

## Gardening for Disabled Trust

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The Gardening for Disabled Trust, which was formed 41 years ago, is an entirely voluntary organisation and relies on the energy and determination of the Committee and Trustees. Run from the Weald of Kent, the Trust gives grants to people all over the United Kingdom in order that **they may continue to garden, despite advancing illness, age or disability.**

The Trust's annual income is raised through donations, legacies or fund-raising events. Money is given to successful grant applicants and often transforms the recipient as well as the garden, replacing a source of frustration by a valuable therapy and sense of satisfaction.

### Those helped by the Trust include:

- Gardeners with chronic back or hip trouble
- A wide range of disabilities including visual, physical and mental
- People who need to re-organise gardens because of failing health
- Residents in long stay hospitals or nursing homes who share a garden

### How to apply for a grant

Before applying for a grant, it may be helpful to read some books, visit some gardens and study garden catalogues, to help decide what you really want.

There is no special form to fill in.

### Step 1

Applicants should be a member of the Trust's Garden Club.

Contact details below also you can download a membership from their website:

#### **The Secretary**

**PO Box 285**

**Tunbridge Wells**

**Kent, TN2 9JD**

**Email:** [info@gardeningfordisabledtrust.org.uk](mailto:info@gardeningfordisabledtrust.org.uk)

**Website:** [www.gardeningfordisabledtrust.org.uk](http://www.gardeningfordisabledtrust.org.uk)

### Step 2

Applicants should ask their GP, social worker or occupational therapist to provide a written note describing their disability.

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Kidderminster  
DY10 2DP

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### **Step 3**

Applicants should write a letter to the Trust giving details of the work they would like carried out. The letter should include an estimate of the cost of materials and tools.

If labour is required, then original copies of 2 competitive estimates should be enclosed.

To make the most of the grant, it would be best to seek voluntary labour. Information about voluntary help can be obtained from the Citizens Advice Bureau, local community groups such as DIAL or a volunteer bureau.

Remember to enclose the letter from the GP, social worker or occupational therapist! And a stamped addressed envelope would be much appreciated.

### **Checklist for letter (step 3)**

- Description of work needed
- Estimate of materials and tools
- If labour is necessary, 2 competitive quotes
- Letter from health professional
- Stamped addressed envelope

### **Step 4**

The Trust's committee meet once a month to consider applications. They contact applicants as soon as practical either by letter or a phone call to discuss details.

### **Step 5**

If approved a cheque will be sent by the Trust, normally made payable to the supplier.

### **Step 6**

If possible, take a photograph of the completed work and send it to the Trust together with a receipt for the work done. We love having photos for our album!

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