why you have reached this conclusion. | <b>No</b>   |                                     |                       |
| <b>Decision (Please tick one option)</b>   | EIA not relevant or proportionate:  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Continue to full EIA: |
| <b>Reason for decision</b>   | <p>Release of the project funding from the LCHF does not have adverse impacts on people with protected characteristics.</p> <p>Two Ridings have a robust equalities policy in place which is used as part of the fund assessment process. Information about funding awards to date is used to inform specific targeted marketing and outreach activities to ensure that the LCHF process is accessible to the widest audience given the parameters on the fund set by the planning process.</p> |                                     |                       |
| <b>Signed (Assistant Director or equivalent)</b>   | Ian Fielding  |                                     |                       |
| <b>Date</b>  | 01.08.19  |                                     |                       |