

## **Batheaston Parish Council - Grant Application (Date: 10<sup>th</sup> Aug 2021)**

**Name of organisation:** Friends of Bathampton Meadows Riverside

**Name and position of individual applying for the grant:** Peter Fear, Chairman

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**Value of grant being applied for:** £373.80 (equals 38p per Batheaston household (1109 households))

*(the grant is calculated at £476 but reduced by £102.30 due to overpayment in 2020 due to less cuts undertaken due to dry weather and lockdown).*

**Purpose of the Grant:** To cover the cost of mowing the verges along the Bathampton Meadows cycle track.

**Main aim and activities:** The Friends of Bathampton Meadows Riverside are a Constituted group who voluntarily maintain the green riverside space adjacent to the cycle path along Bathampton Meadows. This for the benefit of all users and the local ecology.

**How is the organisation funded?** Through public donations via Local Giving website and occasional grants for specific purposes such as tree planting, gravel paths etc.

We have funds for environmental / leisure projects of approx. £1,000.

**Why should the Parish Council provide financial support for your organization,:**

The mowing costs of the Riverside space are currently covered by donations from a small number of local residents. This seems unfair and a grant, originating from the precept charge, would ensure that the costs of mowing the riverside space are equitably spread across all residents in both Bathampton and Batheaston Parishes.

**How would a grant from the Parish Council be used:**

- The cost of mowing the riverside space is £88.00 per cut, (no vat).
- The contractor used is Paul Ledbury and he holds all necessary third party insurances. His quote for mowing was the best quote from 3 obtained.
- It is anticipated that in a normal year there would be 8 to 10 cuts of the grass resulting in an annual cost between £704 and £880.
- The total grant that FofBMR is seeking is £794
- It is planned that this grant will be shared between Bathampton and Batheaston Parish Councils based on 43p per household. (740 households in Bathampton and 1109 households in Batheaston).
- The grants would equate to £318 from Bathampton and £476 from Batheaston.
- Contributions from both Parish Councils will be reduced in 2021 due to reduced mowing in 2020 (dry weather and lockdown)
- Any shortfall in the annual cost of mowing would be covered by funds held by FofBMR and other potential donations from local Businesses and other interested groups.

**How will you include the wider community and/or promote your activities to the wider community?**

The Riverside space is widely used and appreciated by both Bathampton and Batheaston residents.

The Friends have many communication outlets including noticeboards, newsletters and articles in the Local Look magazine.

Signed Peter Fear

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