



Call for project proposals on Decarbonisation 2019

Name and Surname *

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Name of community Benefit Trust / BenCom (see www.community.falckrenewables.eu to check if you live in an eligible area) *

Valley Renewables Group

Your Position/Role within the Benefit Trust / BenCom *

Members - we have the full support of the board to make this application

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Wind farm *

Earlsburn

Location of the project proposal *

Carron Valley Community Council Area

Title of the project *

Pomona: Carron Valley Community Fruit Tree Project

Brief description of your proposed project (no more than 200 words) *

One hundred fruit trees and one hundred bushes will be planted both on our own community-owned woodland site, and in private gardens and other suitable spaces throughout the community. In the long term, these will provide healthy, sustainable fruits well as improving the environment and providing food for pollinating insects. We are aware of many people in our community who already have one or more fruit trees, but who are not always able to make the most of what they grow. A Community Apple Day will be held at the Community Woodland at Carron Valley in September 2020. Residents will be encouraged to bring their fruit to a community pressing day, where it will be shared out and also pressed into juice which can be pasteurised and frozen for later. Other apple-related activities such as fruit preserving and cooking will be demonstrated. We have budgeted for expert advice from Mr Andrew Lear (www.plantsandapples.co.uk), tools, trees and bushes.

Our hope and expectation is that this project will continue to give long term benefits for members of our community, both through the provision of healthy food, and through bringing members of our small, widely dispersed community closer together.

Total budget of the project and amount of financial support you are looking for *
Purchase of 100 bare-root fruit trees (based on 80 apple, 10 plum, 10 pear), support stakes, straps and tree-guards. £1,510 Full-day session with a professional orchard-man (Andrew Lear, from www.plantsandapples.co.uk) to hold a community workshop including training on how to plant and look after the trees £260 Purchase of 100 fruit bushes such as productive commercial strains of blackberry, tayberry and blueberry. £620 Purchase of apple mill (£150), juice press (£400), and associated processing equipment (£50). £600 Purchase of planting and pruning tools for volunteer use £ 50 Support for community woodland tree planting and volunteer days supervised by our professional part-time forester (20 hrs @ £40/hr, met from other VRG funds). £800 Admin support (30 hrs @ £12/hr, met from other VRG funds). £360 Total project cost: £4,200

Please tell us who will cover remaining costs *

The Community Woodlands Group of Valley Renewables Group have agreed to meet additional costs, as above. An additional grant is being requested from VRG Community Grants, which will support this project and its extension into local nursery and primary schools once the orchards are established.

Is the project start date set before 1 November 2020? *

Yes

No

Will your project have demonstrated results by 1 November 2021? *

Yes

No

Please tell us in no more than 150 words how you will evaluate the success of your project *

The objectives of the project will be to arrange an initial training day and to supply and support the planting of fruit trees and bushes. The initial Community Apple Day in Sept 2020 will be a target with further activities following that. The project will be delivered by the Community Woodland Group on behalf of VRG, and as such, will report back to the main VRG board on a monthly basis and the Community Council on a quarterly basis. Finances will be managed by the VRG treasurer. Any issues in delivering the project (for example lack of progress or higher than budgeted spending) will be flagged to and by the board, and corrective action taken.