

Application No 1- SIB

Name of Project	SiGN (Sunderland Green Neighbourhoods)
Lead Organisation	CEED

Total cost of Project	Total Match Funding	Total SIB requested
£25,721	£21,139	£4,582
Project Duration	Start Date	End Date
4 Months	June 2013	September 2013

The Project

The project aims to give local people better access to the natural environment around them through practical improvements and activities. The project will carry out physical and environmental improvements at two sites in the North – Tyzacks Nature Space and Roker Park.

At both sites practical work will be carried out by volunteers which will provide exercise, training and skills development. Each site will also host school visits with curriculum linked sessions providing educational opportunities. Holiday activities will be provided to broaden the opportunity for local children to engage with the sites – providing fun and stimulating sessions promoting learning about the natural environment along with encouraging healthy outdoor play.

CEED with a volunteer team and with the support of local residents will develop Tyzacks Nature Space by reinstating footpaths, provide an outdoor classroom area, provide accessible ponds, enhance wildflower planting and prune or remove overgrown or invasive shrubs and vegetation, enabling the site to be brought back into community use.

In Roker Park CEED will focus on the park conservation areas and the sensory garden. The areas focused on will be behind the bandstand and the Fairy Dell by carrying out selective pruning and the planting of native wildflowers. Within the Sensory garden timber edging on beds will provide a deeper and better growing environment for the planting of further wildflowers and herbs.

Holiday activities and community events will be delivered on both sites aimed at under 8's and 8-13 years the sessions will include a variety of activities that encourage the exploration of nature and the environment. Sessions will also be aimed at wider family fun celebrating the work carried out and achievements at each site.

Interpretation resources will be produced that can be downloaded from the CEED website, these will provide information and identification of environmental features such as wildflowers, trees, insects and descriptions of self led activities.

Need for Project

Tyzacks was identified as in need of improvement through local residents, There is a group of keen residents, one of whom has always been involved in the site since its inception. The residents are fully supportive of bringing the site back into use and have been on site to discuss plans and ideas and supported the initial clearance. In addition Fulwell Day Centre has said it would use the site for recreation and informal training but could not to date because of the poor access.

During CEED's time based in Roker Park there have been informal conversations with the Parks staff regarding improving the conservation areas in addition as part of CEEDs feasibility study into the use of and renovation of the Lodge a survey was carried out of park users. This highlighted the demand for children's and family nature based activities.

Partnership

The development of all plans at Roker Park will be agreed with the Parks Department, agreement to carry out the works has been reached and there is close liaison with the parks staff.

Maintenance at Tyzacks will predominantly be carried out through groups using the site, St. Benets Primary School is within walking distance, has already committed to education sessions and wishes to use the site into the future. CEED is also in discussions with Fulwell Day Care Centre staff who have expressed their wish to use the site once the ground conditions allow better access for people with mobility issues.

OASES delivers sustainability education work and is working with CEED on this project.

CEED volunteer group is also engaged and committed to support the future management of the sites.

Outputs of the Project

Output Code	Description	Number
A1	No. improved community facilities	2
A4	Number of Events/Programmes of Work to Improve Appearance of Streets	20
A6 & P3	Number of Community or Education Events Held/Number of People Volunteering	112
L3 & L4	Number of Activities for Children and Young People being delivered during schools holidays/Number of additional children and young people participating in activities during school holidays	100

Key Milestones for the Project

Site Improvement Works	31.07.13
School Programme Completed	31.07.13
Holiday Activity Programme Completed	31.08.13
Interpretation Written	31.08.13
On Site Interpretation Installed	30.09.13
Celebratory/Community Events	30.09.13

The Application supports the Priority – Environment & Shopping Centre Improvements

Recommendation – Approve