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Mr Buck
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Dear Mr Buck

Parish Verge Project – A369 Easton-in-Gordano

Further to our meeting this morning, I write to confirm the three agreed sites that I will instruct our mowers not to cut in this or subsequent years:

1. Northside A369, from the bus lay-by eastwards to and including St George's Hill junction.
2. Northside A369, from and including St George's Hill junction eastwards to the beginning of the crash barrier.
3. Southside A369, from the RUPP at the bottom, westwards to the old road junction.

As we discussed, I would expect any highway furniture, etc to be kept free from obstruction and visibility maintained where applicable.

Thank you for your continued interest in this matter.

Yours sincerely

P Smart
Senior Inspector



St Georges Flower Bank

MAKE C O M P O S T NOT S M O K E

If you would like to read the attached you will find an explanation of a project that I am running. I hope that it can be of use to you as well.

Apart from the enjoyment the wildflowers obviously bring and the preservation of endangered species I would also like to share my good fortune in a more tangible manner.

Part of the award has been spent on a quite substantial chipper/shredder which I want to make available for use locally to help dispose of the results of pruning etc. Anything up to 2' diameter can be dealt with and the results used as mulch or turned into compost.

The benefits to the soil that this method of dealing with the "rubbish" brings are obvious. It is likely to meet with approval from neighbours too. I know from personal experience that it is almost impossible to have a bonfire without finding that someone has washing out or a window open!

This service will be free of charge to the churches, for others a small contribution towards costs will be asked for. Any request by a private individual will be considered. Transport is a slight challenge, as I don't have a trailer so if you do it would save my having to borrow one.

Please let me know when I can help you.

Robert Buck
373750

DON'T BURN IT - MULCH IT!

Circulated to:-

- Christ Church, Pill, St George's Church, Easton in Gordano, St Mary's Church, Portbury
- Pill Gardening Club, Pill in Bloom, Pill & Easton in Gordano Allotment Association
- St George's Football Club, Lodway Cricket Club, Easton in Gordano Cricket Club
- Easton in Gordano/Portbury Parish Councils



They've won the Lottery!

Two local wildlife conservation projects have benefited from Millennium Commission Lottery grants funded by cash from the National Lottery.

The aim of the scheme, administered by Bristol Zoo Gardens, is to help initiatives that will directly make a difference for wildlife in the community and the individual in their own life.

The two lucky locals are Nairn Lawson, whose project in Portbury focuses on former farmland adjacent to the M5 motorway and Gordano Rugby club, and Robert Buck with his St Georges Flower Bank on the verges alongside the Bristol to Portishead road at Easton in Gordano.

Nairn's sites are managed for all sorts of wildlife including plants, insects, birds and mammals. Many sorts of birds including kingfisher have been encouraged to nest, butterflies abound and roe deer are regularly seen. All the work is done by Nairn and his wife Liz, helped by their flock of sheep, most of which are the strikingly marked Jacob's breed. Their allocation will be utilised to provide more trees and hedges on their sites.

The roadside project has been running for a number of years now, but is now able to expand. Rampant scrub, mostly nettles, brambles and fast growing trees like ash and sycamore, were threatening to overrun wildflowers that were starting to establish themselves. By cutting these and removing them and other dead growth after the flowering season conditions have gradually changed to favour flowers not often seen locally. In springtime there is a large show of primroses and cowslips followed by a profusion of orchids, including bee orchids that are locally quite rare. There is now a team of volunteers who help with this and funds have been spent on equipment and training them.

Both schemes flourish within a very short distance of large amounts of traffic, providing enjoyment for passers-by. The flower bank particularly brightens up the lives of motorists brought to a standstill alongside during peak period jams.

For more information ring

Nairn - 01275 372083

Robert - 01275 373750

Bristol Zoo -0117 970006176 ext. 229

12 December 2000

Mr R Buck
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Thank you for your letter of 16 November enclosing your income and expenditure statement.

I have pleasure in enclosing my Parish Council's cheque in the sum of £50 as a donation to the costs of the St Georges Flower Bank Group.

We understand that your Group will be covered by N Somerset Council's Public Liability Insurance whilst you are working on their land. Could you contact N Somerset Council to confirm this. I believe they will need to know the dates you will be working on the verges and the number of people involved.

Yours sincerely

Clerk



St Georges Flower Bank

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16th November 2000

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The Chairman Easton in Gordano Parish Council
c/o Sarah Lomas [clerk] Tides Reach Watchhouse Rd Pill

Dear Sarah

Thank you for your letter. It is very gratifying to have the Council's support. Feedback from many quarters shows that the results on the ground are also well received, so I am certain that it's not only the report that they are impressed with!

Copies of income and expenditure are enclosed for your examination. Records have only been kept for the last year, when it seemed possible that a grant application would be successful. For all the years in the past we relied on borrowed machinery and paid for fuel, phone bills etc ourselves.

This is the first year that we have put a concerted effort into the site and following many weeks' work surveying during the Spring and Summer we have started the maintenance tasks. Work parties of over ten volunteers have turned out, and the initial results are quite impressive. We cannot yet determine how many hours' work we will put in before the Spring growth restarts, and on this depends how much will be needed in the way of fuel and other expendables. Next year it will be much easier to make an accurate prediction of running costs.

The situation with regard to the award from the Bristol Zoo Millennium Conservation Award Scheme is that it is mostly spent, with the major part invested in machinery and safety equipment that will last far beyond the two years of the scheme. The grant was for £3,500 of which £650 has been retained by the Zoo to cover administration costs. The residue will leave sufficient to continue, but may not be enough to cover any expansion and the projected tree planting may have to be delayed until funds can be found to cover this.

Yours sincerely

Robert Buck

INCOME

DATE	DETAIL	AMOUNT
28 Dec 99	Broken wood donation	\$ 30.00
23 Jan 00	found on site!	5.00
3 May 00	Grant (200) (No 1)	150.00
12 Mar 00	Interact (Tom - Mary)	000.05
12 Jan 00	(No 2)	331.96
—	(Receipts 11-14)	—
21 June 00	200 → (No 3)	\$ 779.60
27 Jul 00	Receipts 15-24 (No 4)	\$ 71.98
24 Aug 00	Receipts 25-26 (No 5)	\$ 116.58
28 Sep 00	200 → (No 6)	\$ 524.39
23 Oct 00	Receipts 27-30 (No 7)	\$ 706.15
	Receipts (41-43)	

UNLESS DETAILLED ALL CHECKS ARE TO R. BUCK TO BE REIMBURSED EX REUSES. (1)

EXPENDITURE

DATE	DETAIL	RECEIPT No.	AMOUNT
14 Jan 00	Photocopying	1	1.50
17 Jan 00	Stationery	2	0.99
17 Jan 00	Saw blade	3	2.75
24 Jan 00	Photocopying	4	0.90
24 Mar 00	POSTAGE	5	0.19
24 Mar 00	PHOTOCOPYING	6	0.70
24 Mar 00	Cheque 100001		7.08
26 Mar 00	SEASUS TREES	7	7.00
26 Mar 00	Photocopying	8	2.00
28 Mar 00	Stamps & envelopes	9	1.65
1 APR 00	Photocopying	10	1.14
3 MAY 00	Cheque 100002		11.79
23 May 00	Verticalisation disks	11	29.94
25 May 00	Course prep. 100003/12		(95.00)
18 Apr 00	Camera for monitoring	13	144.96
26 May 00	Supply systems / cans	14	62.08
2 June 00	Stamps.	15	50.76
7 June 00	Travel (course)	16	19.75
9 June 00	Cable lease	17	19.99
	c/e		247.46
			(342.44)

EXPENDITURE

DATE	DETAILS & NO	AMOUNT
9 June 00	B/Fc	247.46
"	food books 18	3.96
12 June 00	Cheque 100004	236.96
13 June	hand tools 19	85.78
14 June	slide film 20	3.29
14 June	lepping screws . 21	40.79
14 June	Brush cutter + septet 22	449.78
	let off	
15 June	claimd receipts 15-24	
15 June	Monroe 10005 ^{Revenue}	150.00
13 June	Mileage 23	5.50
16 June	Fuel 24	4.10
20 June	Auto meter / Septet 25	67.88
21 June	Cheque 100006	629.60
27 June	Passage printing 27	1.24
27 June	Cheque 100007	71.98
10 AUG	Printing + Stamp 28	1.24
14 AUG	Entertainment (John) 29	14.10
14 AUG	Training - Helen 30	100.00
29 AUG	Cheque 100008	116.58

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Date	Detail & Receipts	Amount
19 AUG 00	Photo copying	1.60
"	stamps	0.76
22 AUG 00	Printer paper	2.99
25 AUG 00	PADLOCK	13.94
28 AUG 00	FIXING'S for SECURITY KIT	5.78
31 AUG 00	Stationery	8.06
11 SEP 00	Brushcutter	44.49.78
11 SEP 00	4 repls kit etc.	1.50
8 SEP 00	Photo copying	19.98
7 SEP 00	Stump treatment	20.00
7 SEP 00	Travel costs	

26 SEP	sm red for bank	41	4686.70
26 SEP	gloves	42	8.70
26 SEP	travel costs	43	10.75

28 SEP 00	cheque 100000	524.39
23 OCT 00	cheque 100010	706.18

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EXPENDITURE

DATE	DETAIL & REM	AMOUNT
29 09 00	Fuel (44)	8.79
03 10 00	Sand/gravel (45)	8.20
	fuel security (46)	96
06 10 00	Photocopying (47)	42.00
18 10 00	Copying (managerial papers) (48)	5.00
17 10 00	petrol (49)	1.00
18 10 00	postage book - Stone Island (50)	23.95
6 10 00	postage (51)	65
7 11 00	phone calls (see notes) (52)	8.90
1.11.00		
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2.11.00	Safety Beacon (53)	35.87
8.11.00	Engine Oil (54)	10.00
10.11.00	Fuel (55)	8.50
15.11.00	Oil (56)	34.37
	LCRT	159.44