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Shepshed Town Council bags £4,000.00 from carrier bag charge fund

Shepshed Town Council is delighted to announce it has bagged £4,000.00 from a Tesco funding scheme.

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

Millions of shoppers voted in stores up and down the country. And it can now be revealed Shepshed Town Council has been awarded £4,000.00

Work will now begin on bringing the project to life.

CHILDREN'S PLAY AREA - GLENMORE PARK

Shepshed Town Council wishes to thank everyone who voted for this project and is looking forward to getting the work underway very soon.

Lindsey Crompton, Tesco's Head of Community, said:

"Bags of Help has been a fantastic success.

"We been overwhelmed by the response of our customers and it's been great to give people a say on how the money will be spent in their community. We can't wait to see the projects come to life."

Voting ran in stores from 1st December to 31st December with customers choosing which local project they would like to get the top award using a token given to them at the check-out in store.

For more information contact the Tesco Press Office on 01707 918 701

Tesco is a team of 480,000 colleagues, in 11 markets around the world. We are dedicated to serving shoppers a little better every day.

Since launching in 2015, Bags of Help has awarded more than £25 million across more than 3,000 local projects.

Tesco customers will get the chance to vote for three different groups each month. At the end of each month, when votes are collected, three groups in each of Tesco's regions will be awarded funding.

Groundwork's national chief executive, Graham Duxbury, said:

"It's just the beginning for Bags of Help and we're really excited about the future. The scheme will be permanently open for applications, and as grants can now be used for not just the development of, but also for the use of local outdoor spaces, we expect even more groups will now have the chance to benefit.

"It's projects like these that really help to capture the public's imagination by illustrating what can be achieved when communities are given the support and the encouragement they need to create better places where they live."

Funding is available to groups who are seeking to use and develop outdoor spaces in ways that will benefit their local community. Anyone can nominate a local project and local organisations can apply. To find out more visit www.tesco.com/bagsofhelp

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NOTES TO EDITORS:

- Organisations from around 185 Tesco regions up and down the UK will receive a share of the Bags of Help fund.
- The initiative is supported by money from the five pence charge levied on single-use carrier bags.

- So far Bags of Help has awarded over £25 million to more than 3,000 local community projects.
- For more information please visit:
<http://www.tesco.com/bagsofhelp>