

Healthy Gardening Group Sheffield

c/o Healthy Sheffield, Room 223, Town Hall, Pinstone Street. (Tel: 0114 2735868)

We are writing to you on behalf of Sheffield's *Healthy Gardening Group*, seeking support for a small grants scheme the group has run since 1996.

The ***Healthy Gardening Group*** was set up to facilitate a citywide forum and network of activities promoting the health benefits of horticulture. We aim to promote partnership and co-operation between local groups and a means of communicating with local authorities. The Group was constituted as a membership association in June 1999 and was relaunched as a wholly community-led organisation. A part-time student placement at Healthy Sheffield currently provides us with administrative support.

Gardening **R**esources **O**pportunities and **W**herewithal (***GROW***) has provided essential resources to small, formative groups, who have no experience of fundraising and few other options to access funds.

Applications are assessed by a panel of representatives drawn from members who attend our regular monthly meetings. There are two rounds of 6 -10 grants each year. One round of grants is distributed in March so that resources will be available for spring activities: another in September for winter work.

This system has proved itself to be an effective means of distributing funds to grassroots projects in Sheffield, supporting an unrepresented and under-resourced sector which has a great deal to offer to the wider community.

Up to last year, we relied on transfers from other Health budgets to fund the grants scheme. These are not available now. The group has raised funds from Joint Finance specifically to promote issues such as food poverty, horticultural therapy, allotments, organic food and community gardening.

This year, we are expecting more interest in all aspects of horticulture and anticipating an increase in applications. We have a reliable track record and are capable of distributing more grants.

SUPPORTING EVIDENCE

- **CONSTITUTION / ACCOUNTS**
- **WHY C.G. LEAFLET / NEWSLETTER**
- **LOCAL CONTACTS / MAILING LIST**
- **ARTICLE IN OPEN FORUM FOR ECONOMIC REGENERATION
NEWSLETTER NO. 2**
- **PUBLIC RECORD OF GROUPS SUPPORTED BY GROW GRANTS**
- **SPECIMEN REPORT ON HOW GRANT WAS SPENT**

WHO WE ARE

- * **Richard Clare**, Chair, runs Sheffield Organic Food Initiative, a charitable Trust for the promotion of organic growing for 1. education 2. health and well-being & 3. the alleviation of poverty of local people. Tel:0114 2686727
- * **Darrell Maryon** co-ordinates a community allotment linked to the local doctor's surgery at Heeley Health project and teaches Organic Horticulture on W.E.A. courses. Tel: 0468 932613
- * **Pam Robinson**, Treasurer, is the Local Food Links worker at Heeley City Farm. Tel: 0114 2580482
- * **Rose Tanner**, Secretary, is a community representative from North-East Sheffield Trust. Tel: 0114 2450200
- * **Peter Drummond** is studying public administration, seconded to Healthy Sheffield for one year (to July 2000). Provides administrative support to the Healthy Gardening Group.

LINKS WITH NATIONAL BODIES

Soil Association / Henry Doubleday Research Association / SUSTAIN / THRIVE / The Land Is Ours / Friends of the Earth / Greenpeace / Sharing Resources / Community Composting Network

Details of Bank Account: