



The Growing Zone

Just over a year ago a seed of an idea was planted and the 'The Growing Zone' began to do what its name suggests—grow!

The idea of the project was to transform a neglected allotment site in Kippax into a community allotment garden for children and adults with special needs. What makes this project stand out from other community garden schemes is that the very special users would also be the creators of the garden.

The project is the brainchild of June Perkin, a member of Kippax Allotment Association. She said:

“The Growing Zone is a safe place where children and adults with disabilities, visual impairment and learning needs can learn from each other, build up confidence, mix with other people from the community, be taught about the land and be out in the fresh air having fun. Normally gardens for the disabled have already been created ready for use. With this garden the disabled users are doing it for themselves—they plant, weed and mix cement for example.”



The Caird Bardon Community Programme awarded a grant of £34,980 to level the site and provide sensory paths to make the garden fully accessible.

The project is almost complete and is already being used most days—weather permitting!



CairdBardon Community Programme

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£700,000 awarded to local community projects

In February 2007, Caird Bardon Limited joined forces with GrantScape to launch the Caird Bardon Community Programme. The Programme distributes funding to community and environmental projects in West Yorkshire. In the 2 years it has been running, the Caird Bardon Community Programme has awarded over £700,000 to local community projects. The money has been divided between 21 deserving projects in the area, seeing improvements to various public amenities from parks and play grounds to churches and community centres.

But the story doesn't end there. A further £250,000 is available each year to projects in the area that meet the Programme's criteria. This means that by the same time next year almost £1 million will have been awarded to projects right here in Leeds!

Steve Ward from Caird Bardon Limited said:

“Providing financial support to deserving projects makes a valuable contribution to the local communities that surround the landfill site.

We are delighted that we are able to give something back to the area in which we run our operation.”



Applying for funds

If you are a community organisation with an important project in need of support, the main details of the Programme can be found below:

- Approximately £250,000 is available each year
- Grants between £5,000 and £60,000 are available
- Projects must be located in Leeds Metropolitan District Wards
- There are 2 funding rounds each year and decisions are usually made in February and August
- Projects must comply with the funding criteria which can be found at www.grantscape.org.uk

If you would like to discuss your project with our Grant Manager, **Liz Payne**, please contact her Monday to Wednesday on telephone number: **01282 603842** or email: liz.payne@grantscape.org.uk.

GrantScape's Chief executive Steven Hargreaves said:

"We are delighted to have the opportunity to manage this important programme on behalf of Caird Bardon Limited.



It is thanks to their donations which have made all of the projects already funded, possible. The benefits to the community are significant and we hope to support many more worthwhile projects in the future.

If you have a community project which meets the criteria, please complete an online application at: www.grantscape.org.uk."



Projects that have received grants

So far £713,683 has been awarded to 21 projects. The successful projects are listed below. Have a look and see if we have supported a project in your area:

Project Name, Location	Grant Amount
Barwick Miners Institute, Barwick-in-Elmet	£6,000
Barwick-in-Elmet Village Hall	£20,000
Blands Recreation Playground, Allerton Bywater	£119,424
East Ardsley United Cricket and Athletics Club	£5,750
Fairburn Recreation Ground, Selby	£20,000
Garforth Community Hall	£9,000
Garforth Methodist Church	£50,000
Glebelands Park, Garforth	£50,000
Kippax Common Multi-Use Games Area	£25,000
Ledston Luck Village Entrance	£15,000
Micklefield Garden Village Bankings	£10,000
Micklefield Skate Park	£125,000
Rothwell Baptist Church	£20,000
Skelton Grange Environment Centre, Leeds	£12,500
Skelton Woods Football Pitches, Leeds	£30,000
St Mary's Church, Swillington	£38,438
St Mary the Virgin, Micklefield	£48,124
St Theresa's Community Centre, Crossgates, Leeds	£34,467
Tadcaster Sunday School	£15,000
Townclose Hills (Billy Wood), Kippax	£25,000
The Growing Zone, Kippax	£34,980