



TORPOINT TOWN COUNCIL

**Application for Grant for Voluntary Organisations
Local Government Act 1972, Section 137**

Please note that this application will not be considered unless it is accompanied by a copy of the latest set of annual accounts showing the organisations income, expenditure and level of balances. If the organisation does not prepare annual accounts, copies of the bank statements covering the previous six months must be enclosed.

Notes to Applicants

To help us process your application quickly, please:

- Read the Applicant Guidance Notes carefully
- Complete the application fully – we will not consider incomplete forms
- Let us know if you have any questions before sending in your application

Name of organisation	Torpoint Lawn Bowls Club (TLBC)
Full postal address	The Lawns, Thanckes Park, Torpoint Postcode: PL11 2JN.
Contact name/position	Chairman: Mr Michael Coles
Telephone number	01752 813916
Email	Michaelcoles1943@gmail.com
Charity Registration Number (if applicable)	11121132
Project title	Coppicing of adjacent trees on CC Land
Estimated start date	To be confirmed, expected April – May 2024

Please tell us about the project and why you think it should receive the contribution from Torpoint Town Council

The overgrown area bordering the Club, inclusive of both trees and underlying growth of saplings is causing shading/shadowing on the North East corner of the playing area. This has resulted in moss growth and compaction of the green despite the best efforts of the contracted greenkeeper (see separate scheme of work undertaken by greenkeeper).

The deterioration of the playing surface has led to serious concerns over the safety of players which has been raised by the County League committee which could have the knock-on effect of Torpoint being relegated from the County League.

It is the club's centennial year with numerous events planned, however this has cast doubt over the whole event where it was anticipated that TLBC would not only be inviting numerous clubs and dignitaries but also the opportunity of showcasing the whole of Thanckes Park and Torpoint as a whole.

Who will benefit from the project and how many of those are residents of Torpoint parish?

Frankly, there has been some "insularity" with the bowling green "behind the fence" as the general public have walked down to the entrance of both Thanckes Park and Benodet Garden.

This was to a certain extent caused by a mis-interpretation of the lease currently held, however after 3 point email correspondence (TLBC CC Torpoint and Legal Dept Cornwall Council) in May/June of 2023, it was established that not only could the TLBC advertise the facilities but also let out the clubhouse subject to adequate indemnity insurance. In effect this has opened up the club to more hirings and, in turn, users. The Friends of Thanckes Park have used this venue on a couple of occasions, as has H4Heroes. for fundraising purposes.

The aims of this request would seek, along with the above, to increase the current membership (84 members, 75% of whom live within the PL11 area) by showcasing the facilities and no doubt boost interest in the sport itself. The club's current Friday evening introductions have already met with a good response from the residents of Torpoint, with some visitors showing an interest in joining.

The publicity of the centennial event would also ensure a great many visitors from the numerous clubs both in Cornwall and Devon to view the facilities on offer, taking part in both league competitions and social events. This influx could (possibly) overflow into the town as a whole boosting local trade in much the same way as other events have previously, such as The Ghorsedd and Armed Forces Day.

Project costs (Please provide a breakdown of the costs of the project)	£	p	Funding	£	p	S = Secured A = Applied for (delete as applicable)
Clearing away all associated undergrowth, removal of 2 diseased trees by Cormac	3000	00	Own fundraising Torpoint County Cllr Cormac	500 500 1,000	00 00 00	S S S
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						S/A
			Amount you are seeking from Torpoint Town Council	1,000	00	
Total cost*	3000	00	Total income*	3,000	00	

Please note: *The Total Cost and Total Income amounts must balance
(e.g. Total Cost - £100; Total Income - £100)

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Checklist (Please make sure you have included the following with your application)	✓
Written confirmation of any match funding awarded to your project (a letter or e-mail)	X
Your organisations latest set of accounts or latest bank statement	X

Declaration	
I declare that the information supplied in this application is true.	
I agree that, if this application is successful, any grant money received will be used for the purposes described in this form and in accordance with the terms and conditions listed below. I confirm that I am duly authorised and empowered to confirm this on behalf of the applicant group.	
Signature:	Date: 22 nd February 2024
Name (Please Print): Michael Coles	

Torpoint Town Council - Terms and Conditions

1. Grants awarded must only be used to support the expenditure identified in the application, as approved, and for no other purpose.
2. Torpoint Town Council receives a report within 12 months of receipt of the grant, clearly showing that the money has been spent on the project.
3. The applicant must not use the grant for any unlawful activities, the promotion of political and/or religious activity or activities that are discriminatory on the grounds of religion, race, sex, sexual preference, age or disability.
4. Projects should not be for private profit.
5. If appropriate, the applicant must have insurance for any activity which the grant will be wholly or partly funding. This includes public liability cover at any community event.
6. Recognition of Torpoint Town Council financial support must be included on any promotional material.
7. The applicant will be required to participate in any publicity deemed appropriate by Torpoint Town Council associated with the offer of funding.

James Collins
Horticultural Mechanic/Sportsturf & Lawn Maintenance

For the attention of: Mr Mike Coles

Torpoint Bowling Club

The Lawns

Thanckes Park

Torpoint

PL21 2JN

6 February 2024

Dear Mike

Following our recent conversation I have detailed the tasks undertaken and the materials used on your green over the last twelve months.

- Solid tined x 3
- Slit 5" deep x 3
- Sorrel spiked x 3
- Overseeded and top dressed x 1
- Polished x 5
- Verticut / scarified x6
- Applied granular organic soil improver x 2
- Applied granular fertiliser x2
- Applied lawn sand x 1
- Sprayed seaweed / molasses soil improver x 4
- Sprayed systemic fungicide x 1
- Sprayed liquid fertiliser x 2
- Vertidraind to a depth of 6" x 1
- Sprayed iron sulphate x 2

Further to our telephone conversation, to clarify as I explained to you, if any of the above tasks or treatments had affected the green then it would have affected the entire green not just specific areas.

The underlying problem of your green being dangerously slippery is caused by two factors:

1. shade
2. airflow.

Shade - Grass needs sun light or UV rays to photosynthesise and thus produce chlorophyll which promotes growth and disease resistance. As part of your green is shaded from the neighbouring trees it is allowing a turf disorder called "Squidge" to establish on the green as the grass is not strong enough to compete with it.

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Certain grass cultivars are being developed (as most major sports stadiums suffer with the same problem spending many thousands of pounds on UV light gantries to try to compensate for the lack of sunlight) but as yet no cultivars are able to be mown to the level of a bowling green.

Airflow - The dense under growth and trees on the bank restrict the flow of air in the slippery corner of the green, which in turn stops it from drying out causing the sward to become weak and less resistant to disease and disorders. Technically airflow allows the grass plant to vibrate causing it to draw moisture out of the ground. If you think of your washing line then your clothes dry a lot quicker with a bit of wind blowing.

If you were going to have a site inspection I would recommend that you did it on a sunny day (to see the shaded area) with a breeze blowing so you could feel the distinct lack of airflow in the aforementioned corner. As to how to rectify this issue you may try at first to thin out the woody area including removing some of the trees branches, but I feel some of the trees may require removal to fully rectify this situation.

Anyone reading this report may think "what does he know about it". To clarify I am one of the South West's leading consultants on bowling green maintenance with numerous qualifications and over 35 years' experience in the turf care industry. I contract to more than fifty greens in Devon and Cornwall and have currently been invited to fill BOWLS Cornwall's position of County Greens Inspector. This role would entail me being sent to investigate any accident that occurred on the green of a bowling green in Cornwall such as a slip or fall and come up with the necessary action plan to resolve the issue or close the green in severe cases.

Yours faithfully



James Collins

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Matt Nicholas

MDN Tree Services
Blackadon Farm
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ESTIMATE

Bill To

Philip Northam
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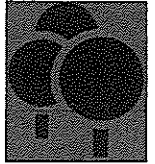
Estimate Number EST-0001
Estimate Date 12 Dec 2023
Expiry Date 12 Dec 2023

Item Name	Quantity	Rate	Amount
Reduction of height of all trees in designated area from boundary with road to site of benches to allow more sunlight on to bowling green. Height reduction to height of property roofs situated behind the bowling green. Removal of all arisings.	1	2000.00	2000.00
		Subtotal	2000.00
		Total	£2000.00

Notes

Looking forward for your business.

MDN Tree Services is a fully qualified and fully insured company. Proof can be provided upon request.



QUOTE

Torpoint Bowling club

Date
4 Jan 2024

Quote Number
QU-0031

VAT Number
403309733

Tom Cox Tree Surgery
6 Kimberley Foster Close
Craithole
Torpoint
Cornwall
PL11 3DD
GBR

Description	Quantity	Unit Price	VAT	Amount GBP
G1 - Reduce group of trees by approximately 2/3 to allow for more light onto lawn. £1500 + vat Additional work - Ash - Fell. £300 + vat (with others)	1.00	1,800.00	20%	1,800.00
Chip all brash and spray chippings into woodland. Remove logs if Necessary.				
			Subtotal	1,800.00
			TOTAL VAT 20%	360.00
			TOTAL GBP	2,160.00



Trademark Trees Ltd
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St Germans
Saltash
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Quotation for tree work

Philip Northam
Torpoint Bowling Club

All mature trees in front of the bowling green to be reduced by 40%
Small trees and saplings to be removed
(From the bench to the road on the right hand side, as shown on site visit.)

All waste to be removed.

Total: £3000.00

Regards
Ben Mcwatt
Managing Director
Trademark Trees Ltd
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