



## Joint Eastern Arun Area Committee Community Initiative Fund application



**CLC Reference:** 361/JEAAC

**Local Councillor:** Daniel Purchase

**Status:** Preparation Stage (**Please note this application is in its preparation stage and the project cost is subject to change.**)

**Project Cost:** £13,280.00 (as found under crowdfunding goal total)

**Project Title:** Brookside Memorial Garden Community Group

### About:

Create a Memorial Garden to remember 57 people buried in this forgotten graveyard in the middle of an industrial estate in Rustington.

I was asked to take on the challenge of transforming the graveyard into the promised Memorial Garden in 2015. The graveyard was purchased from the church in the late 80's by a local Developer, who developed the surrounding land. The land was cleared and abandoned. The land is now Crown land. We have just completed the historical stage of the project, uncovered the remaining headstone etc. spoken to 13 family units about their relatives and generally brought the history of the forgotten graveyard to life. We are at second phase of the project, the creation of the Memorial Garden. We have very limited funds and have up to now relied entirely on the generosity of the community and local businesses. We would love to commission 3 Benches and a Memorial Plaque - so that the community can remember those buried on the site for generations to come - never to be forgotten again. This is a rough plan of the site - well what we would love to see. The brown lines mark where the seats would go.

**Project Delivery Manager:** Brookside Memorial Garden Community Group

**What we'll deliver:**

- provide memorial benches
- provide memorial plaque and information board
- create suitable paves for people and wheel chair access

**Why it's a great idea:**

To fulfil a promise made to the community over 40 years ago. This project is for the community - a little green space in a concrete jungle. Mainly for those loved ones to go and remember the 57 people buried on the site to turn a broken promise into a reality.

**Steps to get it done:**

- provide a memorial wall to inset the grave surrounds and head stones to form a lasting memorial

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