

## Environmental Maintenance Grant

### Grant Application

All applications must be returned electronically to [EMG@shropshire.gov.uk](mailto:EMG@shropshire.gov.uk)

Name and position of applicant: .....Mrs D McBride – Parish Clerk.....  
Applying on behalf of:.....Neen Savage Parish Council.....  
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#### *Details of grant request*

Description of work/activity/reason for grant (must be undertaken on Shropshire Council land):

Strim and tidy verges and hedges at signs and road bends;

Strim grass and tidy at Ford, Six Ashes and Nash crossroads;

Clean out ditches on our rural (C and U) roads;

Clear leaves and debris from grids, drains and culverts;

Clean road signs and fix where necessary and

Litter picking.

Date of the grant activities: From: ...April 2024.... To: .....March 2025.....

#### *Finance*

Please be aware that it is a requirement for match funding from the applying council at least 1:1 ratio

Cost of grant activity: £3,320 per annum

Amount of grant requested: (maximum grant given is £1,500 per annum: £1,500.

Please detail the calculations of the cost of the activity:

Verges and hedges – twice a year – 2 x 6 hours x £20 per hour = £240 (Contractors/Volunteers).

Strim grass and tidy Ford, Six Ashes, Nash and Stonehouse crossroads – 5 times x 5 people x 2 hours x £12 per hour = £600. (Volunteers)

Ditches – four days at £280 for Contractor plus Volunteer time of 2 people x 7 hours x 4 days x £12/hour = £ 1,792

Drains – every quarter and as required – 4 x 1 hour x 2 people x £20 per hour = £160 (Contractors & Volunteers)

Signs – once a year – 1 x 2 hours x 2 people x £12 per hour = £48 (Volunteers)

Litter picking – twice a year – 2 x 2 hours x 10 people x £12 per hour = £480 (Volunteers)

Please detail how the grant activity will achieve the below essential criteria

- support Shropshire Council's status as a level 3 authority
- Provide value for money
- Betterment to existing services

We can provide the services listed above more cheaply than Shropshire Council and therefore offer better value for money whilst supporting Shropshire Council's status as a Level 3 authority.

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We have better local knowledge of our parish and can address issues more immediately than through Shropshire Council. Faster response times will prevent problems escalating and reduce claims for damaged vehicles.

Please detail any other benefits you wish to be assessed

- Increase safety of highway users
- Enhance local economy
- Shropshire Pound

Tidying the Ford area, Six Ashes, Nash and Stonehouse crossroads, verges and hedges will primarily increase safety on the roads. It will also enhance the appearance of these areas and show that the areas are cared for and this will increase social value, tourism and thus the local economy.

Cleaning ditches, grids, drains and culverts will eradicate excess water and debris from the roads. This will improve highway safety, reduce ice and potholes forming, thus saving money on repairs and claims for damages!

Cleaning and repairing road signs will improve their visibility and thus improve road safety for drivers.

The improvements to the local area will increase social value within the community and will encourage residents and visitors to take more care of the environment. Some of this work will be carried out by volunteers ie litter picking and this in itself encourages social responsibility. Having this grant money will mean we will make use of a local contractor for the larger jobs such as hedge and ditching works. This will help the local economy as they will be local people who spend their earnings in Shropshire. The goodwill of receiving this grant money encourages more volunteers to come forward and help with the minor jobs.

I confirm that Public Liability Insurance cover is held for a minimum of £5 million in respect of all claims which might arise

*D McBride*

1<sup>st</sup> April 2024

Signed: .....

Date: .....

Print name: .....DOROTHY MCBRIDE.....

Print Position: .....PARISH CLERK.....

Grant conditions\*

1. Proof of the parish accounts detailing the match funding amount must be provided
2. All invoices, costs, timesheets for the gran activities must be submitted at the end of the financial year in the form of a report/annual assessment on the grants use
3. Minutes of the councils meeting confirming the grant money have been spent in accordance with grant terms must be submitted with the end of year report
4. Should grant money not be fully spent it must be returned to Shropshire Council
5. Should grant money not be spent in accordance with grant terms Shropshire Council will require the money given to be repaid in full
6. Any activities undertaken on the highway must comply with relevant legislation.