

Mr Rotivator

Ashfield Allotment Society have gone back to their roots after Berrybridge Housing helped them secure funding for an important piece of kit used by previous members back in the 1960s.

The group were thrilled when their application to our Community Chest fund for a rotivator was successful as it meant that several plots that were beyond cultivation could be brought back into use.

A grant of £1,299 helped them buy the rotivator, which has been a great addition to their tool-store. Guidance from Berrybridge Housing also helped them secure a grant from the National Lottery Awards for All Fund to purchase a secure container and on-site office to hold meetings.



These fallow plots were beyond cultivation until Berrybridge Housing stepped in



Ashfield Allotment Society Honorary Secretary Daniel Barrington with the club's new rotivator



This secure container allows the society to store equipment with piece of mind

Honorary Secretary Daniel Barrington said: "The new rotivator will be a big help to our members, particularly the elderly and disabled, and will hopefully attract new members too. We'd like to thank Berrybridge Housing for the valuable help and support they've given us."



Ashfield Allotment Society is going back to its roots with its latest piece of kit as this photograph of a member from the 1960s shows

Funding for your scheme

If you are involved with a community or voluntary group in Dovecot or Deysbrook then your group could also benefit from a grant from our Community Chest.

The fund can provide grants between £500 and £2,000 to help local community or voluntary groups develop projects that benefit local residents. Groups need to be constituted in order to apply. No grants to individuals are awarded.

Types of projects or groups that can benefit, include those that benefit:

- lone parents
- young people (aged 16-25)
- equal opportunity
- the long-term unemployed
- the elderly and vulnerable
- social inclusion.

Not all projects will be eligible for funding. If this is the case, Berrybridge Housing staff can help groups to find out if there are other grants available. To request an application pack or further information, please phone Rhoda Wilkinson on Tel: 08453 30 40 74 (local rate) or on Tel: 0151 295 6513.

Please note the closing date for applications to be returned is Friday, February 16, 2007.

To help potential applicants, and answer any questions about the application process, we will be holding an advice session on how best to complete the application forms on Friday, January 26, 2007. To reserve your place call us on Tel: 08453 30 40 74 (local rate) or on Tel: 0151 295 6513.