

EFFORD: GREEN SPACE ACTION PLAN

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Appendix A

Efford Green Space Action Plan

A Green Space Strategy Group has been meeting to address issues highlighted through the Master Planning process, involving representation from agencies and local residents, including, Plymouth City Council's Parks, Leisure and Streets Department, Youth Services, Local Councillors and HECP members, Efford Youth Development Forum (EYDF), Plymouth Arts Centre, Groundwork and Plymouth and South Devon Co-operative.

Consultation and views have been gathered over the years with regards to local needs around the issues of youth spaces and facilities, play and open green spaces and 'street scene issues'. A number of steps have been taken to further identify and understand need in Efford in relation to open spaces, play areas and green spaces. A walkabout and an Arts initiative have assisted with gathering local knowledge and awareness about local perceptions and experiences which needs to feed into the Action Plan.

The Action Plan needs to consider the following areas that have been highlighted to address:

Youth spaces

EYDF feel that young people need more spaces that are safe to 'hang out' in. Possible sites for improvements – Kirton Place is felt by young people as an acceptable venue and Yeo Close play area (although designed for younger children it is known as a 'Youth acceptable hang-out' due to feelings of safety - see below).

Open areas

Area behind Torridge Way Flats and the 'toilet block' that is due for demolition – this area needs ideas for usage

Efford Valley – A large under utilised resource at the heart of Efford. Lots of issues why residents do not use, due to accessibility, fear and safety. The Action Plan focuses on encouraging more residents to feel safe to use the Valley - ideas for nature trails, preserving the nature and natural landscape,, natural play, open arenas for performance, up-grading of tree nursery, paths, seating areas, play/family space, 'activity spaces', refurbishing shrubbery etc.

Play areas

Yeo Close – great facility for small children, yet older ‘young people’ use space for hanging out. This area needs to be re-designed to make more appropriate for use with resident support. Possibility of enlarging area and developing a youth space

Channel Park – 2 children’s play areas, not used appropriately. 1 play area is felt unsafe and is an area often used for local unsupervised fires. There are many areas within Channel park where use is inappropriate and there are issues with fly-tipping and a general lack of pride in the area. There are also pockets of open spaces that back onto Channel Park – areas of natural beauty with links to Efford Valley and Trefussis Park which could be redesigned and re-instated with a limited amount of work. An Artist and PETRA worker are working to engage residents in this area with the Artist more specifically focusing on Ward Place Roundabout improvements.

Playing fields

There are limited areas for playing sports in Efford and with the current schools amalgamation process taking place (see below) consideration needs to be prioritised for retaining venues/possible restating of playing fields facilities. Health needs are high in Efford and it is part of a Health Action Plan to encourage more activity and use of open spaces.

Other issues to consider as part of the Action Plan

Seating areas – lack of seating areas restricts elderly or other residents in need for rest as they move about the neighbourhood

Street Scene issues – bulky waste, fly-tipping, refuse collection in particular ‘hot-spot’ areas

A Community Allotment scheme is being developed with residents to encourage more engagement in the environment and that will help address health related issues.

Road Safety is a big issue in particular areas, for example Blandford Road and Torridge Way

Cross Cutting themes

A Health Strategy group has been working on a Health Action Plan, which will link to the Green Space Action Plan as benefits to health need to be prioritised when looking at redeveloping open spaces. This includes giving thought to play spaces, activity venues, playing fields, safety, routes and accessibility.

A Youth Strategy group has similarly been developing a Youth Action Plan that includes open space issues such as facilities for general recreation and the health of young people and their families. Projects under development include a feasibility study into a Youth Garage facility at the top of Efford Valley, a community sporting initiative and intergenerational work.

Schools amalgamation

A schools amalgamation process is being delivered by Plymouth City Council's Education Department. After a lengthy consultation process a decision is imminent. This will have an impact upon green spaces, wherever it is sited. It is the intention of the Education Department that an 'extended school' be built that will combine education and extended services for the community which may include youth space or a healthy living centre.

Local Development Framework

The Green Space action plan will contribute to the Local Development Framework. The Master Planning and Forward Planning work that is being delivered will work along side the LDF process. A site allocation development plan consultation process is currently being delivered by Plymouth City Council's Planning department which will take forward issues identified through the Efford Master Plan.

The Commission

Aim of the commission

The aim of the commission is to develop a Green Space Action Plan that will give ideas for the enhancement of specific areas of land, and the street scene, in line with local needs, issues and priorities. The plan should contain a mix of drawings/sketches, photos, ball park figures, and potential sources of funding

Process

Stage 1 Consultation

The development of the Plan needs to be informed through further consultation with the Heart of Efford Community Partnership, local residents, and young people, particularly through the Efford Youth Development Forum. Existing links within the community can be utilised as good networks are already in place. We see this consultation taking the form of a mix of residents meetings, youth meetings and

public meetings, and will consist of information gathering, design workshops, and the presentation of ideas for comment. Meetings will more than likely be arranged in the evenings. Existing effective partnerships are already in place to aid this process through Plymouth City Council, the Youth Service, and the Heart of Efford Community Partnership, who will be able to assist with organisation. There are local venues available at no cost.

Stage 2 Development of the Green Space Action Plan

We want to provide an overall 'vision' for the development of green space in Efford, but in a way that is realistic and achievable, albeit not necessarily in the short or medium term due to resource limitations. The focus should be as much on practical, simple, low cost solutions, as well as some more inspirational ideas that may be part of an overall scheme.

The Action Plan will consist of the following:

- a brief overview of the physical environment in Efford, and the aims of the Plan in terms of what it has set out to achieve.
- taking each of the key sites in turn, a sketch scheme to highlight the best way to enhance the site taking the following into account: community needs and issues, feasibility, potential risks in terms of creating new problems, and what makes sense as part of an overall vision for green space in Efford. For each site there may be photos of similar schemes or products on other sites that have been developed in a similar fashion. We would also like some ball park costings, which could be for different phases for larger schemes, as implementation is dependent on raising resources.
- suggestions on improvements to the overall street scene, such as seating/signage

The action plan will need to be printed in colour, probably A3 size.

Stage 3

Presentation of action plan back to partners and residents. This will take the form of a public meeting.

Timescales

Stage	Key Tasks	Timescales
Deadline for receipt of quotes		11 th Jan 08

General		Contract to start from 1 st Feb 08
Meetings	Attend meetings with PCC – project managers. Initial set up meeting to agree delivery plan, review meetings every 3/4 weeks (6 meetings) Green Space Strategy Group meetings (monthly) – attendance to be agreed with PCC (3 meetings)	1 st Feb – 24 th May Feb – April: 6/2/08 5/3/08 2/4/08
Stage 1		1 st Feb – 29th Feb
Consultation	Undertake an initial walkabout with PCC and partners Help organise and attend special HECP event to consider the development and design of green spaces Attend residents groups meetings Torridge Way RA, HorseShoe RA, Channel Park RA (3 meetings) EYDF youth group (2 meetings) Help organise and attend public meetings to gather information in areas not covered by residents groups (3 / 4)	HECP mtg – 7 th Feb Feb 18 th , 25 th Monday evenings have provisionally been booked

	Presentation back of design ideas to individual groups prior to inclusion in action plan (5 meetings?)	
Stage 2		1 st March – 9 th May
Preparation of the plan	Complete sketch schemes, photo gathering, layout of plan Liase with other Council departments Attend HECP meeting to present draft plan to group and agree any further amendments Liase with printers to produce copies of the final plan	1 st March – 18 th April 21 st April – 9 th May
Stage 3		12 th – 24 th May
Presentation of action plan	Public meeting in Efford to present final plan	
Contract completion by 24 th May		

Appendix B

Responses from Take a Part

72 total from 730 possibles.

26 door knocking

1 childrens centre

6 efford library

0 Plym View

0 Lipson (weren't distributed).

0 Medical Centre

0 Plymouth Arts Centre

3 Highfield School

36 Efford Youth Centre

Notes – Ages when given and where cards sourced.

SP Severn Place

HC Highfield Close

BR Blandford Road

SPC St Pauls Close

TW Torridge way Flats (valley side)

EYDF Efford Youth Development Forum

Partially owned by Council and Parks – there's always an argument.

So many things they were going to do and none of them have happened

The 'second' woods are not doing a lot. There are tunnels linking the allotments, nothing much being done, could be an adventure playground.

I go through the valley to get to Pike Road, got a dog to walk and to see a friend on the other side.

During school holidays and guy fawkes I'd be wary. There's 15/16 year olds with cans of drink that lob cans. My 16 year old daughter won't go in there.

The lighting's not good, only one lampost, you have to take a torch and hope you don't come off the path.

SP

Used to go over the bank when we was at school (where the allotments are). Changed a lot since. Used to be a little river going down it.

Use it now to walk down to the doctors, I wouldn't go at night time. Do some bird watching.

BR age 61

It's got really scruffy, just so overgrown. Have all the squirrels and they're really tame, they come over into your front garden, it's lovely. The skateboarding plans fell through.

There's no lighting, and just a couple of benches, it could do with more seating. You can't go in in winter it's just too dark.

SP age 37

I've lived on Blandford road for 25 years, by dad & I have had a garage all that time – these garages are really solid and secure with the concrete roofs. I use it as a workshop for the car, it's better than working on a main road. The kids kick the guttering off though, but you get that wherever there's a green area with kids around. Better lighting would be good. The valley's always used for dog walking, and kids go down there with a ball. It's only because it's quiet that kids come. I'd be disappointed if the garages went. There's a substation at the end, and there used to be a water tap, but they turned it off.

BR age 39

I've got no need to go that way – it's at the back. There's nothing down there, only the doctor's - it's not like you can take a walk and see something. There's nothing of interest down there.

BR age 82

There's a lot of bird life. People don't need to use it for it to have aesthetic value. Let nature generate it's own ecosystem. Why do we need to change it? A pheasant comes up to my back garden. Good for blackberry picking. Why cut the grass? If it's not broke don't fix it. Youngsters use for motorbikes.

BR age 60

I ain't got a clue, I don't go down there. Don't see the point.

BR age 16

Sometimes go for a walk – do a loop. Water is like ice on the paths in winter.

43 years ago you could see the Plym – next door could see their dad coming up Pike Road and could go and meet him. Should take out a couple of the trees. A lot of trees are 400 years old. There's a picture of the landscape from the old manor.

Some people pick up dog waste, some don't. Our kids used to play there like a private playground. Don't go down the snakey path, it's dangerous now – anyone could be in the bushes, nothing to hang onto.

BR age 70

Don't know a lot about the valley. Kids play football, people walk through it, walk their dogs there, and ride their motorbikes (sore point) – they go in the woods and ride.

BR age 67

I've lived here years, but don't know anything about the valley. The trees have got taller, used to be able to see the river Plym. I keep to the main road if I go out, it's easier underfoot. It'd be nice for the younger ones.

BR Age 80's

There used to be a tree nursery, not used now. Our children used to play in the woods. Used to be a golf driving range – stopped now. A fair few walk their dogs. Young kids set fires in the woods. Camped in woods once – others do it, they keep us awake til 2 – 3 am. We go out in the back and walk dogs there.

BR ages 47/46/18/24/22

Lived here all my life. Used to picnic, play rounders – all kids so now is ride bikes and it's not safe. But we do go for a walk cos we like the fresh air.

SP age 45

I know part of the green land is protected. It's changed a bit since moved here (21 years ago). They built the doctors. It's too marshy otherwise they could build on it, which is good for us otherwise they would put a housing estate on it.

Use it for children's play, dog walking, in summer have picnics, play roly poly. At night time there's no lighting, so as soon as it got dark that would be it – not sure if that's a good or bad thing – teenagers would use more.

SP age 46

Efford is filthy. Woods have grass cuttings, lumps of concrete in – people don't appreciate what they've got. Kids play football – there used to be a football pitch, the goal posts went a couple of years ago, and they've allowed the jobs to take over. There's a lot of broken glass and tins – poor maintenance. Two areas of unmown – it's never been drained properly and it grew from that. The tree nursery – you've never seen such beautiful colours, there's a beautiful stone wall, cleared four years ago, but badly planned and drained mud away. I use it everyday for dog walking. There's no seats – the only bench is oak, so they can't burn it. It wants a park keeper especially during holidays. There could be a mountain bike trail.

SP Age 83

It's alright, quiet – touch wood.

I can't use because the path's in a hell of a state. I would use to walk to the doctors but I can't.

BR age 78

I've been here 6 years and I've never been down.

I don't use because there's no disabled access. I'd like to one day, just go for a walk. The path's a bit steep it looks a bit dubious. My brother in law lives at Keele Place – I'd like to visit.

HC age 54

You don't even know it's there.

The only thing I know is people walk their dogs there. It's a shortcut – back down. There's glass everywhere, kids making hassle, screaming at 11/12 at night. The space at the bottom is too near the road. I've used it once to go for a walk, but I'm too lazy to do it again! Dogs are off the lead and there's dog poo, so no good for little ones.

HC age 21

The tree nursery is very overgrown. It stops the light and the wind blows. It's lovely to have the trees. Very boggy when wet. They go down on little two wheeled bikes. No problem with dog waste.

I wouldn't take a chance because you don't know what's down there.

HC age 75

There's so much you could do without destroying it's natural beauty. Only been here 4 years but love it. We lived in a cul-de-sac before in a city, so it's really nice. Lovely to have somewhere to walk through or look over. Like the bit where the bench is – it's lovely. Could do with more seats. It's a bit overgrown & scary from a kids point of view, but given kids imagination there's so much you could do. Take our grandson down there, don't need to worry about the road. Me & my daughter walk through – shortcut to the shops. Could have a picnic halfway. Don't like the bit where garages are because get vandals, and not lit. Last year/summer set fire to, snakey path gets rubbish dumped near it.

Too much fly tipping.

Trebah Gardens in Falmouth, there's a slide around a tree.

SP age 58

It's there. Some kind of protection order so can't build on. Haven't been down for a couple of years. When first came 15/16 years ago used to be a good place to burn cars – don't get it now. Woodland is nice protective place. Sometimes there's kids, sometimes there's not – 10 – 18 years old.

Sometimes walk round, but not very often. Nice to walk in the wood rather than on the concrete path, but got abit boggy. It's on the doorstep so you don't go.

Motorbikes up and down – not often, but the noise is annoying.

HC age 66

We call it the copse because of the clump of trees. I've lived in efford all my life and it was all fields when I was little.

I like walking so I go down paths past Efford House and other ones. Perhaps twice a week. I like all of it. It can get awfully wet after it rains, then I'm wary of walking on the paths.

TW Flats age 67

It's been there since I was born and I'm 66.

There used to be a youth club in the old farm house. You can't make it better than it is. Lovely to walk down and walk the dogs in. How can the kids play now that they're taking all their pleasures away? It's a lovely place for the kids – no houses to smash up. There's more houses round the valley than ever. The people who are scared are the people who don't use

it. It's a lovely place to go and sit and meditate in the sun. No one to bother you. There's the odd person that comes up with a dog and you have a yak.

TW flats age 66

A green area that's quite wasted. Be nice for young people, or all ages.

There's lots of problems with youths drinking and drugs. If you're with someone it's fine, but if you're on your own I'm not comfortable, day or night. If it was safer it'd be used more.

TW flats age 45

It's not really for kids, more adults use. There's constantly sweet papers on the bank near the school. Lovely to have it there for all of us with dogs. I chucked bulbs down there – daffs from the garden. I go down there to pick dandelions for my friends tortoise. I go in the woods if it's not too muddy. Kids go on motorbikes, but they're quite responsible, I'd rather they did that than something else. We need more dog poo bins – you have to carry it too far. I like the idea of leaving it wild. It doesn't bother me because I've got two big dogs – if it had more lights, like sensor lights it would deter people. I wouldn't mind helping get rid of rubbish. People throw stuff down there that doesn't rot down. Don't really get trouble - some kids set fires, but that's what kids do. There's a hawk, a lot of birdlife. Lovely in the springtime with bluebells. A lot of wildlife, I've rescued hedgehogs and we get lots of squirrels in the garden. The problems are adults dumping.

SP age 47

I used to take the kids, kick a ball around I said. It was all fields, it's changed completely. I can't climb up hills, it's too much strain on my legs.

SPC. Age 77

Dangerously steep paths – no good for push chairs or toddlers. Unused green space, only good for dogs.

Suggestion for use – a play park for older and younger children.

Dell Children's centre.

I know lots and it's all good. The best thing is it's there.

I use it as direct access to Pike Road etc from Torridge way, as recreation: walking etc. It's so convenient and green, and to show people a great part of Efford.

Highfield School age 60+

It's beautiful to look at, but hardly ever been there. Efford is lucky to have such a wonderful resource but we must look after it and make better use of it. I've no reason to go there (I don't live here).

Highfield School

This could be a jewel in the crown in the middle of Efford. It is a green lung which needs to be looked after for future generations. It is sadly underused at the moment. I am afraid that it is too hilly for me to walk in, but I do like to look at it.

Highfield School

It leads to other areas of Efford/Laira. I don't use it as it's lonely – dull & drab – a bit intimidating.

Efford Library

It's a very nice green area with beautiful trees. I don't use it because I can't see the paths clearly from Pike Road (all of them).

Efford Library age 60+

It's a lovely view from there.

I don't use it because it's quite steep but not very pretty.

Efford Library age 43

I used to walk the dog many years ago.

Efford Library age 62

I've lived in this area for over 40 years and the valley (we call it the bank) has changed quite a lot. People dump a lot of rubbish down there and it looks awful.

I do use it as it saves me time walking up the hill and I like to look at the trees and the wildlife.

Efford Library age 73

At one time the valley was well maintained as there was a 'Parkie', who kept a good eye out. Also the area on the left was used by the council as a nursery to grow plants for distribution around the city. I do not use it at night as there is no lighting and you do not feel very safe.

Efford Library

It is a lovely spot. A nice place for peace & quiet. It is a lovely place to take time out.

EYDF age 45

It's a dangerous place where lots of horrible things have gone on. It needs to be open up and maybe a park added. Also it needs street lights.

I don't use it because of the things that go on. It gets too dark and doesn't really seem to be a good place to go.

EYDF age 15

It's behind the school, steep at the top, flat at the bottom. Too mucky by the wood.

EYDF age 21

People don't use it. I don't use it because when I walk home it takes a long time.

EYDF age 13

Short cut to my dad's house. I use to walk my dogs.

EYDF

Age 50

It's a very large space that has great potential for youths to relax and for sports.

Most youths don't use it because lack of light in the evening as they don't feel safe.

EYDF age 24

No one uses it because it's dark & scary. It's quite a mess.

I don't live here, but if I did I would not use it because it is dark and unsafe.

EYDF age 20

A place for walking dogs. Also used to love playing football there and climbing trees.

Relaxing shortcut to my mates house.

EYDF age 27

Short cut to Efford, nice walk.

Use to see my mates.

EYDF age 19

I know a few years ago we tried to get a skate park. It's not a very safe place to be.

I know the location. Pathway not clear, could do with park for children.

EYDF

Woods below Severn Place are used for fly tipping. Old nursery used for drinks parties and rifle shooting and late night bonfires. Main grass area used by motorcyclists in the evenings and weekends. Drains blocked after heavy rain, paths flooded with water running into pike road. I use on a daily basis for dog walking.

EYDF age 62

It is a road with people getting drunk and messing around. I do use it, I play golf on it.

EYDF age 13

I know that not many people use it. It's dark and scary. It's marshy.

It looks like a tip. It is too dark and there's nothing there.

EYDF age 15

No one goes down there because it's scary. I don't use it because it's so dark.

EYDF age 15

People go there to walk their dogs , to have fun. I don't use it because it gets dark down there.

EYDF age 14

I go down there all the time. It's not the best place – too many trees.

I go down with my mates.

EYDF age 13

A place to play football, golf, tracker, hide & seek and plenty of others. I don't use it because it's got dog poo and dogs there and there could be pedo's.

EYDF age 15

A load of trees behind Highfield. Nice place to walk and chill out, but dangerous. I do use it because it's nice to ride bikes. I don't because it's dangerous – druggys and drunk people etc.

EYDF age 11

It has a marshy area down there. It is a wasted area. I used to use it for games. I don't use it because it is now boring.

EYDF age 15

All I know is it's a beautiful valley and many people exercise their dogs and their selves there. *When we were at Hhighfield infants we were taken down there for nature walks to collect different colour leaves in Autumn.* It is a lovely walk through the valley. Use it as a shortcut to get to Pike Road and to meet my granddaughter.

EYDF age 44

It's a good place for kids to play football and it's a nice place to walk dogs. I use it to walk my dogs and get exercise.

EYDF age 15

I think it's a nice place to walk. Nice woods. I walk down there and hang out by the garages.

EYDF age 14

It is a good way of getting fresh air and it's a nice walk.

I don't like it because my friends can get p***ed there and they just leave the glass bottles there.

EYDF age 14

It is not used as a park for families but an area for dogs to be walked and for young people to hang out. I do not use the valley as I don't feel safe whilst walking in there. It's too dark, too enclosed and unfriendly.

EYDF

Lots of people get followed and attacked. I don't get attacked by people.

EYDF age 13

It's a place where I play football sometimes. I don't use it because I don't live close to Efford Valley.

EYDF age 15

They use it for bikes. Need to cut some trees.

EYDF age 13

People walk dogs. It has lots of trees.

I don't use because there is nothing to do down there.

EYDF age 14

Druggys go there. It's a tip. Walk their dogs. Ride their bikes. Ass ups messing about camping.

EYDF age 13

I didn't know much because I am not from the area, but I went down there with a group of young people and they gave me a tour. It seems a lovely place in daylight but as night fell I could understand why people didn't feel comfortable using the valley. I do not use the valley as I don't live in the area.

EYDf age 36

It's not used enough and it's a large green space that should be utilised. I use it to see if there are any youths playing football or having fun. Which at the moment there are never any youths.

EYDf age 21

It's not used that much, dark. I don't use it because it's dark. You can't see anything and rapists/strangers might be hiding.

EYDF age 13

It's scary and dark. I don't use it because it's weird.

EYDF age 15

It leads from Highfield to Laira Surgery. I don't use it as my mum thinks it's dangerous and so do I. There's weirdos around.

EYDF age 12

Appendix C

WALKABOUT ISSUES & IDEAS - 10 SITES

Attendees:

Jordan and Amy - EYDF

Wendy Brown - Efford Youth Centre Youth Worker and

Nick Jones and Gareth Harrison-Poole - PCC Parks Services

Denise Rudgley - PHDU

James Carter - Co-op

Peter Kelley - PCC Leisure

Councillor Brian Vincent

Fiona Scapens and Debbie Burton - PCC Neighbourhood Regeneration

Current Issues listed in red

Ideas for improvement listed in green

Playing Fields

Changing rooms need work

Great for Junior football

Need to keep this green space

Pitches get water logged - top one worse

Erect fence to stop balls going into homes

Fitness centre

Pavilions for wet weather

Have more here for young people 14-16

Efford football? There are football teams but Efford teams can't use pitches

Tarmac kick about cost would be about £60k

Hockey

Bad drainage

£25k drainage system

Unity Park

Bowling green - just for 'older people'- can young people go bowling?

Hockey, rugby, deficiency in pitches - what about Plym view?

Kennet Close

Play park always locked, only 2 key holders

Responsibility of William Sutton Housing Trust

Shut for all ages

Nowhere to play tennis

Ward Place

Skateboarding area - need to be age appropriate

Fire brigade always here to put out regular fires

Bonfire - better to have an appropriate bonfire spot.

Possibly take roundabout away

Use of ramp to bike up

Get youngsters involved

Planting scheme

Bulky waste issues - collection campaign

Good space for youth shelter

Should have more respect for the area

End of Ward Place - youth place?

Kirton place - open space - youth hangout, possible site for bench

Channel Park

Channel park residents association?

Lots of wasteland - could be put to better use

Lots of nature (Why is this seen as an issue??Groundwork)

Pitch - issues - not used for football - Trefusis - looked at moving pitch – but encountered sewage issues

Baseball area would be good

Cut through usage on way from home but that's about it

Young people always getting moved on by residents

- perhaps a campaign to stop this?

Change into kick about area and fence off

No bins

Dumping area - info on rubbish collection

Garages - not used, so kids use bikes, skateboards

Rubbish dumped - awareness campaign

Play area - metal not appropriate, find condoms in tunnel

Clean up campaign

Yeo Close

Lots of space, could bring in extra facilities, **first dog poo bin**

Take fence out and extend area

Somewhere to sit where young people don't get moved on from

No benches. no bins. used to be lots of trees

Back of Torridge Way

Toilets need to be pulled down,

play area at front is used

Allotments

EYDF have allotment - how about a community allotment, Highfield

Could feed into a Youth cafe

Move bins

Engage Conservation Officer Katherine Deeney in planning

Severn Place

Play area - good, up to date

Pathway - holds litter, drain is a trip hazard

Efford Valley

Safety, play area for young kids, tyre swings, recommendation for Youth Park feels like young people are being shoved out of view in park

Marshy at the bottom

Used for 5 a side - open out a bit - lighting - path to Plym view

Access issues. Entrance at Highfield -very dark through path - access via Severn Place. Fitness area -- trim trail, picnic area, chill out zone Clear site line through valley - lighting

Access from Blandford Road - dark & slippery

Youth shelter

Garages

Are they used?

Young people sit on top

Lane. -- lit up

Don't get told to move on from here

Off road bike track

Issue - motor bikes going up and down lanes

Appendix D

EYDF Questionnaire for Channel Park Area

This questionnaire is to be filled out by someone that lives in the Efford area so that EYDF Efford youth development Forum in partnership with groundwork trust can support the views of young people in developing green space in the Efford area this is important to us so we can develop the placing we hang around in to make it a better place for us.

Where do you hang out?

What do you like about where you hang out?

What would you like to see in Efford or the places you hang out in?

Would you feel happier if there was more lighting in the places you hang around in?

Please circle YES NO

Why

Would you like to see more community active in the Efford area?

Please circle YES NO

Why

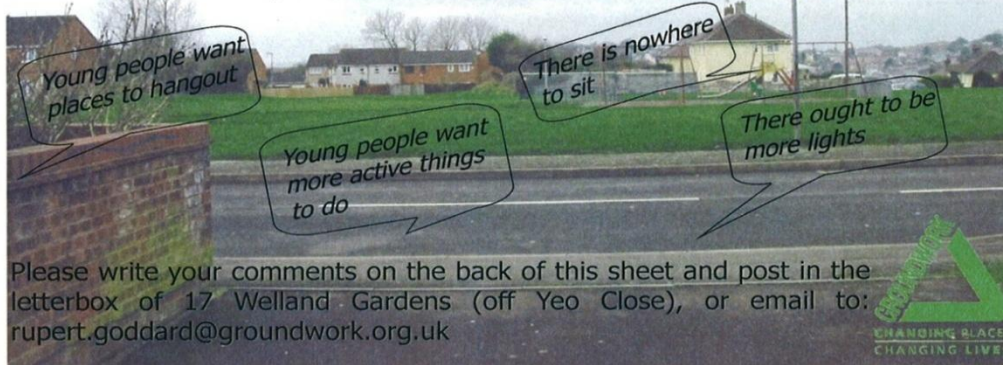
If there is any what place do you find scary?

Making Efford a Better Place to Live Questionnaire

Making Efford a better place to live...

On behalf of the Heart of Efford Community Partnership, Groundwork have been commissioned by Plymouth City Council to produce a plan for improving the green spaces in Efford.

- How might your Green Space in Yeo Close be improved?
- What do you think, as Yeo Close residents?



Please write your comments below. Groundwork will use them to develop the action plan. Thank you for your help.

- I would like to see more play equipment for young people in Yeo Close Park **Yes / No**
- I would like to see improved lighting in Yeo Close Park **Yes / No**
- What else would you like / dislike to see?

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Please return by Wednesday 12 March.

Appendix F

Grant Finder Funding Profiles

UIC740 TITLE: CT: FOOTBALL FOUNDATION - FACILITIES GRANT

LAST UPDATE: Dec 07

GRANTfinder Release Apr 08

DESCRIPTION OF AID

- Type. Grant
- Term. Unspecified
- Covering. Funding is available to primarily support organisations that wish to build, develop and/or refurbish facilities in order to sustain and increase participation in football.
- Elig Exp. Capital costs, eg improving grass pitch drainage, changing rooms and pavilions and clubhouses. An element of revenue funding can be applied for if it is linked to a capital bid that does not exceed 20% of the grant requested
- Support. On any given application, the lower the percentage support from the Foundation, the more likely it is to be approved. The maximum level of funding remains at 90% of the total eligible project cost, up to a maximum of £1 million. However, a grant award approaching this level would be extremely rare
- Payment. As arranged
- Match Fund. Applicants will be required to provide at least 10-50% of the project costs from their own or other sources
- Other. The Foundation has a policy to invest 40% of its funding into the top 20% most deprived wards in England

NECESSARY QUALIFICATIONS OF APPLICANT

- Status. Organisation
- Type. Local authorities, education establishments, football clubs, multi-sport clubs, registered charities, companies limited by guarantee, industrial and provident societies and not-for-profit organisations
- Location. England

CRITERIA

- Timing. Applications can be made at any time
- Viability. Projects must be financially viable
- Avail. Discretionary

APPLICATION

- Special Form. Yes - available to download from the website below. Pre-application advice is also available if required
- Supported By. Various items will be needed to support the application depending on the type of project, eg photos, quotes and planning consent

SPONSORED BY

The Football Foundation

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UGE220 TITLE: SPORT ENGLAND: COMMUNITY INVESTMENT FUND

LAST UPDATE: Dec 07

GRANTfinder Release Apr 08

DESCRIPTION OF AID

- Type. Grant
- Covering. Support in England to increase and widen participation in sport, by providing opportunities for people to start in sport, stay in sport and achieve success in sport at every level. The ultimate aim of the programme is to create an active and successful sporting nation and eligible projects are assessed against the priorities laid out in each English region's sports plan and Sport England's National Framework for Sport.
- Elig Exp. Project costs, such as those concerned with providing a local facility or offering an opportunity for those wishing to take part in sport
- Support. Applications for amounts between £500 and £10,000 are processed by Awards for All (separately reported on GRANTfinder under reference number UG5320). Decisions for grants over £10,000 are made by Sport England regional sports boards
- Match Fund. Partnership funding should be in place when applications are made. The suggested ratio, as identified in the Government's 2002 strategy for sport (Game Plan), is 2:1, £2 partnership funding for £1 Lottery funding
- Other. Sport England prioritises funding for projects that can demonstrate genuine need and clear benefits to improve community sport

NECESSARY QUALIFICATIONS OF APPLICANT

- Status. Organisation/group carrying out a community-based sports project
- Type. Such as schools, sports clubs, community groups, youth organisations and health organisations
- Location. England
- Other. Partnerships are encouraged

CRITERIA

- Timing. Applications may be submitted at any time
- Other. Wherever possible, projects should increase current levels of sports participation; and retain participants or encourage volunteers to stay involved

APPLICATION

- Special Form. Yes, an initial enquiry form
- Other. If successful at the initial enquiry stage, applicants must return a signed Applicant's Statement and detailed project plan

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UGL020 TITLE: CT: NATIONAL SPORTS FOUNDATION**LAST UPDATE: Oct 07****GRANTfinder Release Apr 08****DESCRIPTION OF AID**

- Type. Grant
- Term. 2006-2008
- Covering. This Foundation aims to bring public and private sectors together to provide a one-stop shop for community sport investment through a single web based point of access for potential investors and applicants for funding. Investment will be made in three specific programmes: Fit for Sport; 2012 Kids; and Women into Sport.
- Elig Exp. Facility improvement, grass roots activities and projects which promote diversity in sport
- Support. The Foundation matches sponsorship money from commercial or private investors. Therefore, to be eligible, a project must already have at least £50,001 in place so the Foundation can match it £ for £ with £50,000. Projects requiring less than £50,000 will not be supported
- Payment. As arranged with the Foundation
- Match Fund. The Foundation will only provide 50% of a total project's costs. The other 50% must be obtained through private investment

NECESSARY QUALIFICATIONS OF APPLICANT

- Status. Not-for-profit organisations
- Type. Voluntary/community groups, sports clubs and local authorities, charities, governing bodies and social enterprises
- Location. England

CRITERIA

- Timing. Applications can be made at any time
- Viability. Projects must be financially viable and meet with the Foundation's objectives
- Avail. Discretionary

APPLICATION

- Special Form. Yes - available on the website below
- Supported By. Proof of constitution and planning permission if required

SPONSORED BY

National Sports Foundation

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 E-mail: funding@nationalsportsfoundation.org
 Website: <http://www.nationalsportsfoundation.org>

UG7080 TITLE: CT: FOOTBALL FOUNDATION - COMMUNITY GRANTS

LAST UPDATE: Dec 07

GRANTfinder Release Apr 08

DESCRIPTION OF AID

- Type. Grant
- Covering. Funding for community projects that help to increase participation and promote healthy and active lifestyles using football as a tool to increase education attainment, promote social inclusion and challenge social nuisance.
- Elig Exp. Development posts, education and training opportunities, facility hire, equipment, coaching costs, promotion costs, social inclusion projects
- Support. Up to £250,000, between 50-65% of costs for up to five years is available
- Match Fund. Match funding of at least 35% of total project costs is required from the

- applicant
- Other. Applicants must have a total project cost of £10,000 or more

NECESSARY QUALIFICATIONS OF APPLICANT

- Status. Organisations
- Type. Local authorities, educational establishments, not-for-profit organisations and 'Football in the Community' projects
- Location. England
- Other. Only football clubs that are affiliated to the English Football League are eligible

CRITERIA

- Timing. Applications may be made at any time
- Viability. Projects must be manageable and deliverable. The Foundation is keen to fund projects that are sustainable and can demonstrate how they will continue in the long term
- Other. Good applications should identify and demonstrate a clear need for the project

APPLICATION

- Special Form. Yes, in hard copy or downloadable from the website below
- Discussion. Pre-application advice is offered
- Supported By. Various documents depending on the type of project, eg development plan, three years' financial accounts

SPONSORED BY The Department for Culture, Media and Sport, Sport England, the Football Association Premier League, the Football Association and administered by:

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 Website: <http://www.footballfoundation.org.uk>

UG5320 TITLE: LOTTERY PROGRAMMES: AWARDS FOR ALL (ENGLAND)

LAST UPDATE: Nov 07

GRANTfinder Release May 08

DESCRIPTION OF AID

- Type. Grant
- Term. Unspecified
- Covering. To fund small projects which involve people in their community, bringing them together to enjoy arts, sport, heritage, charitable and other community activities.
- Elig Exp. Publicity materials, venue hire, computers, research costs, transport costs, volunteers' expenses, updating equipment for health and safety reasons, refurbishment, training, sessional staff, fees to hire equipment, and educational toys and games
- Support. Grants will be awards of £300-£10,000
- Payment. As arranged. Funding is not provided to costs already incurred in 12-month period
- Match Fund. Groups are expected to contribute something towards the project costs. This may be in cash or 'in-kind' (eg time, materials, premises, transport)

NECESSARY QUALIFICATIONS OF APPLICANT

- Status. Organisations
- Type. Not-for-profit group, parish or town council, school or health body
- Location. England

CRITERIA

- Timing. Applications can be made at any time
- Viability. Projects must involve local people
- Avail. Discretionary
- Other. Applicants will be told within eight weeks whether or not they have been successful

APPLICATION

- Special Form. Yes
- Discussion. Yes
- Supported By. Copy of the organisation's constitution or set of rules, annual accounts, bank statement

SPONSORED BY

Heritage Lottery Fund, the Arts Council of England, Sport England and the Big Lottery Fund

ADDRESS

Application line: 0845 600 2040

Website: <http://www.awardsforall.org.uk>

Website: <http://www.lotterygoodcauses.org.uk>

Regional Offices are listed in the Detail Section of this report

UGU850 TITLE: CT: GROUNDWORK - COMMUNITY SPACES**LAST UPDATE: Mar 08****GRANTfinder Release May 08****DESCRIPTION OF AID**

- Type. Grant
- Term. Until January 2011
- Covering. Support for community groups in England to create or improve green and open spaces to improve the quality of life in their neighbourhood. Projects can include community gardens, informal sports areas, churchyards, village greens and nature reserves.
- Elig Exp. Project costs
- Support. Grants between £10,000 and £50,000. A small number of larger grants, of up to £450,000 will also be available
- Payment. As arranged
- Match Fund. Match funding is not required for Small, Medium or Large grants. Between £50,000 and £450,000 must be raised from other sources for Flagship grants

NECESSARY QUALIFICATIONS OF APPLICANT

- Status. Organisations/groups
- Type. Community groups including Tenants and Residents Associations and Friends groups
- Emp'ees. No restrictions
- Size. No restrictions
- Location. England

CRITERIA

- Timing. Deadline(s): Small and Medium Grants: at any time. Large and Flagship Grants will open to application summer 2008
- Viability. Projects must improve the quality of life in the neighbourhood
- Avail. Discretionary
- Other. The project site must be within two miles of a residential area

APPLICATION

- Special Form. Yes - available to download from the website below. Applications can also be made in hard copy

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Big Lottery Fund, and managed by Groundwork UK

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UGF090 TITLE: LOTTERY PROGRAMMES - BLF - YOUNG PEOPLE'S FUND

LAST UPDATE: Mar 08

GRANTfinder Release May 08

DESCRIPTION OF AID

- Type. Grant funding
- Term. Until 2009
- Covering. This multi-million pound Fund exists to promote the wellbeing and development of young people in areas such as: enjoying good physical and mental health; staying safe; developing skills for adulthood; making a positive contribution to society; and overcoming disadvantage. Different programmes and strands are available in England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland.
- Elig Exp.)
- Support.) Varies, according to the programme
- Match Fund.)
- Other. The Fund has been awarded a total of £200 million

NECESSARY QUALIFICATIONS OF APPLICANT

- Type. Young people will be able to access funding either individually or through their organisations and groups
- Emp'ees. Not applicable
- Size. Not applicable
- Location. United Kingdom

CRITERIA

- Timing. Timetable varies under each programme/strand (see the Detail Section of this report)
- Avail. Discretionary

APPLICATION

- Special Form.) Depends on
- Supported By.) programme/strand

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Big Lottery Fund

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E-mail: general.enquiries@biglotteryfund.org.ukWebsite: <http://www.biglotteryfund.org.uk>**UGF330 TITLE: LOTTERY PROGRAMMES: YOUNG PEOPLE'S FUND 2: NATIONAL GRANTS****LAST UPDATE: Mar 08****GRANTfinder Release May 08****DESCRIPTION OF AID**

- Type. Grant
- Term. Projects lasting for up to five years
- Covering. Grants for registered charities and voluntary and community organisations in England towards projects of national significance that demonstrate innovative approaches to promoting one or more of the following outcomes for young people: being healthy; staying safe; enjoying and achieving; making a positive contribution; and economic wellbeing.
- Elig Exp. Project development and management costs (capital and revenue)
- Support. Grants of between £200,000 and £5 million are provided. (Projects covering between two and five English regions may apply for up to £3 million. Projects covering six or more regions may apply for up to £5 million)
- Match Fund. Although the Big Lottery Fund does not insist on there being any additional source of cash income for a project, it does encourage applicants, wherever possible, to obtain financial or in-kind support from elsewhere

NECESSARY QUALIFICATIONS OF APPLICANT

- Status. National charities and voluntary and community organisations with a presence in two or more regions throughout England

CRITERIA

- Timing. The first 2008 application closing date was 4 April 2008. There will be an additional launch date for Young People's Fund in spring 2008. The application timetable will be reported when available

APPLICATION

-Special Form. Yes

SPONSORED BY

Big Lottery Fund

ADDRESS

Young People's Fund 2

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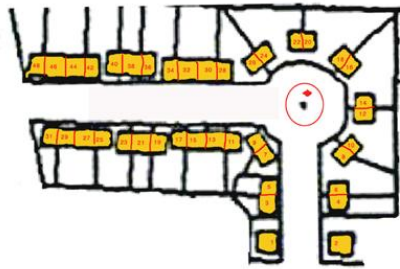
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Appendix G

Ward Place Streetscape Project (Jayne Murray), from Power point presentation

The Ward Place Roundabout Project



Jayne Murray, Take A Part Arts Programme
Agnes Cioffi, PETRA

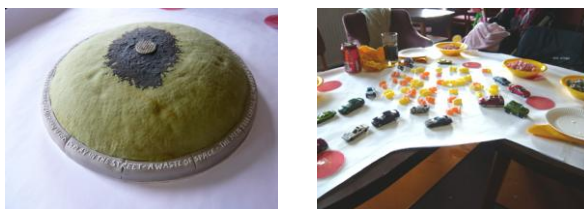
HECP, SWRDA, Plymouth City Council, PETRA, Plymouth Arts Centre, Plymouth Music Zone,
Groundwork Devon & Cornwall, Tenant Participation Team

November 2007 - April 2008

First Ward Place Get Together
Beacon Castle Social Club
16.2.08



Process



Outcomes

- °Population Age Groups:
 - °Thirty seven 0 - 11 years
 - °Twenty 12 - 25 year olds
 - °Twenty eight 26 - 40 year olds
 - °Twenty seven 41 - 60 year olds
 - °Five 60 - 100 year olds
- °Number of cars = 29
- °Perception that street is not a safe place
- °Get rid of the roundabout - attracts fires and not used as a roundabout, making road more unsafe
- °Contest between cars and children for space
- °Slow traffic down
- °Street parties fondly remembered
- °Areas at other end of Ward Place described as wasted spaces
- °Seating discussed - social space desired, but concern over who will use
- °One resident is a very good singer!

Second Ward Place Get Together, Efford Youth & Community Centre 15.3.08
with Joy Davenport, Play Officer



Outcomes

- A balanced approach to redesign between: the child and the car, and one end and the other end.
- Make the new landscape a plus not a minus, and make it at least as enjoyable as going round the roundabout.
- Seats – yes, if part of a larger scheme of seating across Efford and delayed installation
- Lament the loss of trees previously in Ward Place - introduce these.
- Apprehension over planting and it being uprooted or destroyed, although would like.
- Speed limit reduced.
- A drawing showing where residents would like the road and pavements to go.

Collected Songs

I Just Don't Know What To Do With Myself	Dusty Springfield
My Way	Frank Sinatra
Relight My Fire	Take That
You Spin Me Right Round	Dead Or Alive
Firestarter	The Prodigy
We Gotta Get Out Of This Place	The Animals
Disco Inferno	The Tramps
You Are The Music In Me	High School Musical
Islands In The Street	Dolly Parton & Kenny Rogers
This Ole House	Shakin Stevens
On The Street Where You Live	Nat King Cole
My Old Mans A Dustman	Lonnie Donnegan
Because I Got High	Afroman
Eternal Flame	The Bangles



Give Us A Song! Ward Place 25.4.08



Changing The Street, Ward Place, 26.4.08



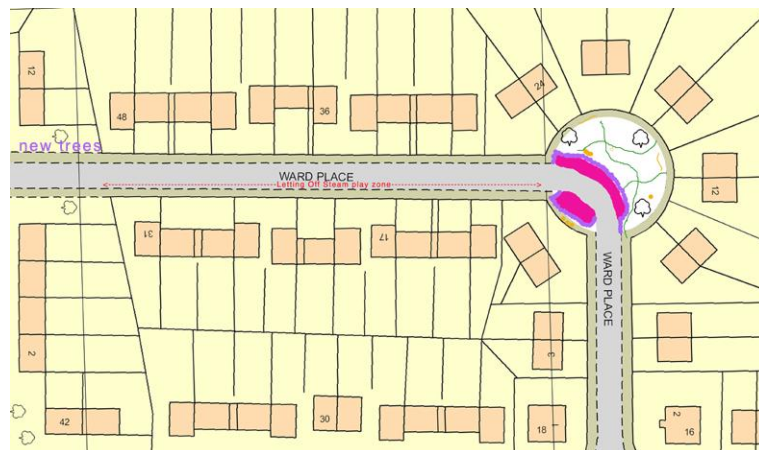






Proposal

A holistic scheme



Balance both ends and both sides of Ward Place.
 Remove the roundabout, lower the drain if possible, if not plant sympathetically to this.
 Divide this area up by landscaping so there is no one focus, introduce trees. Make into safer playable and sociable space.
 Remove the road around the housing end of the roundabout, allowing for parking on the new roadside
 Lower the speed limit



Thanks to

Taffy for the inspiration, Agnes Cioffi for everything, Josie Braidwood for the power, Callum Jones for song collecting, Patrick Faulkner & City College Birmingham for the seats, and everyone for taking a part.

Appendix H

Grow Efford

This is a brief summary of the key findings and project ideas arising from the research period and outline budgets for the major projects. It also includes a section on how to take this work forward. More detailed information including full contact lists and photographs can be found in the main report. A hard copy of the report and images will be sent to Debbie Burton and Denise Rudgley.

My research time in Efford has been extremely positive. I met some fantastic and inspiring food growers and members of the community. I feel that there is huge potential for increasing the amount of productive space (private and public) in Efford and to work with food growing as a way of bringing people together creatively. However, I do think that there needs to be time spent developing and nurturing some structures, networks and links to support future projects. There appeared to be some confusion about who was running which project and when it was happening. Many of the projects around food growing/healthy eating are in very early stages and it is too early to say whether they are sustainable. It makes sense to make sure that these are coherent and fully supported and make sure that any other projects feed into and strengthen each other.

Food growing requires motivation and sustained engagement therefore the importance of ongoing support and generating a buzz! is important.

People growing food at home and in allotments

- People grow a wide range of vegetables and soft fruit.
- There are a number of expert growers in Efford ie those with between 6-30 years experience of growing their own food.
- Many growers are trying to grow in containers with varying levels of success. It was generally felt that this was good fun, a good idea for people of all abilities and ages as people can grow at home with minimal use of space.
- There are a number of people in Efford who are interested in pickling and making preserves and jams with their produce.
- There are a number of people who are partially or even almost entirely self-sufficient in fruit and veg. People said they grew between 25% and almost 100% of their fruit and vegetable needs either on an allotment and some in their own gardens.
- Most of the growers I spoke to have well established home or allotment composting systems
- Some growers were motivated by fears of chemical growing and GM crops. They see growing as a way of controlling where their food comes from and how it is grown.
- Most growers operate crop rotations and are growing throughout the year
- Most growers make use of greenhouses as part of their systems
- A number of the growers are using water butts to collect/recycle water

- Growers were identified in different locations across the Efford area.
- There is a small hub of growing identified in Derwent Avenue with three households cultivating gardens and two of the three having an allotment in addition.
- Many of the growers did not know people beyond their street or allotment site ie there is no existing network. Most felt that they were pretty much growing in isolation.
- Many people in Efford tend their gardens even if they are just growing plants and flowers.

General feedback

- All of the people spoken with said they thought that it would be a good idea to get more people into growing their own food.
- There was generally much enthusiasm to work across generations and in collaboration and to have activities around food that could bring people together. Food growing was felt to be an inclusive community activity.
- The schools were both keen to develop food growing and to use food growing as a way to develop relationships between both schools and the community ie through event, feast, festival, arts projects
- Both school projects need volunteer support to be successful and sustainable as it is extra work for teachers who already have a heavy workload
- Groups and individuals were identified who expressed interest in volunteering to work on food growing projects in Efford
- There are many areas of green space in Efford which are scrub land, hedgerow, woodland, turf, neglected planted areas. It was felt that a number of these could be used for food growing whether this was forest permaculture, orchard or herb/food planting
- Young people at Headspace identified Reducing Carbon Emissions as the key benefit of growing food locally followed by Good for Wildlife(See Appendix for list of choices). They were interested in having a go at growing food at home and home as well as feasting, harvesting and eating.

Because there is a weak infrastructure around growing in Efford the vision is to create projects that would develop over a number of years without starting off too ambitiously. Initially favouring projects that maximise engagement and aim to generate interest and raise awareness and then developing skills and cultivation leading to wider community celebrations. It is about having the experience and experiencing the joy of growing, harvesting and feasting, sharing food. It is also important that the potential for food growing is realised as part of the Green Spaces Survey by Groundwork by earmarking certain areas of Efford for potential food growing intensively ie vegetables, herbs and less intensively ie fruit and nut tree planting and soft fruit planting to create an edible landscape. There are already waiting lists for both allotment sites in Efford and as in many other cities, more and more people become interested in growing at least some of their own food. There seemed a lack of space dedicated for food growing and generally smaller gardens but lots of green space close to housing particularly in the Deer Park and Little America area.

ABUNDANCE - FRUIT HARVEST PROJECT

(more in-depth description of Abundance in Full Report)

The two primary schools, Intouch Befriending, Hurrell Court and St Paul's Court and the Youth Services all expressed an interest in being part of any possible Abundance project. This may include finding volunteers, circulating information to find fruit trees that need harvesting (eg if tree owners are elderly and need help harvesting) receiving fruit for eating, cooking, smoothies, being part of any celebration/event around the harvest. The 27th scout group was identified as potential volunteer harvesters as well as young people at Efford Community Centre (it was thought best to approach them nearer the harvest season). Individuals were identified within the community who were keen and also cooking facilities and chefs at Highfield and Lipsom College who may be able to cook/preserve/pickle the fruits and share these skills with the community. The project could also incorporate an Abundance smoothie van/fruit distribution unit.

Abundance Fruit Harvest Timescale

Planning and promotion – June-Aug, Harvesting – August – October
Event ie feast (if there is one) beginning of October

Abundance Fruit Harvest Budget

Documentation, co-ordination, publicity/promotion, 5-10K (first year)

distribution, website, storage, processing/preserves/juicing

mentoring

Subsequent years it would be considerably less 1-3K

EFFORD BLOSSOM MAPPING

During my visits to Efford I have identified fruit trees in the areas and used them as a form of navigating the area. This has included documented the blossom as it comes and goes using photography. I would like to develop this series of images and use blossom mapping as a way of describing Efford. Blossom mapping gives a whole new perspective on Efford's geography and a set of beautiful images. Each image is titled by the street on which the tree is found for example Blandford Road or Dart Close. I am keen to make prints from these images and to select one image to make into Efford Blossom Wallpaper. My intention is to exhibit the photographs alongside the Wallpaper as an installation. This also feeds in to any manifestation of the Abundance project as it makes the connection between blossom/pollination and fruit/food for example an exhibition could include images/fruits/juices/preserves from the Abundance harvest alongside the images of blossom to complete the cycle and create a radically alternative view of seeing Efford. I would be interested in working with Plymouth Arts Centre on this and exploring linking in with Efford Library re exhibiting the imagery.

Blossom Mapping Timescale

Project has to be done March-May. The exhibition(s)/installation can happen at any time after this

Blossom Mapping Budget

Artists' Time creating and installing the work	1500
Materials	1200
Publicity? (covered by exhibition space?)	
	2700

HOME-GROWN

A dominant theme from conversations with individuals and organisations was the potential of growing food in pots and containers. This appealed right across the age ranges and would enable people to have a go and enjoy the excitement of growing on a small scale community-wide. A number of fruit and vegetables can be grown in containers including potatoes, carrots, strawberries, tomatoes, beans. Ray Dite, a local elder, was found to be proficient in making recycled newspaper containers. It was decided that these newspaper pots and other sizes of container would be a great way for people to take plants home or for use as starter pots.

A kit of seed or seedling, compost and recycled pot would be distributed to people across Efford. The project would be planned and devised by the artist working with one or a team of Efford growers. The aim would be for people to have a go at growing something edible at home. People would be given a choice of different things to grow or each area would be given a different vegetable/fruit to grow with a helpful list of pointers and tips. Grower would be invited to share part of the harvest at a community feast in the Autumn.

People would be invited to pick up pots from central points i.e. Library or take them home from school and also. If possible pots would be distributed round Efford via a mobile distribution unit. Given the topography of Efford the loan of an open sided milk cart would be ideal or any other small scale and highly visible delivery vehicle. Different growers in Efford could be earmarked as plant mentors and could be called upon if people had issues/questions about growing.

Highfield School and Plymview School are both keen to develop growing in pots because they are soon to be demolished so investment in the existing infrastructure is being discouraged. Growing in pots and temporary, moveable growing containers could be encouraged and this also furthers creative re-use of materials and recycling.

Home-Grown in Efford would need to be initiated soon if we want it to take place this year ie we would want the pots to be distributed first week of May and there would need to be some initial project planning and sourcing.

Home-Grown Timescale

Distribution of seeds March-May. Harvest end of September/beginning of October

Home-Grown Budget

Materials	600
Distribution cost	500
Promotional materials	250
Artist's Time	1250
Documentation and evaluation	500

3100

Costs will increase if it leads to a feast event (see below)

EFFORD FEAST

Both these projects would feed into a celebratory harvest feast which if possible would be held outdoors. The idea would be that this year, 2008 the feast would be fairly informal but that it could subsequently grow and expand and include different artforms (for example a lantern processions through the Efford Valley green space to or from a feast would look fantastic). Ideally the feast is held in a public green space near a building with resources and with a contingency for indoors if weather is inclement. The school growing projects and community allotment and other allotment holders would be directly involved in the feast by contributing produce. There is a contact for a Michelin chef locally who could be invited to support the other volunteer chefs, there are also a number of local groups and individuals who are interested in cooking and also preserving i.e. Jackie Appleby (Lipsom) Kathleen (resident) Highfield Primary Chef, Youth Club cooks/smoothie makers. Lorie Doyle at Plymview showed particular interest in a joint arts project with Highfield relating to food and harvest. We discussed a project where complimentary elements of e.g. sculpture, installations or ceramics were constructed separately and brought together to install in the new school as a symbolic was of uniting the schools. This could happen in a subsequent year but was an interesting suggestion which corresponds with the idea of procession and

physically coming together across Efford. It is possible that the feast could include the skills of local artist/allotment holders Marianne and Nick (participatory arts and sound/music) developing the themes of food/allotments/feasting through their artforms and community participation or other local artists developing themes of food/growing. This project requires a feast co-ordinator, a number of growers to contribute and possibly other local food growers from further afield to donate produce.

Efford Feast Timescale

Preparation from June – September, workshops September or summer schools

Efford Feast Budget

(Depends on scale)

Co-ordination, documentation, mentoring

Publicity, Materials, Arts workshops

4-8k

EFFORD FOOD NETWORK (EFN)

The research has unearthed the tentative beginnings of an Efford food growers network. If this could be nurtured it could provide support and mentoring for people in Efford wanting to grow their own food as well as more broadly supporting projects in Efford. The food growers identified have a diverse geographical spread across the area. Establishing the network would take time and energy. The Efford Food Network could provide the foundation for various activities for example a seed swap in Autumn or a food exchange where people exchange different products/foods for others without the need for currency ie a jar of homemade jam for some seeds; a carrot cake for some potatoes. The EFN would need to be supported by creative gatherings that were genuinely of interest to growers so this would require further research.

Efford Food Network Timescale

Can start at any time, Autumn (Oct/Nov) events important

Efford Food Network Budget

Developing the network (seed swap, food exchange, website)

Materials, Room Hire, Publicity, Time

3.5K

(could be part an element of a part-time post – see full report)

Food Growing as part of other projects (see full report for more info):

EFFORD VALLEY

I have already made a number of suggestions to Rupert Goddard at Groundwork for ways of using Efford Valley as an edible landscape including planting fruit bushes which can be grown successfully on steep slopes, forest permaculture in the wooded areas (edible forest garden), forest schools programme in the woods including forest skills and wild food and fruit and nut plantings. It would also be exciting to have wild food walks as part of any walking or food related programmes in Efford.

IN BLOOM

I identified a street in Little America/Deerpark area which would be a fantastic street to work with for an In Bloom or a street-focused project on arts/growing. Lots of it is flowers and shrubs rather than food and it has a pedestrian walkway through the middle with gardens either side. The street is already extensively cultivated so there should be some support for example creating dynamic, hand made hanging baskets with strawberries or tomatoes. The project could involve the street being a temporary showcase for how Efford could look, generating pride in the area etc.

TAKING THESE PROJECTS FORWARD

- I am very happy to come and meet the green strategy team at their April meeting to animate and discuss some of the project ideas in more detail and to map out a timeframe for delivery.
- I think that most of the projects can be delivered by a combination of voluntary community support, and project co-ordinator with mentor where appropriate. The project co-ordinator needs to be a paid worker because their commitment and skills are vital to the project being successful. There may be people in the community who can take on these roles for example with myself as project mentor ie the Abundance and Feast project because these draw on successful patterns which are already created and will be shaped specifically for Efford. Because of the artistic elements (presentation, sourcing and making recycled containers) and the experimental nature of Home-Grown I would like to deliver in partnership with local growers. I am

happy to consider delivering training and collaborative working. This will enable skills to be transferred into the community.

- The quality artistic presentation of each project is essential for example Abundance fruit harvesting project would need to have designed leaflets and fliers and logo (these elements are vital to its appeal). Likewise the Home-grown project needs to be considered aesthetically as well as practically. It is very important that the presentation, quality and care of the projects are not compromised. There is also another artist locally who has an allotment on Brockley Road and may be interested in taking on some elements of the projects and helping to develop them.
- Most of the projects can only happen at certain times of the year. Ideally to keep the momentum going, the projects would start next month with progressively Blossom Mapping; Home-Grown; Abundance; Feast; Seed Swap (developing the EFN simultaneously). However if funding is not available until Autumn I would suggest developing the EFN over the autumn/winter with some events to bring growers together and starting the growing cycle with Home-Grown the following Spring. I am keen to deliver the Blossom Mapping project if possible this year because it plants the seeds of the idea – seeing and experiencing the Efford landscape in a different and celebratory way.
- I am keen that the potential links between projects identified in the full report are followed up in some way (please can you let me know whether you need me to assist with this). It is also important that I inform people and groups who I have been in contact with as to what may be happening in the future as they all enthusiastic and ready to engage.

Appendix I

Summary of Action Plan Consultees

Note: the following does not include those people engaged with by Jayne Murray during her commission.

Groups

Horseshoe Residents Association
Torrige Way and St Paul's Residents Action Group
Riverside Residents Association
Efford Youth Development Forum
Heart of Efford Community Partnership
Green Space Strategy Group Meetings

Individuals

Nevada Close residents 2 adults 1 child
California Gardens 1 adult, 2 young people, 1 child
Channel Park 2 adults
Channel Park 1 adult, 2 young people

Areas

Sites where residents were invited to complete comments forms
Yeo Close – all homes received a flier to complete
Efford Library
Laira Surgery
Channel Park young people during outreach work
Channel Park during litter pick 3 adults

Presentation of draft and final report at Efford Library

Saturday 10 May
Adults 13
Children 5

Saturday 17 May
Adults 5
Children 2