

## **Green Spaces Development Fund**

The Green Spaces Development Fund has been allocated alongside Staffordshire Moorland District Council's new Green Spaces Strategy. It aims to enable Town and Parish Councils to deliver initiatives that fit within the Guiding Principles of the Strategy by supporting opportunities to transform and improve public parks, gardens, and green spaces, making them more inviting, accessible, and enjoyable for all residents.







## **Our Vision**

Our green spaces will be vibrant, attractive, robust and actively maintained spaces for the whole community to enjoy. They will be future-proofed to provide climate resilience and enhanced biodiversity while supporting the health and wellbeing of our communities.

## **Guiding Principles**

The Guiding Principles of the Green Spaces Strategy will be used when considering any changes that affect the current or future management or maintenance of our green spaces and any allocation of the Green Spaces Development Fund.

If you are aware of a project that would benefit from some financial support and you would like to put this forward for consideration, the project will need to meet the following criteria:-

- Demonstrate that any changes or improvements are the right thing, in the right place and for the right reason.
- Provide evidence that there is community need and involvement.
- Ensure it is in keeping and proportionate with the overall purpose and heritage of our parks.
- Ensure that improvements are developed with accessibility in mind and that wherever practical our parks are accessible to all.
- Ensure that the impact on the ongoing maintenance of our parks is both affordable and financially sustainable.

## Things to consider

- Does the project or idea have existing community support?
- Does your project encourage and enable positive physical and mental wellbeing?
- Will it have a positive environmental impact?
- The fund is only available to Town and Parish Councils.
  One successful application per year, per council is permitted for up to 75% of the overall cost, with a maximum award of £500.

To submit an expression of interest, please contact leisure.services@staffsmoorlands.gov.uk