

# Great Torrington School calls out for votes to bag a share of bag charge fund

Great Torrington School is bidding to bag a massive cash boost from the Tesco Bags of Help initiative.

Tesco teamed up with Groundwork to launch its community funding scheme, which sees grants of £4,000, £2,000 and £1,000 - all raised from the 5p bag levy - being awarded to local community projects.

Three groups in every Tesco region have been shortlisted to receive the cash award and shoppers are being invited to head along to Tesco stores to vote for who they think should take away the top grant.

Great Torrington School is one of the groups on the shortlist.

The garden will promote healthy living and environmental studies. It will enable our wheelchair users to have full access and participation of the garden with raised beds being accessible. It will allow our students to learn about sustainability, grow vegetables, plants and flowers and for students to enjoy the fresh air and the benefits of horticulture. The garden will create an avenue for agricultural skills to be developed and put into practice. Students attending GTS are from a wide range of diverse backgrounds and this will allow invaluable skills in garden/horticultural and agricultural industries to be learned and promote great well-being.

Voting is open in stores throughout May and June at East The Water and Westward Ho branches. Customers will cast their vote using a token given to them at the check-out in store each time they shop.

Tesco's Bags of Help project has already delivered over £28.5 million to more than 4,000 projects up and down the UK. Tesco customers get

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the chance to vote for three different groups every time they shop. Every other month, when votes are collected, three groups in each of Tesco's regions will be awarded funding.

Lindsey Crompton, Head of Community at Tesco, said:

“We are absolutely delighted to open the voting for May and June. There are some fantastic projects on the shortlists and we can't wait to see them come to life in hundreds of communities.”

Groundwork's National Chief Executive, Graham Duxbury, said:

“We've been thrilled to see the diversity of projects that have applied for funding, ranging from outdoor classrooms, sports facilities, community gardens, play areas and everything in between.

“We're looking forward to learning the results of the customer vote and then supporting each group to bring their project to life.”

Funding is available to community groups and charities looking to fund local projects that bring benefits to communities. Anyone can nominate a project and organisations can apply online. To find out more visit [www.tesco.com/bagsofhelp](http://www.tesco.com/bagsofhelp)

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#### NOTES TO EDITORS:

- The Bags of Help initiative is supported by money from the five pence charge levied on single-use carrier bags in Tesco stores.
- So far Bags of Help has awarded over £28.5 million to more than 4,000 community projects.
- For more information please visit: [www.tesco.com/bagsofhelp](http://www.tesco.com/bagsofhelp)

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