

MILLBROOK PARISH COUNCIL
SECTION 137 GRANT APPLICATION FORM

Under Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972, Millbrook Parish Council has discretionary powers to award grants to local groups and organisations for the purposes of bringing a direct benefit to the parish or its residents.

About your organisation	
Name of Organisation	Pigshill & Clarrick Woods CIC
Address	C/O The Rame Centre, 3 West Street, Millbrook, Cornwall PL10 1AA
Telephone Number	Number redacted
E-mail	richard@pigshillwoods.org
Contact name and position in your organisation (plus address if different from above)	Richard Gavens, Director, Address redacted
Registered charity number (if applicable)	
Number of members within your organisation	5 Directors, numerous volunteers
Describe the overall aim of your organisation and the activities or services it provides.	To restore the health of and manage Pigshill and Clarrick Woods, establishing a working woodland as an educational template whilst improving public access and engagement.

ABOUT YOUR PROJECT

Please outline the details of the project for which you are seeking funding from the Council

Pigshill Woods are engaged in the ongoing process of restoring the 66 acres of neglected woodland which provides the landscape background to the village of Millbrook. We've been running volunteer-based activities on-site since 2017 with the aim of improving the woodlands' health and engaging the local community in the process. This work will take many more years yet to get on top of the disease issues in the woodlands that were exacerbated by the years of under-management and the prevalence of invasive species such as Rhododendron. On 30th June, we received yet another diagnosis of Phytophthora Ramorum in our remaining Larch Trees which is resulting in a Statutory Plant Health Notice and an automatic felling order, and this situation is far from over. Bringing resilience and health back to the woods in the form of increased species mix and biodiversity is essential to prevent a repetition of the clear fell that left the brown scar on the hillside above Millbrook in 2015-16.

We are working with University of Plymouth who have provided us with an independent review of the beneficial effects felt by volunteers taking part in these activities. They've found that there are many additional benefits to be gained beyond planting trees. For example, volunteers have grown from training, team working and environmental knowledge, expanding both their employability and social skills. The restoration of the woodland tracks has provided increased access for parishioners and visitors alike, this being the largest close publicly accessible green space to the Parish of Millbrook. The University is currently engaged in interviewing local woodland users to research the benefits to them of having improved and continued access to this space.

To enable the continued progress of this project we are seeking to purchase 2 new chainsaws (£700) to replace the second hand ones that have died recently and some much needed tree climbing safety equipment (£1300) for which we had previously been reliant on borrowed equipment.

Who will benefit from the project?

The healthy presence of the woodlands provides landscape value as well as environmental services. The project benefits the participants who come from the Parish of Millbrook and surrounds, woodland users and the wildlife that inhabits the space.

Approximately how many of those who will benefit are parishioners?	50% of our participants come from Millbrook and the highest proportion of our identified woodland users come from the Parish. The entire Parish benefits from the Landscape Value of the woodland.
Amount of funding requested	£2000
Overall cost of your project	Ongoing, £20-30,000 per anum
If the total cost of your project is more than the grant request, how will the balance be financed?	We are now in receipt of Countryside Stewardship and a grant to remove the remaining Rhododendron. We have made several applications for funding to private funders and are currently working on new funding channels with the Forestry Commission and Cornwall AONB.

DECLARATION

In completing this application form, I acknowledge:

- I am authorised to submit this application on behalf of ___Pigshill and Clarrick Woods CIC_____
- My group / organisation has the capacity to complete the project
- The group / organisation has its own bank account

For legal reasons, the council cannot accept Section 137 Grant applications from:

- Individuals or appeals supporting individuals.
- Organisations which support or oppose political parties.
- Organisations that discriminate on the grounds of sex, race, disability, sexual orientation, religion and belief or age.

Name, signature, and position of contact	Richard Gavens Lead volunteer and Director
Date	11 th July 2021
Please note any grant awarded by Millbrook Parish Council may be subject to conditions as determined by the Council.	

Please return the completed form, along with supporting documents, either via email to theclerk@millbrook-pc.gov.uk or by post addressed to Parish Clerk, Millbrook Parish Council, The Village Hall, The Parade, Millbrook, Cornwall, PL10 1AX