

Request for funding the Badgworth Wild Gardens Bird Box Making Event

Background:

Badgworth Wild Gardens are an informal voluntary group who share information about nature and wildlife in their gardens and the area around Badgworth. Members of the group are running a bird box making event to encourage the community to take an interest in nature and our public spaces. It is an event to bring villagers together and a way of encouraging action on biodiversity.

Aims:

- To build 20 bird boxes; 3 different designs suitable for a variety of different birds.
- To encourage parishioners to take an interest in wildlife.
- To locate these boxes in the Badgworth and Biddisham church yards and other public spaces.

From a Parish Council perspective supporting this initiative fits well with our Biodiversity Policy and Action Plan.

Badgworth Wild Gardens costs for the Bird Box Making Event

The costs for producing 20 boxes for the 5 locations are as follows:

Material	Cost
Badgworth School Room hire (event location)	£15.00
Screws (5.0 x 40mm) 3 boxes of 200	£16.35
Screws for bird box number tags	£6.29
Aluminium nails for attaching boxes to trees	£8.79
Wood paint/preservative	£10.79
Bird box number tags {for monitoring}	£6.49
Total	£63.71

Are the Parish Council willing to approve paying for any/all of the above costs?

In addition to the above costs, members of the Badgworth Wild Gardens group are contributing the following:

- Additional wood
- First aid kit
- Safety glasses
- Bird box hole protectors
- Refreshments on the day
- Time collecting and preparing the wood, making the kits and organising the event

Note: The majority of boxes will be built using recycled wood which has been donated by Warm Glass in Wrington.

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