community welcomes needs and values in any shape and form. The definition of a Pocket Park is:

"a piece of land of up to 0.4 hectares (although many are around 0.02 hectares, the size of a tennis court) which may already be under grass but which is unused, undeveloped or derelict".

They can be both natural and more formal in character (and perhaps ideally a blend of both) on the basis that they either will provide a green open space that also offers habitat opportunities and opportunities for people to connect with nature. They must be openly accessible for the companyities they will serve, and ideally offer open access for anyone wishing to use them.

Where can a Pocket Park be?

They can be anywhere where there is a local need that can benefit from a new or improved local green space

How much funding is available?

Then Secretary of State announced £1m funding for the Pocket Parks Plus scheme. Grants of up to £15,000 are available for new pocket parks and up to £25,000 for refurbishment of existing parks or parts of a park.

Why is MHCLG focusing on local needs?

The previous scheme focussed on deprived areas and communities with less access to quality green space. However local needs such as loneliness, health issues, integration and immigration are not just in deprived areas, so the scheme is now targeting areas that have dgr(w)-8png.0.5 (

to the green space sector exist that bring together communities interested in green spaces to share knowledge and good practice and help communities grow their skills. The National Federation of Parks and Gren Spaces (https://www.natfedparks.org.uk) is a key organisation to contact and they can put you in touch with groups in your local area.

There are also businesses that can support communities with developing and managing sites and growing the skills to do so. Supporters might also include local town teams, Business Improvement Districts or Traders' Associations looking to support their local high street through a new shared space for customers and communities to enjoy. Where resource is .TO g1gPsWppox8 (al)13(A)2.1 dur I

What would be suitable as match funding?