**RATTRAY COMMUNITY GARDEN: GREEN LIVING BID**

**Background**

Rattray Community Garden is within a 19th Century walled garden very close to the area of highest deprivation in Rattray and had been left derelict for many years. The Development Trust bought the land and has brought it back to a useable space having removed substantial undergrowth, stabilised the boundary structures, installed new mains drainage, water supply and electricity, installed paths accessible to all, reskinned poly tunnels and installed a new greenhouse and raised planters, and compost areas. The Garden will be for the use of as many communities and individuals in Rattray as possible, to help alleviate some of the social and health issues in the local community. The Community Action Plan and the business plan identified a need for such a project with support from all local schools, mental health organisations, Men’s Shed, Blair in Bloom, etc.

Within the garden the project creates a welcoming and relaxing facility where local groups and individuals can meet, supporting their health and wellbeing, reducing social isolation, developing new gardening and food growing skills, and observing nature and wildlife.

It will help intergenerational activity, provide educational sessions, reduce food poverty by developing and maintaining the area, including raised beds to grow fruit and vegetables for those in need, and to increase biodiversity with careful management and planting. The garden has adopted a “no-dig” approach which will reduce costs, energy use and promote cultivation using organic principles.

**Requirements**

Part of this approach will be to recycle materials as much as possible, including collecting water from roofs. There is a requirement for 3 water butts and diverter kits to be installed on the main building and greenhouse:

3 x 210l water butts @ £44.99 (inc VAT) Screwfix total **£134.97**

3 x Rainwater Diverter Kits @ £9.99 (inc VAT) Screwfix total **£29.97**

To support cultivation there is a need for wheelbarrows, watering cans:

Garden WHEELBARROW 150kg Heavy Duty 85L Plastic Yard Barrow 2 Wheels Pneumatic (Black) Amazon **£43.99**

3 x 7 ltr watering can @ £6.99 (inc VAT) Screwfix **£20.97**

As part of the plan to engage with volunteers and wider community groups we need to be able to inform and promote our activities. In order to be able to communicate plans and events we need a blackboard and whiteboard:

Wonderwall Steel Magnetic Drywipe Whiteboard with Fixings and Pen Tray, (1200 x 900mm) Amazon **£43.80**

COSTWAY Chalkboard A-Board, Double Sided Replaceable Blackboard, with 4 Writing Board Frame Pavement Sign | Freestanding (41 x 45 x 80 cm) Amazon **£39.95**

We need to produce location signs for the garden to advertise its location and improve access – 3 signs at £95 = **£285**

Installation costs - **£250**

Running costs - **£1920 and £800**

**Total - £3,569**