West Horsley Parish Council

2023 GRANTS SCHEME APPLICATION FORM

Name of Organisation:	West Horsley Place Trust
Year of formation:	2015
Objectives:	West Horsley Place is an extraordinary Grade I listed manor house and 380-acre estate that is being restored and opened to the public for the first time. The West Horsley Place Trust is a registered charity (1164840) that was established in 2015 to preserve and share the house and wider estate. Our aim is to bring about a quiet revolution in the way an historic house is managed and to be an inspiring estate - with community, culture and nature at our heart - that improves people's wellbeing. We do this through an annual programme of community engagement, public events and visits to West Horsley Place that attract around 50,000 people each year.
Details of current membership:	Our current Trustees are: Giles Reid, Chair; John Simpson; Rebecca Stovell; Amanda de Haast; Marilyn Scott MBE; Angela Kidner; Rebecca Labram; Marcus Cooper; and Yolynnda Delugar.

Organisation Address:	West Horsley Place, Epsom Road, West Horsley Surrey KT24 6AN
Name of person responsible:	Sarah Asher, Fundraising Manager
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Describe the project or event for which grant aid is being sought:
Our planned new Sensory Garden has been co-designed with 15 local blind and partially-sighted people to create an accessible space which can be enjoyed by all our visitors. Our project will translate their designs into a tranquil haven that can be realised ready for Summer 2024. The area identified for this regenerative project is the Hornbeam Paddock, once defined by stunning herbaceous borders. The space has been neglected since the post-war period and we will

re-establish it as a place of beautiful smells, sounds and tactile surfaces. There will be spotlight areas of planting and interest features to inspire a sense of exploration and discovery.

The Hornnbeam paddock is close to the house and garden visitors so will feel connected to the manor and its history. We are consulting the Surrey Gardens Trust and charity 'Seeability' on the garden- and hope it will be something very special. The project will be led by facilitator Heather Thomas and WHP Estate Manager, Matt Link, supported by our brilliant team of 17 local garden volunteers.

Once completed, the garden will be open to the public, for free. Whilst the garden will be designed with those with visual impairments and access needs in mind, it will be available to all our visitors to enjoy together as part of our on-going commitment to the local community to share our estate and allow as many people as possible to enjoy the landscape and all the benefits that that brings.

Total anticipated cost of project:	£23,079
Grant amount requested:	£2,000
Details of how else this initiative will be funded:	This project has already been supported in part with grants totalling just over £20,000 from the National Lottery Heritage Fund (as part of our Heritage Without Barriers programme), the Stevenson Family Trust, the Bannister Trust and Surrey Gardens Trust, but we cannot realise the garden without final investment in the cost of materials and plants.

If you have applied to any other organisation / fund for financial help this year, please give details.
In 2023, West Horsley Place has received grants from the National Lottery Heritage Fund, the D'Oyly Carte CT, The Banister Charitable Trust, The Stevenson Family's Charitable Trust, Horsley Community Foundation and the Surrey Gardens Trust.

In the event of a successful application, we will make payment electronically. Please provide bank details.	
Sort Code: 40-52-40	Account No: 00029696

Name of applicant: . . Ilona Harris, Director WHP. . . . . .

Signature of applicant: . . . . . .

Date of application: . . . . 20 December 2023. . . . . .

Please complete and return with a copy of your last agreed accounts or financial statement to clerk@westhorsley.info.

Deadlines for application are 30 June and 31 December.

All applicants will be notified of the outcome of their applications by the end of June or October following receipt.

Thank you for your application!