TOWN COUNCIL GRANT APPLICATION ON BEHALF OF KIRKBYMOORSIDE IN BLOOM

FOR SOME YEARS THE GROUP HAS PROVIDED, AT THEIR OWN COST, THE PLANTING AND WATERING OF 50 HALF HANGING BASKETS, AND 4 FULL BASKETS. THESE HAVE GENERATED SOME WELCOME COLOUR AND ENHANCEMENT TO THE A170 AND THE TOWN CENTRE.

THIS ASPECT OF OUR VOLUNTARY WORK HAS BECOME INCREASINGLY LABOUR INTENSIVE IN TERMS OF PRODUCING OUR OWN PLANTS AND ERECTING THE BASKETS. THE COST OF WATERING, WHICH FOR HEALTH AND SAFETY REASONS CANNOT BE UNDERTAKEN BY US DIRECTLY, TAKES A CONSIDERABLE SLICE OF OUR ANNUAL REVENUE.

RATHER THAN DISCONTINUE THE BASKETS, ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS HAVE BEEN CONSIDERED. A VERBAL QUOTE HAS BEEN RECEIVED FROM ANDY BARNES' NURSERY, PICKERING. HE WOULD BE PREPARED TO PLANT UP, GROW ON AND DELIVER THE BASKETS AT THE MOST APPROPRIATE TIME, PROBABLY AROUND EARLY JUNE. THESE SHOULD CONTINUE TO GIVE COLOUR WELL INTO SEPTEMBER. FOR AN ADDITIONAL HOURLY RATE HE WOULD ALSO PUT THE BASKETS IN SITU. THE WATERING, WHICH IS CURRENTLY CARRIED OUT BY A LOCAL WINDOW CLEANER WHO POSSESSES THE NECESSARY EQUIPMENT AND INSURANCE, USUALLY STARTS SHORTLY AFTER THE BASKETS ARE ERECTED AND CONTINUES UNTIL A WEEK OR TWO BEFORE TAKING DOWN IN OCTOBER.

GIVEN THE POSITIVE IMPACT OF THIS INITIATIVE, AND THE SUPPORT OF OTHER TOWN COUNCILS GIVEN TO SIMILAR PROJECTS, WE WOULD LIKE TO REQUEST KIRKBYMOORSIDE TOWN COUNCIL TO DO LIKEWISE.

BREAKDOWN

FOR PLANTING UP, GROWING ON BASKETS		£700
DELIVERY, ERECTION	HOURLY RATE	£35.00
(BASED ON PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE, APPROX 4 HOURS)		
WE WOULD EXPECT TO PAY THIS 2019/20 FINANCIAL YEAR		
FOR WATERING HANGING BASKETS ONLY		£1,000.00
(JUNE THROUGH TO EARLY OCTOBER)		
WE WOULD EXPECT TO PAY THIS 2020/21 FINANCIAL YEAR		

I HAVE MADE COMPARISONS, TAKEN ADVICE AND BELIEVE THIS TO BE A VERY COMPETITIVE AND FAIR QUOTE.

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CHAIRMAN, KIRKBYMOORSIDE IN BLOOM SEPTEMBER,2019