



Lewisham NCIL

Downham Pot – Proposed
projects summary booklet 2025 -
2027

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| Name of Project | Christmas Trees for Downham |
| Requested NCIL | £4,535.00 |
| Project Description and How it Meets the Corporate Priorities | |
| <p>This application seeks to ensure funding is available for Christmas trees across the borough for the next two years. We will explore the feasibility of sustainable trees where possible but recognise that in some areas this will not be possible due to location and other factors. If a sustainable tree is not feasible, this funding will be used to provide a Christmas tree for two years in the ward.</p> <p>This initiative aligns with the following priorities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •A Strong Local Economy: Many businesses rely heavily on festive trade. Trees and decorations enhance town centre attractiveness and the destination economy. •A Greener Borough: Sustainable trees are ecologically preferable to cutting down a tree each year. | |

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| Name of Project | Downham Fields Improvements |
| Requested NCIL | £35,000.00 |
| Project Description and How it Meets the Corporate Priorities | |
| <p>Downham Fields is a 20-acre park located in Downham, South East London. It is sometimes referred to as Durham Hill. It was left as parkland during the construction of the interwar Downham Estate which currently comprises of over 6,000 houses. The park is located centrally within these estates. Presently, it's a neglected & unwelcoming space. The Council will work closely with local residents, schools & local councillors in community participation, capacity building & co-design of the project from the onset and in the ongoing future maintenance & management of the park.</p> <p>The project was identified as being needed by the local community who have been unsuccessful in seeking external funding via grants.</p> <p>The project meets the strategic needs of the Parks and Open Space Strategy 2020-2025 and Lewisham's Corporate Priorities, as set out in the Council's Corporate Strategy (20222026). In particular:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cleaner and Greener • Children and Young People • Safer Communities • Health and Wellbeing | |

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| Name of Project | Downham Woodland Walk Bins |
| Requested NCIL | £3,000.00 |
| Project Description and How it Meets the Corporate Priorities | |
| <p>The replacement of 5 current bins with vermin-proof, non-rust litter bins</p> <p>The project meets the strategic needs of the Parks and Open Space Strategy 2020-2025 and Lewisham's Corporate Priorities, as set out in the Council's Corporate Strategy (2022-2026). In particular:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Cleaner and Greener - Safer Communities | |

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| Name of Project | Kendale Road Allotment Toilets |
| Requested NCIL | £5,000.00 |
| Project Description and How it Meets the Corporate Priorities | |
| <p>This project aims to install composting toilets at Kendale Road Allotments. Adding toilets to the allotment will enhance user accessibility and support community growing projects by providing essential facilities for organised activities. Composting toilets are an ecofriendly, cost-effective alternative to sewer-connected options.</p> <p>The initiative aligns with the Parks and Open Spaces Strategy 2020-2025, which aims to improve, protect, and maintain clean and safe parks, allotments, and nature reserves, especially in neglected areas. It also supports the Corporate Strategy 2022-2026, particularly the Cleaner and Greener and Health and Wellbeing priorities.</p> <p>It will foster collaboration with voluntary and community sectors, bring about new partnership opportunities and create spaces and programs that empower residents to lead physically active lifestyles.</p> | |

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| Name of Project | Street Bins for Downham |
| Requested NCIL | £16,315.96 |
| Project Description and How it Meets the Corporate Priorities | |
| <p>The majority of current litter bins are no longer fit for purpose. They have open tops that contribute to windblown litter and scavenging by rodents/birds, they also have a smaller capacity, requiring more frequent collections. We are proposing a removal and renewal programme that will introduce a new style of litter bins with higher capacity that will enable both litter collection and recycling. We are proposing 43 new bins throughout Downham.</p> <p>The project aligns with Lewisham's Corporate Strategy (2022-2026), particularly: Cleaner and Greener priority - Corporate commitment to create visible improvements. Make roads and streets cleaner, greener, and safer for all.</p> | |

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| Name of Project | Street Trees for Downham |
| Requested NCIL | £12,000.00 |
| Project Description and How it Meets the Corporate Priorities | |
| <p>Over the past decade, LBL and Street Trees for Living have collaborated with communities to plant trees in streets, parks, and schools, increasing from 10 trees in the first year to 696 last year. Most trees are sponsored by residents, resulting in more plantings in affluent areas. To address this, the Grow Back Together project planted 100 trees in underserved areas with low canopy cover, high pollution, and high social deprivation.</p> <p>This new project aims to plant trees in local streets and parks, fulfilling community needs and aligning with the Parks and Open Space Strategy 2020-2025 and Lewisham's Corporate Strategy 2022-2026 priorities: Cleaner and Greener, Safer Communities, and Health and Wellbeing</p> <p>The trees planted with funding from NCIL se would be in addition to the Sustainable Street Tree Planting Programme. You can find out more about our Sustainable Streets Programme here.</p> <p>Based on demand in Downham and our best assessment of other factors we recommend up to 10 street trees. However, this could be scaled up or down.</p> | |