

For tonight - please share amongst

# Steep Allotment Society

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Presentation to Trustees

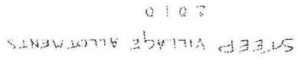
14<sup>th</sup> June 2010

# Vision

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- A village green space, orchard, wild meadow and play area for all, and allotments for those who want to grow
- a place in which the community can get together; the education of children; maintaining traditional skills; providing land and amenities for food production and environmental sustainability

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## Interested Parties

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- ❑ 23 allotments requested including: Steep householders, Steep Welcome Club, Steep School, Jubilee Nursery, church flower growers, Wednesday Toddler Group
- ❑ “Friends of Steep Allotments” – households who want to be involved in the preparation and overall running of the space



# High level Plan & Dates

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1. Key Planning & Site clearance: June – July 2010
2. Site Preparation: July 2010 – Sept 10
3. Materials sourcing & Wild Meadow Planting  
- ongoing
4. Planning of site creation – August 2010
5. Site Creation: October 2010 – Bedales All In  
Weekend
6. Final completion - Oct 2010
7. Funding

# Key Planning & Site clearance: June – July 2010

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- ❑ High level plans presented to Steep Trustees and other interested groups
- ❑ Project plan creation: financing details and lock down, timings and schedules required to hit Autumn season
- ❑ Memberships and Public Liability Insurance required: NSALG (£220, approx £300 respectively, paid for by SAS account)
- ❑ Mowing of the land followed by grazing of local sheep from Bedales School
- ❑ Weed clearance and cultivation – site to be cultivated or ploughed if necessary – creation of level site
- ❑ Responsibility of: local farmers and land owners have been approached for assistance with this

# Site Preparation: July 2010 – Sept 10

## Fundraising activities

- ☐ Responsibility of: Steep Allotment Society Fundraising sub-committee
- ☐ Key is to raise £15000 by fundraising activities in addition to lottery grants and fund matching (details can be provided once finalised)
- ☐ This will cover any costs of raw materials and labour that we are not able to cover through the generosity of our local schools and organisations and from village benefactors.
  
- ☐ Clearing out and establishment of the main drainage ditch to west of site
- ☐ Digging out of 2 – 4 additional drainage ditches:
- ☐ Responsibility of: to be confirmed. Digging machinery provided FOC from local tool hire company. Part assistance from Bedales Outdoor Facilities particularly with respect to drainage of ditches towards pond

## Provision of water:

- ☐ Digging of underground rainwater harvesting tank (Graf Rondus rainwater storage tank 3000 litres for shallow ground system - £1080 from SAS account)
  - ☐ Piping from Village Memorial Hall roof gutterings
  - ☐ Siting of troughs on hard standing areas on north side of site
  - ☐ Back up mains water provision in case of 2 – 4 week drought to be discussed
- Laying down of hard standing surfaces and bases for tool shed and amenity hut
- ☐ Preparation for gated entrance from village hall
  - ☐ Management of current boundaries (hedge cutting / weed removal / tree pruning)
  - ☐ Responsibility of: 2 local land owners have offered assistance with this area

# Materials sourcing & Wild Meadow Planting

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- ❑ Wood or other recycled material to be used for beds and filled with recycled Veola compost at a cost of £50 per bed max (24 to be completed = £1200)
- ❑ Hardwood for amenity hut and tool shed, concrete for hard standing, sourced through local contact at wholesale rate - £1350
- ❑ £2550 payable from Steep Allotment Society account
- ❑ Fixing of gated entrance from Church Road to allow for vehicular access
- ❑ 1 x pedestrian gate, posts and entrance, fitted - £350
- ❑ 1 x vehicular gate, posts and entrance, fitted - £750
- ❑ Quote from local fencing company - £1100 payable from SAS account
  
- ❑ Wild Meadow Area to Southern most Northern most sections of the site (in parallel with Church Road)
- ❑ Sow Wild Meadow (6 kilos per acre) – Sept 10.
- ❑ Areas to be raked and tilled following cultivation, then sown by hand
- ❑ Seeds paid from SAS account – approx £650 but discount available if bought via NSALG membership
- ❑ £650 from SAS Account



# Planning of site creation: Aug 10

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- ❑ Orchard plans (in conjunction with Anna Baldwin and Carol Glover) £15 per tree including animal protection and planting mixture. 36 trees planned for a total cost to SAS of £540 from account
- ❑ designs and finalisation of specs of raised beds
- ❑ fencing of allotment boundaries mapped out
- ❑ Details for All In Work Weekend: working groups / worksheets, delivery plans, tools, manpower, resources required, scheduling

# Site Creation: October 2010 – Bedales All In Weekend

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- ❑ 425 students, in addition to teachers, Friends of Steep Allotment Society and Villagers working on a weekend project to:
- ❑ Make & fill raised beds
- ❑ Turf pathways between beds
- ❑ Erection of deer fencing surrounding allotment plots (hard materials cost £750 – 1000 from SAS account)
- ❑ Construction of hardwood framed amenity hut and tool shed
- ❑ Planting of fruit trees / orchard where appropriate (or preparation of site for future planting)



## Final completion - Oct 2010

- ❑ Tool shed lockers (provided FOC by local Tool company)
- ❑ Benches and picnic tables to be sited (donations from Friends of Steep Allotments Society)
- ❑ Opening party / entertainments: jointly held with Bedales School and village residents



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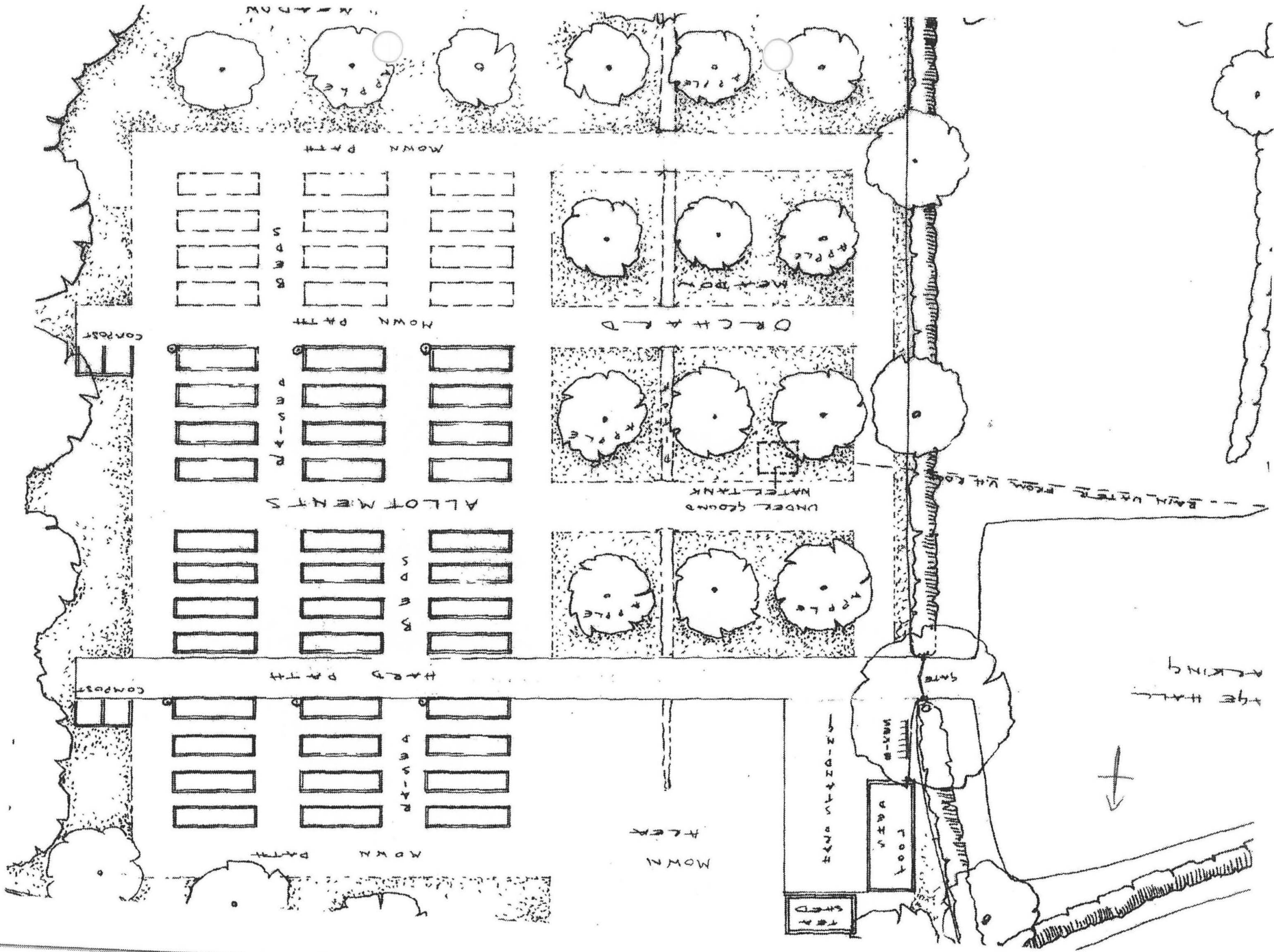
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# Funding

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- ❑ £7940 required at this time from SAS funds
- ❑ £1500 contingency fund
- ❑ Aiming to raise £15000 in total. Account currently stands at £900.00
- ❑ Please note that at this time the SAS is not applying to the Trustees for any funding of this community project



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ASKING



TOILET  
LOCK  
MIDNIGHTS  
GATE

MOWN  
FLOOR

MOWN PATH

HARD PATH

ALLOTMENTS

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UNDER GROUND  
WATER TANK

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