

Community Planter – Information Sheet

The Walthamstow Tool Library is run by local charity Forest Recycling Project (FRP), on behalf of William Morris Big Local. FRP are an environmental charity and social enterprise doing work around reuse, recycling and community in Waltham Forest. William Morris Big Local is a resident-led project that aims to bring together all the talent, ambitions, skills and energy from individuals, groups and organisations who want to make their area an even better place to live.

The Walthamstow Tool Library was instigated by local residents, as an accessible membership project where people can borrow tools for their personal and community projects. It launched in 2021 and has been constantly growing since.

Awards for All funding from The National Lottery Community Fund means we can work even more with local people to make things happen in the local community around the Tool Library. We want to use this to support local residents to do projects and lead activities that they want to do.

As we are aware of the lack of growing and green spaces in the community, we decided to set aside some of the funding to specifically support building community planters for the area.

Would you like to organise a community planter building activity in your neighbourhood? We can provide scaffolding boards, assembling advice and tools - plus help to get soil and plants to start the whole thing off.

We are able to support up to 5 local community planters (made from reclaimed scaffolding boards, which we can provide as a flat pack, ready to assemble - just like the ones outside the Tool Library). For a planter project, you and your neighbours can request up to a day of our time (6h) and both the supplies and tools to install a planter. You will be in charge of the arrangements, although we can provide a bit of support and guidance with planning.

Activities will need to be planned for delivery by 30th September 2022. We will be taking decisions as applications come in, and have limited funding, so please try to get your applications in by the end of May if you can, or as soon as possible.

The Tool Library will be advised by a local panel to choose which projects to support. Please allow at least six weeks between submitting your proposal and the date you would like to run your activity, to give us time to decide and for you to prepare and advertise. We cannot guarantee a decision time frame; however, we aim to be as quick as possible. If you are unsure when to run your activity, we are happy to discuss it together with you, provided we decide to go ahead with your proposal.

Please keep an eye on our website about these grants at <https://frpuk.org/wt12022/>. We'll be adding more information and a Q+A about this project.

We look forward to hearing from you!

