



WHPC COMMUNITY GRANTS SCHEME APPLICATION FORM

Please read the WHPC Community Grants Scheme Policy before completing this application form; visit our website at [WHPC Community Grants Scheme - West Horsley Parish Council](http://www.westhorsley-pc.gov.uk).

If you need any assistance accessing or completing the application, please contact the Clerk at clerk@westhorsley-pc.gov.uk or call 01483 901905.

Organisation Details:

Name of Organisation:	Grace and Flavour CIC
Type of Organisation: e.g. Charity, CIC, CIO	Community Interest Company Limited by Guarantee
Contact Name:	John Whitlock
Contact Email:	jrwhitlock@outlook.com
Contact Tel:	07722 174077
Position within the Organisation:	Head Gardener & Director
Aims and objectives of your organisation:	The company's main aim is to provide a community garden which benefits residents of East and West Horsley. The company grows fruit and vegetables for sale to members who live and/or work in the surrounding areas. The company also aims to give 10% of the harvest in the form of a tithe to those throughout local villages who do not have easy access to it otherwise. The garden operates as a co-operative, welcoming all members from West and East Horsley and the surrounds. Members volunteer their time and abilities in an environment that offers all individuals the opportunity to be part of a local project, and develop a sense of community and an opportunity to learn and develop gardening skills. The Company is a Community Interest Company (C.I.C.), domiciled and incorporated in the United Kingdom. The registered office differs from the location of the garden, which is in the grounds of National Trust's Hatchlands Estate, Ripley Lane, West Horsley, Surrey, KT24 6JW.

Year of formation:	Grace and Flavour established in 2009 and converted to CIC in 2010.
Details of current membership:	Working party mornings at the Ripley Lane Garden are held regularly on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday. This year we have had over 50 active local full members and 30 local allotment holders with many more using our site throughout the year. Over 300 people receive our newsletter. 90%+ of our members live in the Horsleys, with the remainder living in surrounding villages. Ages typically range from students to octogenarians. We host Duke of Edinburgh's Award senior school children. Some children (age 5+) attend, but always with direct parental supervision.

If successful, your grant will be paid by bank transfer directly into your organisation's bank account. Please give the following details:¹

Bank Account Name:	Lloyds Bank
Sort Code:	30-93-74
Bank Account Number:	00715917

Project Details:

Describe the project or event for which grant aid is being sought:
Extension of irrigation infrastructure across most of the stand pipes in the G&F garden. This follows a successful partial trial in 2026. This grant application is to fund the equipment required to set up the stand pipes for use from spring 2027. This comprises 5 filters, 5 pressure reducers, 14 timers, various connectors, supply pipe and 300 tape connectors for a total cost of £1700 including VAT. The system requires T tape to deliver the water to the plant roots. Grace and Flavour will pay for this tape during the summer of 2027, in line with planting requirements.

Please give details of how the project will benefit the residents of the Parish:
Local community members grow fruit and vegetables at Grace and Flavour community kitchen garden. Recent climate change has resulted in significant increases in summer temperatures and drought conditions. This makes it essential to provide regular watering to the crops during the hottest months, otherwise the crops die in the heat. The irrigation equipment will deliver controlled amounts of water over night to the "thirstiest" crops for set amounts of time in sequence area by area. Watering at night ensures the crops receive water at the best time and will reduce the amount of water lost to evaporation in the heat of the day. It will free up volunteers to do other tasks required in the garden.

¹ Please refer to our [Data Protection Policy](#)

It will help the garden grow and supply good quality crops even during extremely dry periods. As a result of the irrigation trial in 2026, the crop yield in 2026 has been roughly similar to 2025 (as measured by gross sales) relative to a 30% reduction for UK farming in general.

The crops will benefit local community members buying produce at the garden as well as recipients of Grace and Flavour tithe boxes. During the summer we typically sell to about 60 working and visiting members per week at a discount to shop prices. In addition, tithe boxes are delivered to between 18 and 30 people. Tithe recipients are people selected (and delivered to) by Wheel of Care – typically singles and couples in their 80s and 90s and unable to get to the garden or shops. At least half the recipients are from West Horsley. In addition, other visitors from East Horsley buy vegetables at our shop on Saturdays. Many of those buying fruit and vegetables are taking them home to cook and share with members of their family.

The allotment holders are on the same supply from the street main. By watering the garden automatically at night as above, the allotment water supply is maintained at higher pressure during the day. This will enable allotment dip tanks to refill much quicker and allotment holder to benefit from shorter watering times. There are about 30 allotment holders at present with half from West Horsley. Allotment holders' families include young couples starting families, working families and retired singles or couples.

Estimated number of West Horsley residents who will benefit from the grant: ____100____

Project Finances:

Total cost of the project for which the grant is requested:	£1700
Total amount of grant requested from West Horsley Parish Council:	£1000

If you have applied to any other organisation for financial help for this project, please give details:		
None		
Details of any grants awarded to your organisation by West Horsley Parish Council in the last three years:		
Project description:	Amount requested:	Amount received:
(2022-2023) To replace the plastic cover of the polytunnel which was damaged during the storms	£210	£210

Additional Supporting Information:

Please state any other relevant information in support of your application.

G&F hold regular directors committee meetings where it has been established that the volunteer members would welcome the addition of irrigation in the polytunnels and in the garden. Members have expressed their interest in irrigation and watering systems at OGM and AGM. We have been piloting irrigation systems in 2026 and now wish to improve the systems and extend the area covered. Also, the importance of maintaining the quality of crops is reinforced at our regular weekly cropping sessions when people are asked which crops they would like.

If the cost of the irrigation system increases, we will be able to cover the balance from Grace and Flavour funds, received from the sale of vegetables.

It should be noted that West Horsley Parish Council pay Grace and Flavour CIC to manage their allotments and East Horsley Parish Council do the same.

The last parish council grant was received from East Horsley Parish Council for £500 in February 2024 to purchase paving for our seating area.

We received £2000 from Surrey Community Foundation supported by the Horsley Community Fund in December 2025 for purchase of a polytunnel. This was ordered in March 2026 and installation was completed in early summer 2026. Some of the irrigation equipment will go inside this polytunnel.

Declaration

I hereby certify that I have read and understood the WHPC Community Grants Scheme Policy, including information on eligibility, types of projects and general conditions for receiving a grant through the scheme. I understand that under the Freedom of Information Act a redacted version of this application will be available for inspection by members of the public on request.²

I confirm that to the best of my knowledge the information supplied for this application is correct. I understand that if successful, I will be required to confirm that any grant funding has been spent only in accordance with the purpose outlined in this application.

Name (please print): _____ John Whitlock _____

Position in Organisation: _____ Head Gardener and Director _____

Signed: J.R. Whitlock

Date 15/10/26

Thank you for completing this application form. Please return it with copies of your last agreed accounts and your constitution or rules to clerk@westhorsley-pc.gov.uk.

² Please refer to our [Model Publication Scheme page 4](#)

Official Use Only (WHPC):

Date application received: _____

Committee Decision: _____ Date: _____

Final Council Decision: _____ Date: _____

Grant awarded subject to the following conditions (if any): _____
