



<b>Forum Area or Division:</b>	Carlisle - Border, Fellside & North Carlisle Community Panel
<b>Reference:</b>	CCGA/2021-24
<b>Group Name:</b>	Brampton Allotments and Smallholdings Association Ltd
<b>Community Development Officer:</b>	Rhian Davies
<b>Community Development Assistant:</b>	Joanne McKenna
<b>Amount Requested:</b>	£8,500.00
<b>Total Project Cost:</b>	£11,500.00

## APPLICATION REPORT

### Application Summary

This is a long running allotment site, established in 1890 in Brampton, and includes a small holding field and orchard. The landowner has decided to sell, so the Association has recently legally formed as a Cooperative in order to buy the allotments and preserve them for the community of Brampton for the indefinite future. Funding is needed towards the purchase of the field and legal fees.

There will be a covenant in the Deeds to ensure that the land will be protected from sale for housing use and continue as allotments to safeguard the land to be used by the community for horticultural recreation in future. They have engaged solicitors and are now applying for funding to invest in the buying of the land.

The allotments are small parcels of land rented to individuals for the purpose of growing food crops, holders can have fowl and animals on a small scale but not for commercial purposes. The Brampton allotments includes a 100-year-old orchard, one of four and the only remaining one, planted experimentally in different parts of Cumbria. There are 40 allotment plots, with about 150 local residents, including families involved. The site is near the centre of the small and thriving market town.

Allotment holders ages range from 20's through to 80's and include families, and the aim is to provide health giving benefits, both physical and mental, as well as nutritious diet. Growing your own vegetables and providing your own food supports a sustainable economy and is environmentally friendly. The social side of being an allotment holder is very important and cannot be underestimated. People are friendly and help each other out especially in times of need.

### Key Themes Met

The project benefits the Council's overarching aim of health & wellbeing, and BFNC priorities of community facilities & support, and environment.

### Number of People Benefiting

100 +

### Breakdown of Project Costs

Estimates have been provided:

legal fees - £948

Price of Allotment land & adjoining paddock (4.56 acres) - £10k

The group have secured £2500 from Brampton Parish Council, and have fundraised £500 from allotment holders. They are applying to other funders for help to purchase the land and do improvements

**Previous CCC Funding**

new applicant

**Grant Amount Recommended**

£4,000 (£2,000 Brampton ward / £2,000 BFNC wide pot)

**Officer comments**

This investment would help the local community purchase the oldest allotment site in Brampton and secure the site for future generations to enjoy. This asset will be run by the co-operative of allotment holders, and they have had support of the National Allotment Association, and have adopted new policies. This is a great example of a community-led project.

**Comments from Elected Member(s) / Neighbourhood Forum / Grant Panel**

**Member Signature:**

**Date:**