

<p align="center">APPLICATION FOR COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE LEVY (CIL) GRANT</p> <p align="center">FOR A PROJECT IN THE WOLVERCOTE NEIGHBOURHOOD FORUM AREA</p> <p align="center">Autumn Round 2025</p>	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Please read the "Guidance Notes for WNF CIL Funding Applications" 2. The sections of this application form may be used flexibly to provide additional information where necessary. Not all sections will be relevant to all projects, and you may leave these blank. 3. Applications will be assessed by the WNF Steering Committee, taking account of the following criteria; applicants may wish to include supporting information regarding their project's fit to the criteria. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Location within or serving the WNF Community • The recipient operates as a recognised body with a nominated bank account • The project has agreement in principle from the property or asset owner • Value for money • Consideration has been given to health and safety requirements • Environmental sustainability • Innovation 4. If your application is successful, please <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Confirm to the Forum receipt of funding from the City Council • Send us photographs of your finished project. 	
APPLICATION DATE	10 September 2025
REVISION DATE if applicable	
TITLE Short title by which the project will be known	Hay making on Wolvercote Green
PROJECT APPLICANT(S) Name of person (not organisation) who has initiated the project. Do not include contact details here: see page 3.	Kirsten Berry
APPLICANT ORGANISATION Name and type of organisation, if applicable, charity number.	Wolvercote Commoners Committee 254695
OUTLINE PROJECT DESCRIPTION Short description so others not associated with the project can understand its purpose and scope. Include aims & objectives, and expected beneficiaries (max 150 words)	Wolvercote Green is a Site of Scientific Interest (SSSI) that requires careful management, including annual cutting and hay making. In 2023, WCC gained CIL for a scythe mower, which has proven effective in cutting the grass; however, there remains the need to turn and lift the resultant hay, which is continuing to prove to be too time

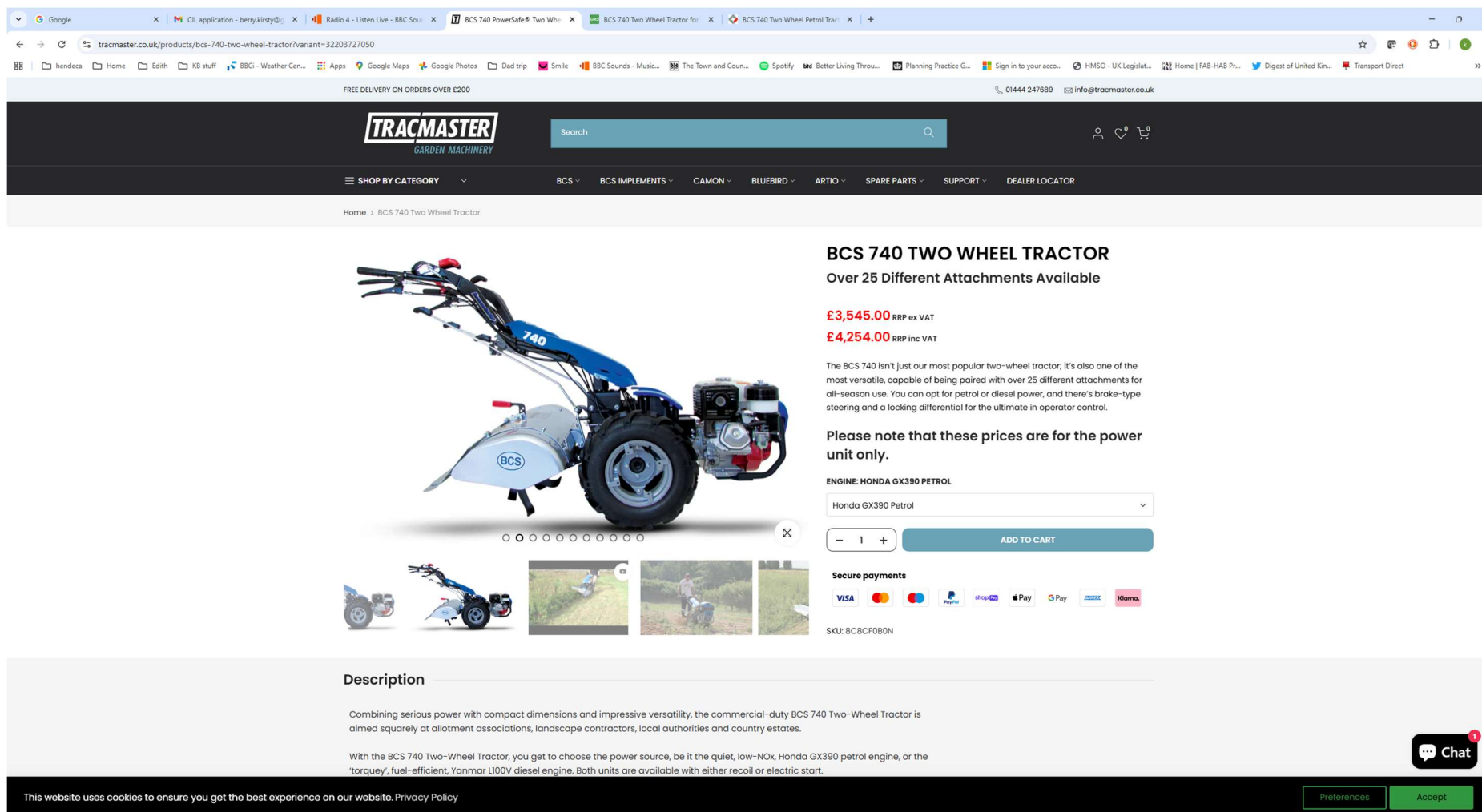
	<p>consuming by people power alone. Even with the 2025 summer conditions, it was only possible to make hay on about half of the Green.</p> <p>Ongoing management will be more efficient, and consequently effective, with an upgraded mower that will also drive a hay turning and baling machine. This will make the hay making process, and its consequent transport as bales, much more efficient, leading to the whole meadow being properly cut and cleared each year.</p> <p>Wolvercote Green is both an important habitat for flora and fauna and resource for the local community's well-being.</p>
<p>MAIN TASKS</p> <p>A list of the main tasks and if appropriate an initial project plan with timescales.</p>	<p>Winter 2025: select suitable machines, a shortlist has been drawn up (attached)</p> <p>By May 2026: Purchase chosen machines</p> <p>From 01 July 2026: Cut grass on Wolvercote Green. This is restricted by the Countryside Stewardship Agreement under which the Green is maintained, though some flexibility can be agreed with Defra/Natural England.</p>
<p>STAKEHOLDERS & DETAILS OF CONSULTATION</p> <p>(e.g. Council, Highways, site owners or asset holders, community organisations, businesses, neighbours)</p>	<p>Wolvercote Commoners Committee – custodians of Wolvercote Green</p> <p>Commoners of Wolvercote – getting involved in the management of Wolvercote Green</p> <p>All who enjoy Wolvercote Green – seeing it flourish throughout the year as a result of regular hay making.</p>
<p>RELEVANCE TO THE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN</p> <p>How does the project enhance or develop our neighbourhood?</p>	<p>The project aims to enhance and ensure the best ongoing management of this important site, designated as a European Special Area of Conservation (SAC) as well as SSSI. As a rare example of a floodplain meadow, Wolvercote Green provides valuable biodiversity and habitat; is openly accessible to the public; and hosts regular, well-attended volunteer work mornings. The Neighbourhood Plan</p>

	<p>recognises Wolvercote Green as one of the most important publicly accessible green spaces in the city.</p> <p>The project will ensure that hay making can continue on Wolvercote Green at a reasonable cost in the interest of both conservation and the community.</p> <p>In addition, volunteers (including new residents to the village) will have the opportunity to use the equipment; learning a new skill, learning about the importance of the Wolvercote Commons and gaining wellness from being active outdoors.</p> <p>Appropriate management of Wolvercote Green will ensure the longevity of this important green space, delivering Neighbourhood Plan policies focussing on biodiversity, nature conservation and providing access to high quality outdoor spaces.</p>
<p>CONSENTS REQUIRED</p> <p>Are any legal consents required before the project can go ahead (e.g. from a Council department such as Highways, Planning, Building Control, or other statutory organisation)?</p>	<p>None required</p> <p>The Countryside Stewardship Agreement held for Wolvercote Green does require it to be cut for hay, annually.</p>
<p>FINANCE</p> <p>How much will this project cost in total? What proportion is being sought from CIL funding? What other sources of finance are being pursued? Are you seeking matched funding? What will the CIL grant be spent on?</p> <p>PLEASE INCLUDE COPIES OF FIRM QUOTATIONS</p>	<p>The cost of a two-wheeled tractor of the size and quality (e.g. the BCS 740 Powersafe model) required to more efficiently cut Wolvercote Green's hay, then rake it into rows and bale it, is £4254.00 inc VAT. This is a mid-sized, 'semi-professional' model to which one can attach a hay rake at £2274.00 inc VAT and a mini baler at £14,340.00 inc VAT.</p> <p>A wider scythe bar cutting attachment than the one we already possess would cost an additional £1800.00</p> <p>Consequently, WCC is seeking £22,668.00 of CIL.</p> <p>WCC has considered the potential to recoup some monies from the existing</p>

	<p>powered scythe mower, enquiring about the opportunity for part exchange. This was not an option that any of the dealers we have spoken to would entertain. Further, having two mowers will enable us to work more efficiently and tackle a wider range of tasks. There would, necessarily be the faff of changing from one bit of kit to another and moving the various bits around. Ideally we'd cut everything, then rake it all and bale it up in sequence otherwise it'd be a logistical nightmare if we're picking away at it.</p> <p>Small machine for cutting only, bigger one for all 3 would be a more efficient solution.</p> <p>WCC would make up any remaining funds necessary to purchase an optimal machine.</p>
<p>MAINTENANCE</p> <p>How will the outputs of the project be maintained and by whom? Please note that CIL grants cannot be used to cover ongoing costs.</p>	<p>Wolvercote Green will be cut for hay annually. The mower can also be used to clear meadowsweet and brambles as appropriate. Aftermath grazing is then undertaken by cattle, and from late Winter/early Spring, the Green is ready to rejuvenate once more.</p> <p>WCC will ensure the machinery is appropriately housed whilst not in use and maintained ready for use.</p>
<p>RISK ASSESSMENT</p> <p>Are there any financial or other risks to the completion of this project?</p> <p>Are there any safety issues associated with the project?</p>	<p>None</p> <p>The machinery would be used in accordance with the manufacturer's guidance while wearing appropriate PPE. WCC would oversee use of it.</p>
<p>MONITORING AND REPORTING</p> <p>How will the success of the project be monitored? Over what timescale?</p>	<p>Wolvercote Green is monitored by Natural England, who report on its conservation status.</p>
<p>OTHER COMMENTS OR INFORMATION</p> <p>Please list anything else of relevance you wish the Committee to be aware of.</p>	<p>WCC is almost entirely funded by public monies. Primarily, these funds should be spent prudently and in the public interest. Secondly, paying third parties for this work would very</p>

	<p>quickly utilise WCC funds, which could otherwise be used on essential management (eg digging out drainage ditches (which also provide water vole habitat), scrub removal, willow pollarding and also enhancement such as pond clearance and restoration.</p> <p>Over the Summer of 2025, we experienced enhanced community interest and involvement with the hay making and would hope that with a full compliment of equipment we can harness this in future years to avoid paying third party contractors and ensure optimal management of the Commons.</p>
<p>Completed applications, WITH COPIES OF FIRM QUOTATIONS WHERE APPLICABLE should be sent with a covering email to wolvercotenf@gmail.com</p>	

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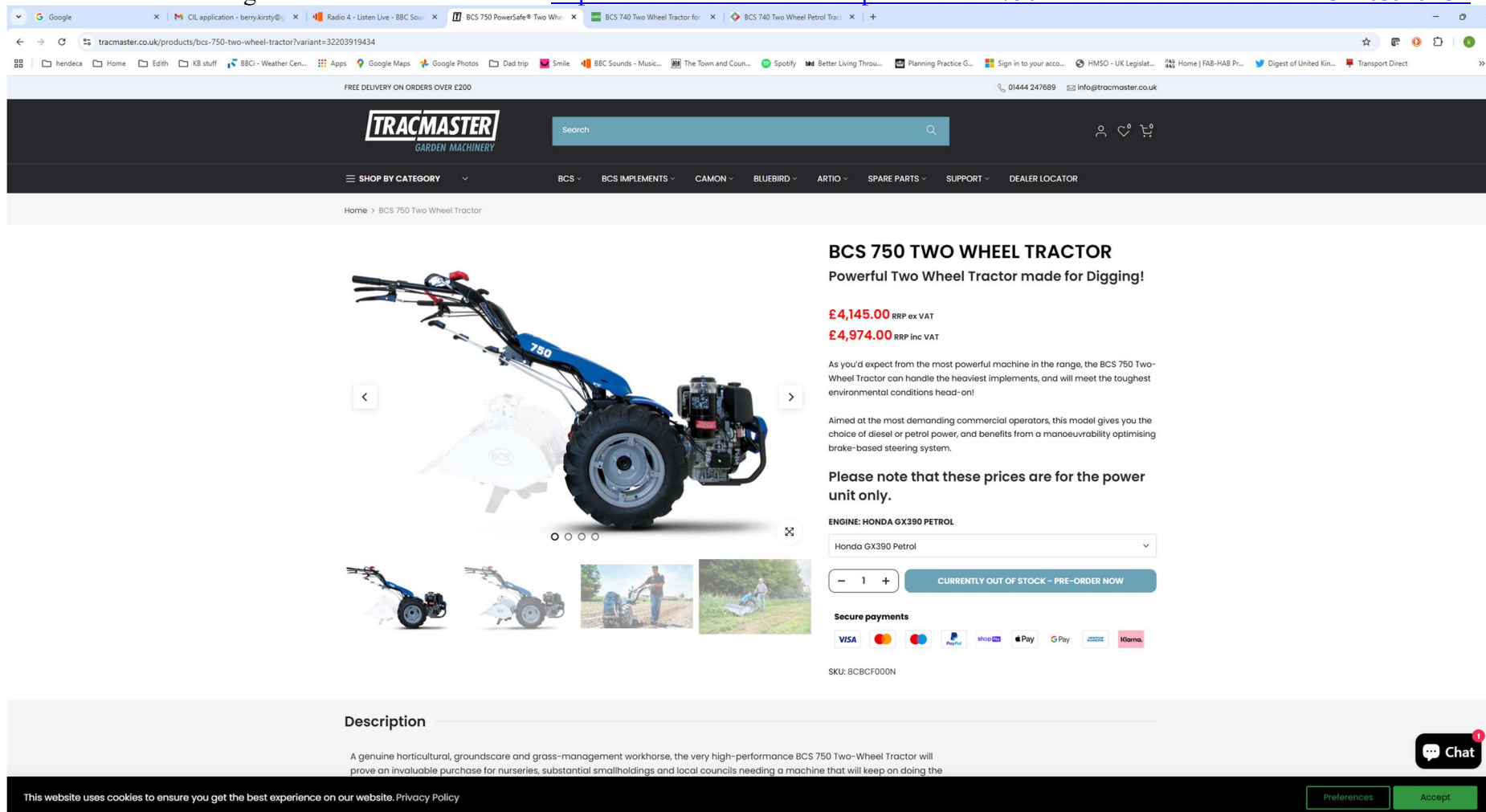
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