

Lye & Wollescote Partnership
c/o Lye Community Centre, Cross Walks, Lye, Stourbridge, West Midlands. DY9 8BH
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3rd September 2009

Dear Councillor,

Re: Bid to Halesowen Area Committee
 Amount: £850
 Project: Creation of a Story-Telling Chair Wood Sculpture

The above bid was approved at your last Area Committee meeting on 1st July 2009, subject to Stourbridge Area Committee approving the bid simultaneously submitted.

Unfortunately the meeting last night declined the bid on the grounds of the location of the artwork project in an urban location, adjacent to Lye By-Pass.

We are disappointed by this decision as we feel that community groups, venues and services should promote active lifestyles and opportunities for learning. We will be achieving these objectives through the development of our outdoor space and we would hope to inspire families to make the best use of their own gardens and local outdoor spaces, which are all located in an urban environment owing to the infrastructure of the local townships.

We respectfully ask that you consider allowing our bid that was approved at your July meeting to proceed in it's own right rather than be subject to the decision of Stourbridge Area Committee.

We have successfully secured funding from other community partners:

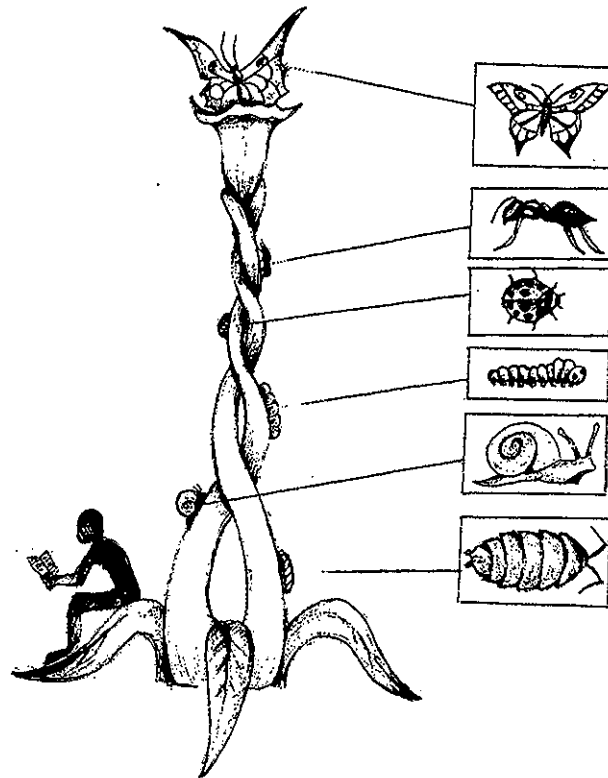
| Amount | Source | Status |
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| £1,000.00 | Arts Council | Received |
| £100.00 | Geoff Hill Trust | Received |
| £50.00 | Beautystone Fireplaces | Received |
| £500.00 | Butterfly Children's Centre | Received |
| £400.00 | Lye & Wollescote Partnership | Received |
| £474.00 | Sponsored Walk | Received |
| £100.00 | Café Masala Restaurant | Agreed |

Butterfly Children's Centre organised two weekend events during June; the first included whole families and the second specifically included dads with their children. Both events provided an opportunity for families to work with the community artist to create their children's representations of the outdoor space. We had a tremendous turnout at both events and families were very enthusiastic



about being involved. The children's artwork is illustrated in the photograph.

The community artist has now incorporated the children's ideas into his design for the story-telling chair and so we are at the point where the artist can start to create his sculpture, once we have funding secured.



We are very excited about developing the outdoor space into a unique, exciting and inspiring environment for children and their families. The children's centre have plans to encourage plants and wildlife into the space to give children an opportunity to learn about the natural world, experience the seasons, the weather and outdoor activities with all of the opportunities this bring for enriching language, physical play and co-operative interaction between child peers.

We want to instil an interest and pride within local families about their local environment and how they can contribute to make a difference.

We sincerely hope that our bid to Halesowen Area Committee will proceed so that we can complete the sculpture and open the outdoor space up for full use by children and families at the earliest opportunity.

Yours faithfully,

Gemma Rogers

For Lye & Wollescote Partnership