



# The Stephen Cox Garden Trust

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## **Application For a Grant of £1570. 87p**

***Dear Sarah Glen,***

I am writing on behalf of the local charity Stephen Cox Garden Trust to ask for a grant from Calne Without Parish Council for repairs & refurbishments to its summerhouse. This is to solve issues of damp, sound, mould, leaks, book damage so that it can be safely used as a library; study & rest area; small teaching room for students, volunteers, scholars, U.K. & E.U. helpers on programmes from school & university, students. Without the refurbishments the area will not be usable for these purposes without damage to the library and student welfare.

Our own contribution so far has been: laying in electricity/lighting, desk, free standing bookcases, telescope, book collection, sofa. (additional to the building itself). The work now required is: washable sturdy floor covering, wall & ceiling insulation, decorating, whiteboard, folding chairs, wall shelving brackets, roof repairs, verandah repairs. The application is for materials/equipment only. Our other contribution will be labour costs, floor plastic sheeting.

Overleaf I enclose further details as follows:

- a. Reasons for application.
- b. Library description.
- c. Uses after refurbishments.
- d. Works required.
- e. Breakdown of the cost of materials.
- (f. Annual accounts as separate pdf)

Fuller details of our charity and its can be found at: <http://stephencoxgarden.simplesite.com> (see especially: Studies; Community Projects). I very much hope that you will look favourably on this request which will help us to continue the work we do. Thank you for considering this application.

Yours sincerely,

***StephenBen Cox***

Founder & C.E.O.

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### **Trustees:**

**Stephen Ben Cox; Colette Som; Iain R. Jessup; Nicholas Self;  
Ryan Miller; Simon G. Kerstan; David Meier.**

## **A) Reason For The Application:**

To repair and refurbish the summerhouse (10ft. X 14ft), to be used as a library/study area for students, volunteers, scholars, European student helpers, helpers on residential programmes from school & university, students, student conservation managers from regional universities.

(i) The building is not insulated. (ii) Books are suffering from damp. (iii) Verandah & roof needs repairs. (iv) Road noise needs to be reduced. (v) There is mould on the ceiling. (vi) Healthier conditions needed for welfare of students & volunteers.

Without the refurbishments the area will not be usable for the purposes herein described.

(Our own contribution so far has been: laying-in electricity/lighting, desk, free standing bookcases, telescope, book collection, sofa, building). Our contribution to this project will be labour costs (with the help of students/volunteers and some villagers), plastic sheeting to floor.

## **B) What The Charity Does Locally**

The purpose of the Trust (in Calne Without at Studley/Derry Hill) is the advancement of education in horticulture and conservation including the appreciation of local heritage.

It fulfils these goals in a number of ways including but not restricted to:

- Offers training/skill enhancement for young unemployed including confidence building and communication skills.
- Local community education:
  - (i) Information sheets on wildlife and conservation.
  - (ii) Making our extensive library privately available to local students (if refurbished).
  - (iii) Occasional local wildlife audits.
  - (iv) Library made available to university students, postgraduates, & scholars
  - (v) Creation of specialist “manager roles” to local & regional students to enable them to take responsibility/gain skills in specific tasks (e.g. public conservation information sheets; digital platforms & social media; wildlife habitats) to help give responsibility to young people.
- As part of our ethos to encourage and give responsibility to the younger generation three of the seats on our board of trustees are given over to students.
- Association with Wiltshire Council Unit For Young Adults with learning difficulties providing placements for individuals to build confidence, learn skills so they can advance to a point where they can seek and obtain employment.
- Offering the garden to residents of local nursing & retirement homes for short supervised relaxation visits.
- When circumstances permit local public open days.
- Bringing students from across Europe for study placements for 4 to 8 weeks to interact with the Derry Hill & Studley Community, engage in interaction with the local community, enhance international friendship.
- Internships for students in Europe via links with colleges there.
- A monthly article (local history/heritage alternating with wildlife/conservation) is written by Stephen for the parish magazine (also for Calne Town Guide & on-line magazine).

- The Trust is also registered with the universities of: Bath Spa, Bristol, the West of England, Bath, Oxford student unions volunteering programmes to provide opportunities for skills development, cv improvement, in-course projects, work experience and managerial roles

### **C) The Library**

The space under consideration also houses the library. Its purpose is to provide specific reference tools for teaching and horticulture in general as well as wildlife audits and study. It also enables investigation for various projects and community activities. Another use of the library is to enhance understanding of the heritage and traditions of gardening, landscape, design, conservation etc. (this of course includes the work of the great gardeners, landscapers, designers, botanists etc of the past).

The scientific and social aspects of horticulture is not ignored for there are sections on the social history of gardens and landscape. And also such matters as ecology, conservation, botany, ornithology, soil science, arboriculture, etc. And in the area of culture and art there is a collection of books dealing with how artists, poets, and writers have responded to the landscape and the idyll of the garden and nature.

Subjects include: 1. Great gardeners. 2. Great gardens. 3. History of English landscape. 4. Landscape design. 5. Country houses & parks. 6. Garden wildlife. 7. Botany. 8. Propagation. 9. Greenhouse gardening. 10. Garden design & decor. 11. Architecture. 12. Trees & shrubs. 13. Encyclopaedias. 14. Butterflies & moths. 15. Amphibians. 16. Birds. 17. Insects & Bees. 18. Water gardening/ponds. 19. Garden d.i.y. & crafts. 20. Dartmoor. 21. Wild plants/flowers. 22. County gardens. 23. Herbs. 24. Rural social history. 25. Wayfinding. 26. The English village. 27. Mammals. 28. County Landscapes. 29. Photography. 30. Astronomy. 31. British Wildlife. 32. British landscape painters. 33. Literature and the landscape. 34. Art and the landscape. 35. Archaeology & Landscape. 36. Rivers and Landscape. 37. Woods & Landscape. 38. Town/urban Gardens. 39. Sacred Landscape. 40. Gardens & spirituality. 41. Garden Lore/legends/myth. 42. Ecology. 43. Environment. 43. Geology/soil/geography.

New sections and subjects will be added. So far the garden faculty of The Library comprises a couple of thousand items. It is of course always growing.

### **D) Uses After Refurbishment:**

The area will be used for:

1. Library: a large collection of books as indicated above assisting study & teaching.
2. Rest Area: For students and volunteers to take a rest from gardening and (studies) especially during inclement weather and shade in hot weather. And have tea break, properly sit down for lunch etc.
3. Tuition: To provide a place for tuition to trainees, students, volunteers, student managers, on the range of subjects of the library and the projects of the garden.
4. Housing: a unique collection of books.

## **E) Work Required**

The Trust has already achieved the following:

(a)Electricity. (b) Bookcases (c) desk. (d) sofa. (e) the building

To be functional the space now requires:

- i) Insulation/sound-proofing of walls and ceiling (the A4 is close by)
- ii) Plaster-board, lining paper and painting to same.
- iii) Hard wearing floor cover.
- iv) White board and stand for teaching.
- v) Folding chairs.
- vi) Lap-stop computer for teaching/demonstration.
- vii) Wall shelving & strong brackets
- viii) Repairs to exterior: roof sealant, painting walls, verandah floor repairs & painting.

Finishing of building work (+chairs & flooring) will be co-ordinated to a specific colour scheme. Enclosed below is an outline of costings for each of item listed at section C above. These are for materials only as labour will be provided by Stephen Cox and volunteers & villagers.

## **F) Costings**

To reduce costs of grant, the labour (costs £630) will be provided by volunteers & village help. Supplies/manufacturers listed are indicated as an example of researched market costs:

1. **Flooring**: Hard wearing/cleanable (office vinyl or engineered wood, min £25m.sq) = **£315**
2. **Insulation/Soundproofing** walls & ceiling (e.g. Knauf soundwool rolls/Wickes) = **£160**
3. **Sound boarding**: Covering walls/ceiling + screws (e.g. Knauf soundpanels/Wickes) = **£291. 89**
4. **Papering and Painting**= 1200grade lining paper. Walls silk emulsion 3 coats. Ceiling 3 coats white matt. Ready mixed heavy duty paste & wall sealant. Joint tape. (Wickes) = **£112**
5. **Folding padded chairs**= 10x approx. £15 (e.g Amazon or Argos) + 10 clipboards = **£180**
6. **Whiteboard (Magnetic) & stand**= £120 + pens & eraser= £10 = **£130**
7. **Wall shelving brackets** = heavy duty. (e.g. Wickes hi-load 300mmx300mm x 24 @£7 ea) = **£168**
8. **Verandah & patio** repairs to rotted floor boards & exterior floor paint (e.g. Coovar) = **£ 53.62**
9. **Repaint exterior** = Exterior paint (e.g. Cuprinol garden paint Iris, Barleywood) = **£66**
10. **Roof exterior** Sealant to roof (e.g. Isoflex, Chromopol. Acrypol) = **£ 94. 36**
11. **Labour** (costed in excess of £630. Volunteers & villagers will undertake this free) = **£ f.o.c**
12. **Wood wall shelves** = 4 of 5ft and 3 of 8.5 ft. = **£ f.o.c**
13. **Damp-proof** underlay plastic sheeting to floor. = **£ f.o.c**

**TOTAL: £1570. 87**

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