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West Sussex BN6 9UY

SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES GRANT APPLICATION (please ensure you are using the correct form)

Please note that this application should be accompanied by a copy of the financial details of the requesting organisation. Where relevant we will need to see account details showing income, expenditure, and the level of balances. If annual accounts are not available, copies of the bank statements or receipts for expenditure shouldbe enclosed.

1.	Name of Organisation	Hurstpierpoint Allotment Association (HAA)
2.	Name, Address and Status of Contact within the organisation.	Helen Codd [redacted] Hurstpierpoint Allotment Association Committee Member
3.	Telephone number and Email Address	hurstallotmentassociation@gmail.com
4.	Is the Organisation a Registered Charity? If yes, then please provide charity number	No
5.	Amount of Grant Requested	£500.00
6.	For what purpose or project is the grant requested, and how does it align with our sustainability strategy? Please be as detailed as possible about how **exactly** the funds would be spent. If for a specific project, when would you anticipate that to complete/how long would the funds last? (Continue on a separate sheet if necessary).	This is a sub-project of the Hurstpierpoint Allotment Association community plot project, which will establish a community allotment within the existing allotment site, on plot 26b.The proposal for this project and the rod fee arrangements were approved by the Parish Council in Autumn/Winter 2024. The plot currently has an abundance of marestail (*Equisetum arvense)* growing on it and this must be effectively managed before the main plot infrastructure is built. In order to do this sustainably, in line with the current RHS guidance, the committee plan use the 'smother plants' approach and to cover the plot with a layer of compostable material then a layer about 20cm (8in) thick of wood chip. The fissures and crevices of the bark will also create a valuable habitat for many insects as well as lichens and small plants. A heavy grade biodegradable mulch layer of material (expected to endure 2-3 years before rotting into the ground), covered with a layer of wood chip, at least 5cm (2in) thick, will be applied to the soil surface. The mulch

		matting will block the light from the marestail, prevent the plant photosynthesising, eventually causing the root system of the plant to die. If successful in our application, the funds will be spent on labour and materials costs for the purchase and installation of the mulch mat as set out below. Any subsequent woodchip costs will be covered by alternative funding, ideally, they will be sourced free from a local tree surgeon. The preferred contractor is Mindful Gardener The preferred material supplier is Hy-Tex / E_Ecotex MulchMat™ and biodegradable pegs. (see E_Ecotex MulchMat™.pdf) for specification. Funding is expected to be spent to complete the works this calendar year, it will be spent within the current financial year. The overarching project will enable allotment holders who are no longer able to maintain their plots in line with the Parish Council contract, due to age, frailty or ill health, are able to continue to access the health, social and wellbeing benefits from spending time at the allotments. Evidence shows us that social connection reduces isolation and loneliness, which in turn has a positive impact on both physical and mental health. Gardening offers light exercise in an outdoor green space, both of which have been demonstrated to have a positive impact on both physical and mental health and wellbeing. The HAA supplies a selection of free seeds at the outset of the growing season. Those growing their own food will have a reduced food expenditure. The community plot would be established in a sustainable way in line with the ambitions of the Parish Council as articulated in the Sustainability-Strategy Action Plan, articulated in the 'Help nature recover' section., The plot will be created without the use of herbicides or pesticides and will create habitats that support nature and biodiversity. This will include a dead hedge, log piles, composts and insect homes from reused materials and from those already on site wherever possible. The use of pesticides and herbicides by users of the community plot will be prohibited.
7.	What will be the total cost of the project?	Ecotex MulchMat™ 157 £ 153.00 100no Eco-Peg fully biodegradable fixing peg. Brown, 150mm long, barbed peg with mushroom head. £ 22.00 TOTAL MATERIALS COST **£ 175.00** Labour (Mindful Gardener) £ 350.00 TOTAL COSTS £ 525.00
8.	If the total cost of the project is more than the grant, how will the residue befinanced?	Both the immediate project to cover the plot and the longer-term overarching project has a higher cost to procure and install the main plot infrastructure. The costs for the mulch mat and labour to apply totals £25 in excess of the Parish Council funding limit. The allotment association will cover the additional £25 for the costs to procure and apply the mulch mat. The costs for the wider long-term project will be applied for through national lottery funding. Regardless of the progression of the overarching project, the marestail on the plot must still be managed and removed, so this initial piece of work can be considered as stand alone.

9.	Have you applied for a grant for the same project to another organisation? Ifso, which organisation and how much?	An application is in process with the National Lottery for c. £15k for materials and labour to set up the community plot and improve site security for the overarching community plot project.
10.	Have financial details been enclosed with the grant application?	The overarching project has a higher cost to procure and install the main plot infrastructure. The costs for this will be applied for through national lottery funding. Regardless of the progression of the overarching project, the marestail on the plot must still be managed and removed.
11.	Please list any other supporting documents that have been included.	Supporting Documents: ☐ Account details showing income, expenditure, and the level of balances. 2025_June_Statement.pdf 2025_July_Statement.pdf ☐ Bank Statements. Bank statement.jpeg ☐ Quote(s) for any proposed work. Quote for community plot work - Mindful Gardener.pdf Quote for community plot work - Jez Gates.pdf N.B. Third quote outstanding ☐ Quote(s) for any proposed materials. Quote for materials - Hy-Tex Ecotex™ MulchMat.pdf Quote for materials – Habitat Aid Ecotex™ MulchMat.pdf Quote for materials - Hy-Tex Root Barrier C3.pdf

You may use a separate sheet of paper to submit any other information which you feel will support this application.

Signed…Helen Codd…….Date…13-08-2025

Please return this completed form, together with all relevant accompanying information to:

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Clerk to the Council

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Strong and Robust

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100% Biodegradable

Furthermore, Ecotex MulchMat™ is the only weed control fabric certified to the stringent EN 13432:2000 test for compostability - fully breaking down to nutritious matter and leaving no synthetic residues.

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Features/Benefits:

- Organic weed suppression
- Fully biodegradable
- Breaks down in 3 years or more
- Fire resistant
- Plastic free
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Application Categories: Landscaping and Weed Control, Horticulture, Agriculture and Equestrian

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Degradable

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Biodegradable

Materials, often made from plant or animal sources, that break down through the action of naturally occurring micro-organisms (e.g. bacteria, fungi etc) over time. However, if buried they may break down under anaerobic conditions releasing methane (which has 62 times greater global warming potential than carbon dioxide).

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Similar to biodegradable plastics but "greener" as at least 90% of the material must break down into carbon dioxide, water and biomass of no more than 2mm within 12 weeks in a compostable environment, not produce any toxic material and should be able to support plant life. Products that meet these stringent tests are certified to the above standard.

OK compost VINÇOTTE

compostable EN 13432:2000

Wheat

Sugar Beet

Corn

Sugar Cane

Installation Recommendations:

- minimum 150mm overlaps
- minimum 1 pin per m²

Feature	Hy-Tex Ecotex MulchMat™ (Biocover)
Composition	95% PLA (Poly Lactic Acid) 5% hemp fibre needlefelt with heat fused underside
Colour	Brown
Weight [EN ISO 9864]	157g/m²
Thickness [EN ISO 9863-1]	0.90mm
Tensile Strength md/cd [EN ISO 10319]	3kN/m
Elongation md/cd [EN ISO 10319]	>40%
Water Permeability [EN ISO 11058]	125 l/m²/sec
Shade Factor	95%
UV Resistance [UK climate]	50% strength loss after approx 5 to 6 years
Biodegradability (Half life MW; 20°C - 70% RH)	max 1000 days
Compostability [EN ISO 13432]	Fully certified
Fossil Energy Usage (PLA resin)	34 MJ/kg
CO_2 Emission (PLA resin)	0 kg CO_2/kg PLA
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Quote for community plot works

Jez 300 <gatesjez@gmail.com> 17 July 2025 at 16:28
To: Hurstpierpoint Allotment Association <hurstallotmentassociation@gmail.com>

Hi Helen,
I would charge £160 to strim down to ground, level it and peg out the mulch mat. Leave green waste on site. I don't think you want the mat in the poly tunnel?

I have my own tools and also I have tradesmen's insurance (including public liability).

Jez
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Quote for community plot work

Kate Kermack <mindfulgarden01@gmail.com> 29 July 2025 at 08:08
To: Hurstpierpoint Allotment Association <hurstallotmentassociation@gmail.com>

Dear Helen

It was lovely to meet you last week and thanks for showing me around the plot.

I've been thinking about the suppressant and it's hard to find tough membrane but it's definitely out there and I know that Wisley use it so might be worth dropping them a line?

In terms of an estimate and just to recap on what we discussed:

- strim the area as low as possible
- level off any bumps as best as possible
- completely cover the main area with weed suppressant and properly peg down
- cover the area with wood bark and make good

I would allocate x2 or 3 gardeners to this project and the cost would be between £275 - £350 as it's a laboursome job.

Happy to chat through the above but in the meantime do let me know if you have any questions or how I can help.

Look forward to hearing from you, either way.

Kind regards

Kate

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Query: Weed Suppression Fabric

Habitat Aid Support Desk <info@habitataid.co.uk> 6 August 2025 at 08:37
Reply-To: Habitat Aid Support Desk <info@habitataid.co.uk>
To: hurstallotmentassociation@gmail.com

Hi Helen
Apologies it has taken so long to get back to you.
I have attached a spec of a product that has been recommended.
Ecotex Fully Biodegradable Weed Control Fabric 1m x 100m roll (each)
The price would be £346.80 ex vat
Delivery would be £15.00 ex vat
Total excl VAT £361.80
Total Incl VAT £434.16
Let us know if you would be interested?

Kind regards
Allison

01749 812355 Ext 1

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BRITISH POND PLANTS
BRITISH WILDFLOWER SEEDS

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> On Thu, 31 Jul at 12:29 PM , Habitat Aid Support Desk <info@habitataid.co.uk> wrote:
> Hi Helen,
> Claire is on leave at the moment and as far as I can see we never heard back from our supplier.
> Will chase for you now and see if they have any suggestions.
> Will let you know.
>
> Kind regards
> Allison
>
> 01749 812355 Ext 1
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> HABITAT — AID —
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> BRITISH WILDFLOWER SEEDS

Our Ref: E3651 - Hurstpierpoint Allotment Association - 50m² Ecotex™ MulchMat, BN6

Hy-Tex (UK) Ltd <sales@hy-tex.co.uk> 17 July 2025 at 10:13
To: hurstallotmentassociation@gmail.com

Good morning Helen,

Our Ref: E3651

Thank you for your enquiry and we are pleased to confirm details as follows:

50m² Ecotex™ MulchMat fully biodegradable weed control fabric. Roll size: 1.00m x 50.00m. Supplied at £2.15/m² + VAT
1no Transport at £20.00 + VAT

Total: £127.50 + VAT = £153.00

Optional Pins/Pegs (We suggest 1no/m² for average soil conditions):
100no Eco-Peg fully biodegradable fixing peg. Brown, 150mm long, barbed peg with mushroom head. Supplied at £11.00 per 100 + VAT
1no Additional transport at £10.00 + VAT

Please note, the Ecotex material is easily cut with a good pair of scissors or a sharp knife. We are charged per item so by sending 1 roll (50m) instead of 2 rolls (25m) we are able to keep the transport costs down.

• Lead Time: In stock, with standard delivery within 3 to 5 working days from despatch (priority services available at an extra surcharge).
• Payment Terms: Pre-payment by BACS or debit/credit card or, subject to credit approval, payment strictly within agreed terms of account.
• Prices Valid: Currently 7 days (due to current volatile global market conditions) and are based on single load to Hurstpierpoint ,BN6. Hy-Tex Standard Trading Terms and Conditions apply.
• Quantities: Prices are based on quantities stated in this quotation. Should quantities vary, or small amounts called off against the original quotation, then prices are subject to review.
• Transport Costs: These are based on standard business to business delivery, any site restrictions or special requirements e.g. FORS may incur additional surcharges.
• Note: For quotations where alternative products or a revised quotation have been supplied, we will assume that approval has been obtained prior to your order being placed.

Trust the above is of assistance

For and on behalf of Hy-Tex (UK) Limited

Warren Smith | Sales Coordinator

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Root Barrier C3 Tree Root and Japanese Knotweed Barrier

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On 16/07/2025 11:18, ProcessWire wrote:

Quote List	|| Item: Ecotex MulchMat™ 157 | Quantity: 2 | Colour: | Grade: Ecotex MulchMat™ 157 | Size: 25m² roll (roll size 1.00 x 25.00m)
Full Name	Helen Codd
Delivery Location	Hurstpierpoint, West Sussex (BN6 9..)
Email Address	hurstallotmentassociation@gmail.com
Phone Number	07809226638
Company (If applicable)	Hurstpierpoint Allotment Association
Message	Hi, We are establishing a community plot through charitable funding. The identified plot has marestail and so needs some non-chemical control before building the proposed raised beds. We would be grateful of a quote for these materials please.

Sent by ProcessWire Form Builder • 2025/07/16 10:18am

2 attachments

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E_Ecotex MulchMat™.pdf
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Our Ref: E3651 - Hurstpierpoint Allotment Association - 50m² Ecotex™ MulchMat, BN6

Hurstpierpoint Allotment Association <hurstallotmentassociation@gmail.com> 7 August 2025 at 10:21
To: "Hy-Tex (UK) Ltd" <sales@hy-tex.co.uk>

Hi Ryan,

Thank you so much for your prompt response - I am in the process of requesting funding from our local parish council for this and will hopefully be able to come back to you soon.

Kind regard,
Helen

> On 7 Aug 2025, at 10:14, Hy-Tex (UK) Ltd <sales@hy-tex.co.uk> wrote:
>
> Morning Helen,
>
> Our Ref: E3651
>
> Yes sure, please see below:
>
> 50m² Root Barrier C3. Triple coated, twin reinforced, flexible, impermeable HDPE barrier membrane.
> Roll sizes 1.00 x 25.00m. Supplied at £4.35/m² + VAT
> 1no Transport at £20.00 + VAT
>
> Total: £237.50 + VAT = £285.00
>
> Same T&C's as quoted below.
>
> Kind regards,
>
> **Ryan Markham** | Sales Manager
>
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> E: sales@hy-tex.co.uk
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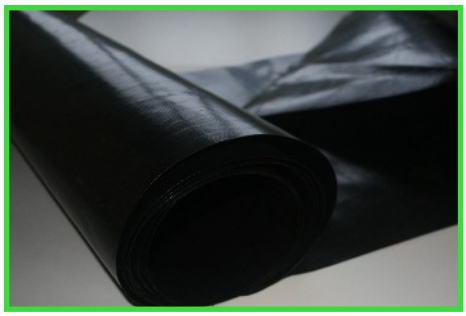

Root Barrier C3

A triple coated linear barrier designed to protect structures and services from root damage and control the spread of invasive plants.

Root Barrier C3 is a special triple coated, twin reinforced, polyethylene membrane - offering the strength and durability of a ground engineering fabric with the impenetrability of a geomembrane. The fabric is also highly resistant to natural acids, alkalis, bacteria and fungi

Root Barrier C3 is a tough, flexible and puncture resistant barrier which is highly resistant to root penetration and designed to protect structures and services from tree root damage, as well as controlling the spread of invasive plants (Such as Japanese Knotweed, Giant Hogweed, Mares Tail and Bamboo).

The membrane can also be used for tree pits, foundations and service channels.

Root Barrier C3 has a life expectancy of over 50 years which is an important recommended requirement by the Environment Agency - as Japanese Knotweed rhizome can remain dormant for at least 20 years.

Features/Benefits:

- High puncture resistance (4,500N [EN ISO 12236])
- Suitable for vertical & horizontal installation
- Extremely flexible
- Multiple roll sizes to cater to all needs
- CE marked
- 50 year life expectancy
- Effective barrier against Japanese Knotweed, Hogweed and other invasive weeds
- Triple coated and twin reinforced layers thermally bonded
- Tough and durable
- UV stablised
- Passed root test (DD CEN/TS 14416:2005)
- Highly resistant to natural acids, alkalis, bacteria and fungi
- Impermeable membrane

Root Barrier C3 (Solar Black)

CE

1137-CPR-0613/29

Application Categories: Landscaping and Weed Control, Tree Protection

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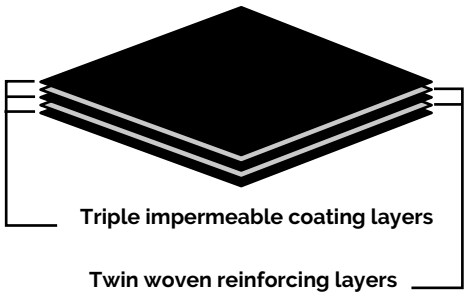
Root Barrier C3 Lapping Tape



Root Barrier C3 complies with...

- Mandatory CE Mark certification
- BS5837, 2014 clause 13.1 Trees in relation to Construction recommendations
- National Joint Utilities Group Guidelines for Utility Apparatus in Proximity to Trees
- Environment Agency Knotweed Code of Practice recommendations

Guidance

- Lapping tape also available
- We suggest 0.5m overlaps as standard practice

Feature	Hy-Tex Root Barrier C3 (Solar Black)
Material	Triple coated, twin reinforced, impermeable, polyethylene barrier membrane
Tensile Strength	md 34kN/m cd 31kN/m [EN ISO 10319]
Elongation	md 25% cd 20% [EN ISO 10319]
Hydrostatic Resistance	2,107 kPa [ASTM D751-19]
Puncture Resistance	4,500N [EN ISO 12236]
UV Stabilisation	400 kLy
Colour	Black
Weight	365g/m^2
Roll Size	1.00, 1.50, 2.00, 3.00 & 4.00m x 25.00m 1.00 & 2.00m x 50.00m + specials
Life Expectancy	**Buried:** predicted to be durable for over 50 years in natural soils with pH between 4 and 9 and soil temperatures lower than 25°C. **Permanently Exposed:** expected half strength life of approx 7 years in UK conditions.
HDPE backed bitumen "Root Barrier Lap Tape" in 300mm x 20m reels is also available	

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COMMUNITY ACCOUNT

01 July 2025 to 31 July 2025

Money In	£0.00	**Balance on 01 July 2025**	£2,733.67
Money Out	£4.25	**Balance on 31 July 2025**	£2,729.42

Your Transactions

Date	Description	Type	Money In (£)	Money Out (£)	Balance (£)
21 Jul 25	SERVICE CHARGES REF : 459361080	PAY		4.25	2,729.42

Transaction types

BGC	Bank Giro Credit	**BP**	Bill Payments	**CHG**	Charge	**CHQ**	Cheque
COR	Correction	**CPT**	Cashpoint	**DD**	Direct Debit	**DEB**	Debit Card
DEP	Deposit	**FEE**	Fixed Service	**FPI**	Faster Payment In	**FPO**	Faster Payment Out
MPI	Mobile Payment In	**MPO**	Mobile Payment Out	**PAY**	Payment	**SO**	Standing Order
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Your Account

Sort Code [redacted]
Account Number [redacted]

COMMUNITY ACCOUNT

01 June 2025 to 30 June 2025

Money In	£0.00	**Balance on 01 June 2025**	£3,087.92
Money Out	£354.25	**Balance on 30 June 2025**	£2,733.67

Your Transactions

Date	Description	Type	Money In (£)	Money Out (£)	Balance (£)
03 Jun 25	NSALG LTD 400000001575996162 SS2216	FPO		350.00	2,737.92
23 Jun 25	SERVICE CHARGES REF : 456894534	PAY		4.25	2,733.67

Transaction types

BGC	Bank Giro Credit	**BP**	Bill Payments	**CHG**	Charge	**CHQ**	Cheque
COR	Correction	**CPT**	Cashpoint	**DD**	Direct Debit	**DEB**	Debit Card
DEP	Deposit	**FEE**	Fixed Service	**FPI**	Faster Payment In	**FPO**	Faster Payment Out
MPI	Mobile Payment In	**MPO**	Mobile Payment Out	**PAY**	Payment	**SO**	Standing Order
TFR	Transfer						

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