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Staffordshire EnviroGrant

SRL have been successful in their application for funding from the **Staffordshire EnviroGrant Fund 2020.**

It was a £735 bid (the max.on offer was £750)

It will be used for some of the environmental and ecological items mentioned in some of the planning application responses.

- shrubs,
- semi mature trees,
- hedgerows
- bird
- bat boxes etc.

Details from the bid.

As part of the recently approved planning application to complete the Marina Basin, construct a roving bridge and then link the Staffs & Worcs Canal to the Basin, SRL committed to ensure environmental protection and enhancements are undertaken in the Basin area. To this end, SRL are looking to provide a number of bird and bat boxes, hedgerows, bee friendly shrubs and fruit trees in the vicinity of the Basin. These are recommended by Stafford Borough Council's Bio-Diversity Officer and in line with the Council's Bio-Diversity Strategy.

The natural habitat of the area, nesting birds, bats, insects and bees will benefit from the boxes, hedgerows, shrubs and trees. In addition, fruit trees are known to reduce carbon dioxide emissions and then expel oxygen into the atmosphere thereby benefiting everyone. It will also enhance the appearance of the project area for the benefit of ramblers/walkers from the local community.

4 x Schwegler 2F bat boxes £160

4 x Schwegler Bird Boxes £140

10 meters of hedgerows £110

2x mature fruit trees £150

7x bee friendly Broom Plant shrubs (Cystisus Scopius) £150

TOTAL.£735