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Luddenden Foot Community Association calls out for votes to bag a share of a £12.5million carrier bag charge fund

Luddenden Foot Community Association is bidding to bag a massive cash boost from the Tesco Bags of Help initiative.

The supermarket has teamed up with Groundwork on its Bags of Help initiative, which see grants of £12,000, £10,000 and £8,000 – all raised from the 5p bag levy – being awarded to environmental and greenspace projects.

Three groups in each of Tesco's 416 regions have been shortlisted to receive the cash award.

And from **Monday, 31st October 2016 to Sunday, 13th November 2016** shoppers are being invited to head along to **Sowerby Bridge** Tesco store to vote.

Luddenden Foot Community Association is one of the groups on the shortlist.

'Lets all play together in safety' – is our project and it will enable us to purchase a defibrillator and box, new play equipment, fencing and planters for Holmes Park (which is situated on Station Road, Luddenden Foot). The park is used by all age ranges for a variety of activities and the defibrillator will ensure that everyone may use the park in the knowledge that there is life saving equipment available at all times.

Mrs Heather Hartwell, Luddenden Foot Community Association secretary said, "This is a brilliant opportunity to encourage more people to use the local park in Luddenden Foot. There is a great need to have life-saving equipment available as the park is used by footballers, walkers , cyclists etc.

We want to provide more activities for the community to get involved with here in Luddenden Foot and having taken over the management of the Civic Centre

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in 2013 this is another step in helping to bring together people of all age ranges.”

Voting is open in stores from 31st October – 13th November. Customers will cast their vote using a token given to them at the check-out in Sowerby Bridge store each time they shop.

This is the second round of the initiative: the first round saw approximately eight million shoppers vote in stores up and down the country earlier this year.

Lindsey Crompton, Head of Community at Tesco, said: “The first round of the Bags of Help initiative was a fantastic success.

“In total 1,170 community groups were awarded £8,000, £10,000 or £12,000 - that’s a massive £11.7 million being invested into local projects.

“We are already seeing some great results from groups transforming their own environmental and greenspace areas.

“We are absolutely delighted to open the voting for round two. 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: “Bags of Help is giving our communities both the funding and the support to create better, healthier and greener places for everyone to enjoy.

“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.

“They’re all fantastic projects that make a real difference in our neighbourhoods.

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