

### **Environmental Society Contingency Claim**

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This year Esoc needs to repair its shed, but does not have the funds available to do so. Thus, we are filing a contingency claim.

#### **The Problem**

The esoc shed roof has become rotten and water damaged. At this point, the felting has become worn through making the roof leaky in the rain. Eventually, if left alone, the shed roof will collapse – destroying the value of the shed and its contents.

The Club Chair and the Head Gardener have already done everything in their power to fix the roof, but these are temporary measures at best.

There is also a smashed window in the side of the shed, which makes it less secure. This also needs to be replaced.

#### **The Cost**

Because the club constitution requires us to use sustainable resources and ecologically friendly materials, we can't replace the shed roof with conventional felting, nor can we use standard waterproofing materials.

Our Head Gardener's estimate is:

#### **Window - £25**

Glass should cost about £20 and window putty should be about £5.

#### **Wood Treatment - £45.60**

2 x 5l Ronseal Eco Shed and Fence Preserver (plus delivery cost)  
2 x 22.80 = £45.60

#### **Roofing – £176.92**

Total sloped roof area 3.24m<sup>2</sup> (1.8 x 1.8)

When the crossover apex is taken into account, the roof is roughly 4m<sup>2</sup>.

We've opted for recycled plastic roof tiles (because they're cheap, durable and eco-friendly). It takes 30 tiles to tile 1m<sup>2</sup>. 30 tiles cost:

£31.50 + 15% Vat + £8 delivery = 44.23 per m<sup>2</sup>  
4 x £44.23 = £176.92

#### **Extra Stuff - £5**

We will also need nails, roofing timber and paintbrushes. While we will try to reclaim and borrow as much as possible but these things inevitably cost a fiver.

### **Totals**

Window: £25

Wood Preserver: £45.60

Rooftiles: £176.82

Nails: £5

**Grand Total: 252.52**

### Budgeting and Finance

The window was smashed in during the summer, so no one actually knows how it happened. We didn't see it coming either.

The roof was originally thought to just be leaky but when the Club Chair and the Head Gardener attempted to repair it, they discovered that it has rotted and was becoming structurally unsound. If left unbudgeted until next year the roof will collapse destroying the shed and its contents, which are worth significantly more than the cost of the roof repair.

For this year we have allocated our consumables budget (£50) to bird seed and charcoal (which will be spend before the end of term). We've spend most of our equipment (£10) purchase already. We are planning on spending our travel allocation (£40) on a trip to The Eden Project in conjunction with the Green Club at Silwood.

We are planning to spend our SGI on trips (the Eden Project and Silwood Visits), social events (barbecues in the garden), new plants, seed, entrance fee subsidies, protest and campaigning materials and Green Week. We appreciate that we will receive campaign funding from the RWB, but we would like to spend as much as possible to make sure green week stands out this year.

We appreciate that the shed is the responsibility of the club, and so we are happy to fund part of the repair costs. However, if we were to fund the bulk of the repairs, esoc would have to seriously cut down on the scope of our activities for the rest of the year.

**So would CSB please accept out contingency claim for £202.52**

### A note by the SCC Chair

The SCC only has £120 in its contingency pot, so could not fund this contingency claim if it chose to approve it.

However, the next CSB meeting is late in January, which is less than ideal a timescale for repairing the shed. So, although this should go through the SCC first, there is no scenario where this claim would not come to CSB, and it is fairly urgent, so I am asking CSB to consider it.