



# The Educational Foundation of Abigail Bailey and Ann Levett



## Grant Application – Car Park Hedge Replacement

### *Summary of the Application*

The Trustees of the Educational Foundation are proposing to replace the remaining hedge in the car park with post and rail fencing to match the remainder of the boundaries. The Trustees are seeking a grant of up to **£500** from the Foulger Trust to achieve this. The overall project is estimated at costing **£1,170**. The Trustees have applied for a minor award of **£249** from the Wind Farm Trust and would finance the balance from free cash flow.

### *Background*

When the Chelveston Village Hall car park was created from a derelict field in 2011/2012, there were insufficient funds to install boundary fencing. The existing overgrown vegetation was simply chopped back as much as possible to create rough hedges, with the intention of replacing them as funds became available.

Only one rough hedge now remains and it has a number of problems:

1. There are gaps where it has failed to “fill in” over the last 6 years. In places it is dying and there is now no prospect of these gaps filling themselves. One of the gaps is big enough for children to slip through into the car park.
2. It needs trimming once a month in the season to keep it tidy as the brambles (which make up a big part of it) grow quickly. It shields the car park from the lights along the pathway.
3. This area of the car park needs lighting to improve visibility at night.

Replacing the hedge with post and rail fencing to match the existing would address these problems. It would also increase the length of the short car park spaces by 600mm in that area.

The Hall is used for 1,800 hours a year for civic, educational and leisure purposes by residents of the surrounding area. This grant would be a 21% contribution to the £1,170 cost of the fencing and would improve the safety and visual amenity of the car park for the benefit of all users.

### *Costings*

Grubbing out of existing hedge

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|------------------------------------|-------------------|---------|
| Labour                             | 20hrs @ £10.00/hr | £200.00 |
| Disposal of hedge                  | 2 skips @ £180.00 | £360.00 |
| Install 21m of post and rail fence | @ £20.00/m + VAT  | £504.00 |
| Contingency                        | 10% £106.00       |         |

**Estimated Total Expenditure**

**£1,170.00**

Our preferred supplier for fencing is Darsdale Contracts who have undertaken all of the work for the Car Park. Their quote (attached) matches the industry standard of £20 per metre (plus VAT) for installing post and rail fencing.

*Pictures of the site*



Day time view of hedge showing gaps



Night time view of hedges

## ***Financial background***

During 2017, the Trustees of the Educational Foundation of Abigail Bailey and Ann Levett undertook an extensive refurbishment of School House, with the support of a grant and loan from the Foulger Trust. The outstanding loan at the end of June 2018 will be **£5,974**. It is being repaid with compound interest of 1.5% p.a. via a monthly standing order of **£460** financed from the monthly rental on the property.

During 2018, the Trustees have invested **£6,400** in a sound system, with the assistance of a grant from the Wind Farm Trust of £3,000 and the Foulger Trust of £2,000. The performance of this system has exceeded our expectations and it is very popular with the Hall users. It is now in use for at least 130 hours a month.

With the assistance of the Foulger Trust, new drainage has been installed in the car park. It is early in the season, but this has coped well with the recent rains.

After this period of heavy investment, the Foundation has cash reserves of nearly **£15,567** at the time of making this application, having paid off £5,400 of the outstanding loan from operating cash flow. Overall, including the loan repayment, the Foundation is budgeting to make a small surplus of around **£700** in 2018.

The Trustees of the Educational Foundation are therefore asking for the financial support of the Foulger Trust and would ask that this application be considered at the next meeting of the Trustees. Work will begin in January and be completed by the end of February. Were the Foundation to be successful in its application, no payments would be needed until the works were completed.

**Melvyn Wooding**

**Chair of the Trustees**