




PBC Climate Action Small Grants Scheme 2021/22


**Project review
July 2023**


Ref	Organisation	Proposal	Grant awarded	Progress
1	Bradley Primary School Eco Council	To support the work of the school Eco-Council	£1,500.00	<p>More litter bins and recycling containers have been installed and composting introduced. Site visit undertaken June 2023:</p> <p><i>'I met top infants, their class teacher and Headmistress, Sharon Taylor. The two pupils were members of the Eco Council (the rest were off for Eid).</i></p> <p><i>Do I think our grant had been well spent? Not really - note the bug hotel could have been done for free. However, I do not doubt the commitment of Mrs Bowie or her charges. They have been busy tackling the mountains of litter that surround the school. I have undertaken to deal with the obvious fly tipping and they were delighted.</i></p> <p><i>The school itself declared a climate emergency last year. It has two water butts and has consultants coming in to advise on how they could lower their water use further. Mrs Bowie has recruited the Eco Council to sneak on teachers who leave lights on or computer screens on when not in use, so there can be demonstrable behaviour change. The pupils love this and their eyes shone telling me about it.</i></p> <p><i>Their foray into composting has been beset by disaster, as the mounds of fruit from the kitchens caused a plague of fruit flies and these invaded Year 4... As a result, they are now only doing winter composting. It was disappointing that the children themselves don't do any gardening - the school employs a gardener.'</i></p> 
2	Building a Better Brierfield	To create a community garden and five raised beds.	£810.00	Work undertaken in Mar 2022


3	Pendle Community High School and College	Improvements to sensory garden and make it wheelchair accessible.	£1,120.00	<p>Accessible planters created and vegetables planted. Site visit planned 12th July 2023</p> 
4	Park Primary School	To improve Forest School provision	£1,500.00	 <p>Project underway. Variety of fruit trees, berry bushes and bird boxes all purchased.</p>
5	Trawden Forest Primary School	Plant to Plate project.To install poly tunnel and water butts.	£1,500.00	<p>Held a working party day .The base has been dug out and levelled. It had been covered in hard core and the frame put up. Poly tunnel to be put up in Spring. Site visit undertaken 3rd July 2023:</p> <p><i>I was bowled over by the enthusiasm demonstrated by the Trawden Forest Gardening Club, especially Oliver, who I reckon must be on commission, he loves it so much!</i></p> <p><i>Mrs Stinchon (headmistress) admitted that she is not green fingered, so credited Mrs Nelson and Mr Lomax as being the prime movers on her staff. They have already been awarded RHS Level 3 and are going for Level 4 next year.</i></p>

				<p><i>We funded a polytunnel for the Club, after last year's crops got devoured by pesky rabbits!</i></p> <p><i>Then, the Boulsworth and Foulridge councillors funded the massive water butts you can see in the photos.</i></p> <p><i>Mr Lomax has rigged up an awe-inspiring irrigation system - it even features sensors which detect whether water is needed.</i></p> <p><i>There are 16 children in the Gardening Club and they meet every Thursday. Crops they are growing include peas, beans, potatoes, strawberries, onions, leeks, herbs, rhubarb, broccoli, cauliflower, cabbages gooseberries and pumpkins!'</i></p> 
6	Walverden Primary School	To create a community garden site on former garage site	£1,500.00	Delay in starting due to land lease issues. The base has been dug out and levelled.

7	Higham St. John's C E Primary School	Fruit and vegetable growing project, as well as healthy eating.	£1,500.00	<p>It had been covered in hard core and the frame put up. Site visit undertaken Feb 22</p> 
8	Open Door Centre	Open Gate Community Garden- develop exemplar terraced yard garden	£1,000.00	<p>Site visit undertaken June 22</p> 
9	Roughlee School	Food growing project plus installation of a water butt	£800.00	<p>Planter built at the beginning of March 2022 and the children started planting things in the Summer. The planter cost more than anticipated so unable to purchase a water butt. Site visit undertaken in May 23.</p> 

10	Pavilion Community Hub and Cafe (Victoria Park)	To further develop the Pavilion Gardens and orchard.	£567.00	<p>The trees have now been planted</p> 
11	Gisburn Road Primary School	Good growing project	£1,500.00	<p>The project has been a great success and has fully renovated the school allotment, enabling the school to grow a range of food. Site visit undertaken in June 2023:</p> <p><i>'The Garden Club runs through all the years in the school and its members were all extremely enthusiastic - really getting stuck in!'</i></p> <p><i>The polytunnel allows them to give all their herbs and veg a head start and get ahead with the growing season, so harvesting can take place before the end of term. While I was there, children were happily munching on white and red currants and even sour gooseberries! The enthusiasm of teacher, Keziah Brown, is clearly infectious and she has called on one father to help build a series of geometry inspired raised beds. I spotted a parallelogram, a trapezium, a hexagon, a pentagon and a triangle! I am so glad we were able to help this group with its horticultural ambitions. It was marvellous to see these children plunging their hands into the earth, both learning about our natural world, but also learning about food and maths at the same time.</i></p>

				<p>Need to apply learning from this scheme to others</p> 
12	Colne Youth Action Group	To support delivery of CYAG Horticulture	£1,000.00	Working with NewGround to implement project
13	Friends of Ball Grove	To plant six trees in the picnic area at the park.	£450.00	
14	Trawden Forest Parish Council	To plant 12 trees on the grass verge at Ball Grove	£1,000.00	
15	Whitefield Infant School	To create school Eco Warrior group and food growing project.	£1,500.00	Planters for this are now up and running and vegetables have been planted.
16	Lord Street Primary School	To support school Eco-Warriors scheme	£1,466.53	Work complete.
17	Fishermore High School	To support food growing and bee friendly project	£1,141.00	Project delayed due to building works on site.
18	Marsden Heights Community College	To support food growing project	£300.00	Project delayed. Still their intention to create the garden and outdoor learning space as soon as possible

19	The Alternative School	To support food growing project	£1,344.55	Purchased and erected a shed to store tools, seeds, etc., built new beds for growing vegetables, and completed foundation work for a poly tunnel which has now been purchased. Lastly, they have also created a composting area.
20	St Anne's Church, Fence	To turn a tarmac yard into a community garden for everyone to enjoy.	£1,000.00	Completed half the project. Two rectangular raised beds and square one for the tree have been installed. Site visit undertaken May 22
21	Trawden Forrest Allotment Association (TFAA)	To construct a composting bay for their community composting initiative	£1,500	 <p>Grant awarded Mar 2023. Project now complete</p>
TOTAL			£23,999	