

# Neighbourhood Portion of Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) for Bath Grant Application

## Project name:

A place for Carers

## Organisation:

Bath and North East Somerset Carers' Centre

## Project location:

Woodlands, Lower Bristol Road, BA2 9ES

## Locality or Ward which will benefit from this project:

Located in Twerton benefit to the whole of the city of Bath

## Target start date:

Sept 2022

## Target completion date:

Feb 2023

Have you or your organisation previously applied for funding from Neighbourhood Portion of Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) for Bath?

No

## Description of project:

Our project will improve the Carers' Centre for the 17,585 carers the 2011 census identified are living in Bath and North East Somerset. Currently we have 4,693 carers registered with us and with the new developments increasing carers living in the area, we are actively seeking to identify more carers. Our objectives are to make the Carers' Centre more welcoming and improved space for carers to be able to take breaks from their caring role and access support at the Centre. We will achieve this by painting the public spaces, pruning the garden, pointing the wall, adding a sound proofing fence and upgrading the lodge in the garden. We will make the Carers' Centre more accessible by adding parking spaces and adding a bus stop outside the Centre. We will improve the environmental impact of the building by completing the secondary glazing.

We will provide on average 5 activities a week at the Centre and benefit on average 40 people a week including carers, cared for and other family members. The outcomes will be:

- reduced social isolation and loneliness in carers
- carers have more opportunity to have fun and take a break from caring
- carers are more able to maintain or improve their health and wellbeing
- carers have increased access to peer support
- increased resilience

### Reasons for supporting this project:

Carers provide unpaid care by looking after an ill, older or disabled family member, friend or partner. It could be a few hours a week or round the clock, in their own home or down the motorway. 3 in 5 people will be carers at some point in their lives, for those who don't directly care, they will know a carer, therefore having a thriving and active Carers' Centre in Bath is really important to ensure carers know where to go to get information and support. Those moving into new developments will have access to the Carers' Centre where they will be able to go for information, advice and a break from their caring role.

The pressures of caring can take a toll on carers' physical and mental health. This has been exacerbated by the pandemic, information, support and breaks are even more important to help carers recover.

Our project is improving the environmental impact of our building and the accessibility of our premises which is of benefit to the local area.

### Is this a new project or does this project link into an existing project?

This project is a refurbishment of an existing project. The Carers' Centre managed to finance the purchase of Woodlands on the Lower Bristol Road in 2015 with help from a social investment loan which is due to be paid off by 2026. Having the property has meant the Carers' Centre have been able to develop the property in the way carers have requested and this funding will help us maintain and develop it further.

### Project milestones and targets:

Target	Date
Complete the secondary glazing throughout the building	October 2022
Repaint the public areas and replace the front door	September 2022
Add sound proofing fencing for the front garden to reduce the noise and make it more accessible, point the garden wall, and prune the trees and shrubs	October 2022 to February 2023

Replace the lodge roof with a tin roof, re-treat the lodge with wood preserver, replace 2 broken windows and replace internal furnishing and floor covering	October to November 2022
Remarking of the car park so more carers can attend	October 2023
Security cameras bought and installed	October 2023
Bus stop	September 2022 to February 2023 (subject to B&NES Council contractors)

If planning permission is required for this project has it been granted?

Not required

Are there any planned changes that will have an effect on the premises or location where your project is to be located?

No

Are there any planned changes in circumstances to your organisations operation that we should be aware of?

No

How does the project address the specific impacts of the new developments from which the funding has been generated?

Our project fits with the Social and Wellbeing impacts of the new developments by providing health and wellbeing support to carers at the Carers' Centre. As the building works have provided increased housing in Bath, statistically many of these new residents will be carers, become carers or support someone who is caring and our services will be able to support them.

Our strategic aims align with the areas the CIL funding wants to address as the impact we aim to make is to improve the quality of life of carers in BANES, a community where carers of today and tomorrow are fully recognised, valued and supported and have what they need to stay well, in control and feel connected. Our Theory of Change identifies we can have this impact if we help with the following outcomes which all our work is focussed on:

- Keeping carers well
- Keeping carers in control
- Keeping carers connected
- Creating a carer-friendly community
- Here for carers

This project will enable us to achieve these outcomes that can benefit the residents of the new developments that are carers and be there in the future for those who

become a carer. People may become a carer due to their parents becoming older and frailer, having a disabled child or a family member or friend becoming ill, having drug and alcohol misuse issues or having an accident.

### How does the project provide links to the locality in the area where development has taken place?

Our project benefits local residents in Bath through the provision of health and wellbeing support to carers at the Carers' Centre. The Carers' Centre is an asset for the locality, many areas are not fortunate enough to have such a high-quality property for carers to use and benefit from the therapeutic space of our award-winning garden that was donated by the BBC One Show from the Royal Hampton Court Flower Show. The indoor space is also a great space for carers to access breaks from their caring role, we run a regular programme of arts and craft, relaxation, and exercise. We run support groups that help carers cope with their caring role and breaks where carers can come with the person they care for or their family. We also provide one to one support and emotional support. We work with carers from age 5 with no older age limit and for carers of any long-term illness, disability, or condition. Therefore, anyone moving into the new developments who cares for someone can benefit from our project and by investing in our property means we will be there for them into the future if they become a carer in the future. 3 in 5 people will be carers at some point in their lives.

### Please provide evidence which shows how the community has been listened to and what support exists for your project:

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However, carers have told us they would like to reduce the noise from the traffic if possible and have more undercover spaces they can use in the garden. They have also consistently asked for a bus stop outside the Centre. Currently the closest bus stop is a difficult walk to Twerton High Street which is challenging for our older frailer carers who are unable to walk the distance and find the walk a bit treacherous as they either have to short cut under the tunnel with no pavement or walk half a kilometre on pavement which is a long way for carers who struggle with their mobility or who are coming with someone they care for who has limited mobility. This would

make our premises much more accessible with a bus stop outside. We have consulted with the Council's traffic management department to understand the costs and process to get a bus stop which we have used in this application.

The project must show that it either supports the development of the relevant area by funding the provision, improvement, replacement, operation or maintenance of infrastructure, or anything else that is concerned with addressing the demands that development places on the area:

In order to keep this welcoming feeling of the premises that carers have told us they value, we are asking for funding to refresh the Centre by replacing the front door which is looking old and has some damage to it and repainting the public areas of the building. We are seeking secondary glazing for windows in the building that don't have them to both reduce traffic noise that carers have complained about which will also have the benefit of improving the efficiency of the building and be more environmentally friendly.

We have an outdoor lodge that carers can use to shelter from the rain and the noise of the traffic, however, it needs some work done to it to ensure it is in good condition for them to use and a comfortable space. We are asking for funding to add a new layer of wood preserver, replace two broken windows, replace the roof with a more robust roofing that won't need to be replaced every few years and refurbish.

To ensure the garden remains welcoming and safe to use we are seeking funding to repoint the garden wall and to prune the trees to ensure they remain manageable. We are also asking for funding to help with the noise by putting up a fence to run along the front garden.

We will install 4 security cameras to increase the security of the building due to a number of burglaries and damages.

We are asking for funding to redesign our car park so that more carers can park which makes our Centre accessible to more carers. We have also requested that a new bus stop is added outside the Centre to encourage people to use public transport where they are able to.

For those who do not have access to a car, we are asking for funding to add a bus stop outside the premises as the current bus stops are not easily accessible to our older, frail or disabled clients.

To summarise:

- Building - Complete the secondary glazing throughout the building for the final 5 windows that need it, repaint the public areas and replace the front door.
- Garden – Add sound proofing fencing for the front garden to reduce the noise and make it more accessible, point the garden wall, and prune the trees and shrubs.

- Lodge - Replace the lodge roof with a tin roof, re-treat the lodge with wood preserver, replace 2 broken windows and replace internal furnishing and floor covering.
- Security cameras – to secure the building.
- Car Park - Remarking of the car park so more carers can attend.
- Bus Stop – add outside the premises.

#### Total cost of project:

£110,536.13

#### Amount of funding sought from Neighbourhood Portion of CIL Fund:

£32,458.13 without the bus stop or £107,458.13 with the bus stop.

#### Does this project benefit from any source of matched funding?

We have match funding from Screwfix Foundation to fund £3,078 towards the secondary glazing.

#### Additional Funds which have already been agreed:

£3,078

#### Funds which have been applied for but are awaiting a decision:

£0

#### Volunteering hours:

We have volunteers who manage the garden and spend an average of 5 hours a week. Volunteers who support the activities spend an average of 10 hours a week. Average 15 hours a week.

#### Breakdown of the costs for the delivery of this project

Item	Amount
Re-treat the lodge with wood preserver	£800
New lodge windows from Dunster House	£250
Internal refurnish and floor covering from Way Fair	£1,530
Reroof the lodge with a tin roof from Roofing Mega Store	£2,500
Secondary glazing for windows add an additional window that needs to be specifically made from Screwfix	£7,078 (£3,078 is matched funding)
Downstairs painting to refresh	£5,000
Soundproof Fencing for the front garden to reduce the noise and make it more accessible from Garden Site	£2,604.57

Remarking of the car park for 4 extra cars so more carers can attend quote from Advance Painting Solutions	£900
Structurally – wall on the main road needs repointing, quote from David Dunscombe	£8,773.60
Annual prune	£1,100
New front door - Estimate based on need for bespoke wooden front door supply, fit, glaze, ironmongery, primed £3200, and £800 for decoration	£4,000
Security Cameras from Amazon	£999.96
Bus Stops, shelter, live updates and pavement redesign	£75,000
Reroof the lodge with a tin roof from Roofing Mega Store	£2,500
Total including bus stop	£107,458.13
Total without bus stop	£32,458.13

We recognise the full cost with the bus stop might be too much and have therefore included a total request without the bus stop included for consideration.