

COASTAL COMMUNITIES FUND

2025/2026

The closing date for applications is 24th May 2026.
Please note late applications will not be accepted

Please refer to the associated guidance when completing this application form.

All projects must be completed by Friday 13th November 2026.

This is an application form for the Coastal Communities Fund managed by South Ayrshire Council. Please complete all parts of the form. If you require any clarification or additional information, then please contact grants@south-ayrshire.gov.uk

Amount of grant requested

TYPE OF GRANT	AMOUNT	PURPOSE	SELECT ONE
*Small grant	Up to £1000	To support small grass roots groups and organisations.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
*Development grant	Up to £10,000	The Development Grant will assist groups to plan & develop small scale projects that will link into one of the priorities of the Coastal Communities Grant Fund. Projects will essentially make communities a more attractive place to live & work.	<input type="checkbox"/>

Section 1: Organisation Details

Organisation Name	Friends of Craigie Allotments
Organisation Address	Craigie Allotments Craigie Way Ayr No postcode – google map attached
Type of organisation (voluntary organisation, charity, CIC, Ltd. by guarantee, SCIO, unincorporated)	Unincorporated association

association etc. or private sector)	
If a charity or Limited Company, please include your number	Not applicable
Does your group/organisation have a bank account?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> In progress <input type="checkbox"/>

Section 2: Contact details

Contacts	Lead Contact
Name	Joy Hill
Position in Organisation	Secretary

Section 3: Project Details

a. Project Title

Friends of Craigie Allotments Association – maintaining the allotments and involving plot holders

b. About your project, what are you seeking funding for?

For large grant applicants only - what risks have you considered, and what steps will you take to keep the project sustainable over the long term?

We are looking for financial support to allow the association to continue to make improvements to the allotments for the benefit of all plot holders. The annual membership fee is £5 and is our main source of income. We do not exclude plot holders who do not pay.

The Friends of Craigie Allotments are a small voluntary committee who represent the plot holders at Craigie Allotments. Plot holders rent their plots from South Ayrshire Council. The allotments were first formed in 1940. They have been in existence ever since and demand continues to outstrip availability.

We are looking for financial support to cover our day-to-day expenses such as bank charges, insurance, materials to make posters to keep plot holders up to date with what's going on, gardening materials such as compost and bark which we use around the plots, materials to repair the community shed and materials to repair the fencing behind the

community shed. This would assist the association to continue to make improvements to the allotments for the benefit of all plot holders.

c. What community will this project be delivered to and what communities will benefit?

The Friends of Craigie Allotments Association aims to provide a space for people in community to improve their health and wellbeing through ethical gardening.

Objectives -

- To conserve, preserve, protect and improve the land worked on.
- To encourage all plot holders to take an active part in the maintenance and improvement of the allotment site.
- To advance the education of those using the allotments by encouraging sustainable and environmentally friendly use of the site.

To promote the benefits of community growing and gardening to the inhabitants of Ayr and surrounding area without distinction

d. Can your project demonstrate that your project/organisation needs have been identified through consultation?

Yes No

If yes, please include details of the consultation and a summary of the results.

The Friends of Craigie Allotments hold an AGM and several other meetings, open to all plot holders, throughout the year.

Over the years we have obtained funding to replace the main gates and improve access at both the bottom and top entrances. We have also replaced the notice boards to assist with communication with plot holders not on email. We have revamped the community garden by adding a native hedgerow to provide habitats for birds and insects, planting grass which is easier to maintain and adding new benches. We use the community garden which provide opportunities for plot holders to meet and get to know each other. We organise the annual spring clear up and look after the day-to-day maintenance where we can. We have recently set up a "Tool Shed" where plot holders can borrow basic tools and if they want to the can purchase them for a small donation. We also set up a community polytunnel that plot holder without one can use to bring on seeds and grow tender plants. Setting up an allotment plot can be expensive and we would not want this be a barrier to people on low incomes.

We are always looking for new projects, so any suggestions from plot holders are welcome particularly if you are willing to get involved and help achieve them. Currently we are hoping to repair the community shed which we use for shelter and as a communal space.

We are also working on a project to develop a safe and secure area within the allotments to store and distribute bulky necessities for plot holders such as compost, topsoil and manure. We would aim to sell these items at an affordable price with only a sufficient margin of profit to enable us to replenish stocks as required. We have obtained funding from the Brodies Client's Trust and we are working with the local authority to see what is possible.

e. Which of the following Council plan priorities most aligns with your proposed project:

- Priority 1 – Spaces & Places
- Priority 2 – Live, Work, learn
- Priority 3 – Civic & Community Pride

If linking into a place plan or a community action plan, please detail which priority it will be achieving. See [here](#) for local plans.

f. Please select the grant you are applying for and the relevant priority (you can select more than one priority, if applicable).

For small grant only:

- To assist with barriers to sustain the group
- To develop new projects/ideas

For development grant only:

- Deliver improvements to public places that will increase the number of visitors
- make coastal communities more attractive places to live and work
- demonstrate a strong link to local strategies and local place plans

Estimated start date:	June 2026
Estimated completion date: (must be by 13th November 2026)	13 November 2026

g. If your project relates to a property or land, please confirm whether you own, or lease the property or land

- own lease

Plot holders rent their plots from South Ayrshire Council. Friends of Craigie Allotments Association are in regular contact with the council who are very supportive of the work we do.

If lease, an indication that the owner is supportive or aware that plans will be required. Please detail how you will provide evidence of support, ie long term lease.

If lease, then a copy of the lease needs to be provided.

h. Please tick/populate as appropriate:

Are you aware of the appropriate consents required for this project? Yes No

Do you have:

- Statutory consents for your project in place
- Planning, including listed building and conservation area consents
- Building Warrants
- Evidence of Pre application discussion Please include your reference number

- Not applicable

Copies of any of the above need to be provided.

Section 4: Project Costs

How much funding are you requesting from the Coastal Communities Fund?

£ 870

Are you applying for Revenue or Capital costs, or both?

Revenue £

Capital £

Please provide a full break down of costs for your project for your application to be considered.

If applying for both revenue and capital, then please detail costs separately.

Item/Activity	Cost
Bank changes	£50
Insurance	£170
Materials to make posters	£50
Gardening materials such as plants, compost and woodchip	£100

Materials to repair the community shed such as wood, paint, nails and screws.	£200
Materials to repair the fencing behind the shed.	£300
Total	

For development grant only:

***3 quotes need to be provided for proposed works over £1000 (individual item), quotes need to be dated within last 6 months – if relevant quotes are not provided when submitting application, it will not be considered.**

Section 5: Checklist

Please confirm you have the following documents:

Constitution/Memorandum & Articles

Audited or independently verified accounts

Last 3 months bank statements

Section 6: Declaration & Conditions

I, on behalf of, Friends of Craigie Allotments :

- Certify that to the best of my knowledge the information contained in this application is true and accurate and will adhere to the following terms and conditions;
- Understand that making this application does not entitle the organisation to funding as a right;
- Will not commence or commit any expenditure before receiving approval of the funding;
- Confirm that the quotations are bona fide competitive quotes;
- Will provide the External Funding officer with digital colour photos of the work, both before and after the work has been completed. I understand that these images will be kept on record and used for future publicity;
- Understand that this funding award does not cover retrospective work;
- Understand that to make any misleading statement in relation to this application could make the application invalid, or may mean the organisation has to repay the funding;
- Understand that this application is subject to appropriate checks and meets appropriate conditions such as planning, procurement guidelines, and other statutory consents; and
- I Have read the associated guidance before completing and submitting this application form.
- Understands that if I do not provide satisfactory evidence of spend then the council may request I repay the grant

Failure to return or complete and return any evaluations requested then I may not receive any future funding from South Ayrshire Council. I may be asked to repay the funds if I cannot provide evidence that they were used for the purpose intended.

Name of Person Completing Application: Joy Hill

On behalf of: (Organisation name): Friends of Craigie Allotments Association

Date: 22/05/26

Completed applications only should be saved as a PDF document and uploaded to

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Supporting documents should be e-mailed to grants@south-ayrshire.gov.uk

These include:

- Constitution
- Last 3 months bank statements
- Independently verified accounts
- Quotes (where required)