



## COMMUNITY GARDENS for 2010

Thank you for your interest in the Beechgrove Community Gardens initiative that aims to encourage people to identify and undertake environmental improvement projects in their local community. The idea of the Community Gardens initiative is that communities come together to create a garden for themselves, by themselves, with a *little* help from Beechgrove.

We are looking for enthusiastic community groups of all descriptions with ideas for improving a piece of disused or undeveloped local land. We are interested in a wide variety of projects, so, unusual or especially imaginative plans will be most welcome. Whatever you choose to do, the project should benefit the local community and environment.

**Your group must be prepared to organise the project and complete the work.** In addition, only those groups that can show that they can provide for future maintenance of the site will be considered. Your group must obtain permission for the long-term use of the site from the owner.

Each successful community project will receive: -

- A financial contribution towards plants and materials.
- Garden design, planting plan and critical path from an experienced garden designer.
- Help and advice from The Beechgrove Garden team during the course of the project.

If your project is chosen, then the entire half hour Beechgrove Garden Programme will be filmed on location with your emerging Community Garden being the focal point for the programme.

Only those applicants that are short-listed will be notified. Those short-listed will be contacted during January 2010 and a list of successful applicants will be available from April 2010 onwards.

Two projects from successful Beechgrove Community Garden applications will be specially selected for Garden for Life support and one selected for Waste Aware Scotland support.

### CRITERIA FOR JUDGING THE MOST 'ECO-FRIENDLY' COMMUNITY GARDEN APPLICATION

The awards will go to the projects that make the most effort to include the following features:

**Peat free:** avoiding products using peat, using instead peat-free compost e.g. from composted bark or garden waste.

**Organic:** avoiding chemicals for pest- or weed-control.

**Sustainable:** using recycled / re-used products and materials; conserving water.

**Wildlife-friendly:** choosing plants that encourage wildlife.



Closing date for submission of application forms is Monday 16<sup>th</sup> November 2009.

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1. Name and location of project.

2. Number of people involved in project.

3. Project Leaders (responsible for organising the project and its long-term maintenance).

**PROJECT LEADER:**

**PROJECT DEPUTY:**

Address:

Address:

Postcode:

Postcode:

Telephone (daytime):  
(evening):  
(mobile):

Telephone (daytime):  
(evening):  
(mobile):

e-mail address:

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4. Gardening experience within group (not essential, but enthusiasm and commitment are important).

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**5a.** What other funds and help do you hope to attract (e.g. volunteer labour, other interested organisations, other funding, skilled help, building materials, garden furniture)?

**5b.** If required, are there any local contractors willing to supply machinery and labour – i.e. excavators, dumper trucks etc.

**6.** Ownership & long-term public use of site. Please indicate if permission has been obtained for use of site. Include name of owner and a contact name and telephone number.

**Note:** It is important that true ownership is established and written permission to develop a long-term community area, including public access, is given.

7. Description of project site (Size, present use and state, availability of water, major features - trees, ponds, rocks, etc.). Please include if possible a scale plan of site. Please include photographs of the site as these are particularly helpful- sorry, we cannot return photographs. You can also send photos as jpeg files via email to: [evelyn@terntv.com](mailto:evelyn@terntv.com)

**8.** What are your ideas for the site? Please include any supporting information and design; plans if available (not essential).

**9.** How will the project benefit the local community?

**10.** How will this project be maintained in the future?

Please use a separate sheet of paper if you require more space for any of your answers.

FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION:

- If we shortlist your project we will be particularly looking for you to have thought about what facilities will be available to you within your own community (see question 5a). These might include for example: a friendly digger driver and the loan of an excavator, skilled labour – depending on the nature of your project- perhaps a dry stone dyker, a builder, someone who can lay slabs and carry out other hard landscaping tasks.
- We would also suggest that you think about appointing a Project Manager who will have the responsibility of co-ordinating the project and making sure that deadlines are kept especially those required for filming purposes. This person will have the full support of the associated garden designer and the Beechgrove team but will need to be capable of project management. The Project Manager does not have to be the same person as the Project Leader.

RESPONSIBILITIES

- Those taking charge of this project have a responsibility to contact their local government authority for advice on planning permission, building warrants, roads, public trees, and street lighting.
- Your group must also consult with all public utilities, including water, electricity, gas and telecommunications. It is essential to obtain information about pipes and cables on site before any development begins.
- Your group need to demonstrate that you understand and are ready to implement the relevant health and safety precautions. Your group has a duty to protect yourselves and the public from accident and injury whilst the project is in progress and in perpetuity. If in doubt, your group should seek legal advice concerning occupier's liability for accident and injury on and around the site.

We the undersigned understand and agree to accept responsibilities put to us in this form and accept that information on this application form may be passed on to the BBC and their agents for publicity and administration purposes.

**Project Leader**

**Project Deputy**

Signature:.....

Signature:.....

Print name: .....

Print name.....

Please return this form together with supporting material before **Monday 16<sup>th</sup> November 2009** to: -

**Community Garden 2010  
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