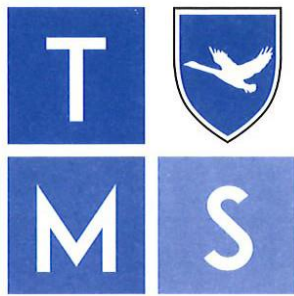


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Dear Sir/Madam

We are a local school serving East Malling and surrounding areas, our grounds lie in a fantastic location <https://what3words.com/comforted.shiver.mashing> and include a lake area.

The lake is a local beauty spot and was used by local residents during the recent lockdowns for recreation and exercise. The school uses it for biodiversity projects, local history and geographical study. Did you know that the Millpond Lake as it was previously known, is set in the former parkland of Clare House, a neo-classical villa built by John Larking in 1793, most of the parkland, including the lake now forms the grounds of The Malling School.

To carry on the good work so far we have created a crowd funding campaign to try and raise £16,587 to enable us to further develop the lake for the use of our local community, local schools and to support the work of the Lake restoration Project <https://www.mallingactionpartnership.co.uk/clare-lake-restoration-project>

The plans include installing information boards on biodiversity and habitat as well as the history of the area, bat and owl boxes, life buoy sets and maintenance items to help us to keep access open to all. We are already working with local community groups to maintain and develop the area benefitting from an agreement with the Medway Valley Countryside Partnership, details available at <https://www.visitkent.co.uk/malling-blue-plaques/clare-lake/>

As well as local donations, we have been successful in obtaining a pledge of **£7,691** from Kent County Council, Crowdfund Kent programme. This has brought our total raised to date to **£ 9,152** of the £16,587 that we are hoping to raise, over half-way there!

We are writing to you as a local business to ask if you would be prepared to make a pledge towards our project, either financially or in goods or services. We are planning to start work on the project as soon as the total is reached, your support would be gratefully received.

For any further information please contact me at sue.birchall@themallingschool.kent.sch.uk or 01732 840995 ext 260.

Thank you in anticipation

The Malling School Fundraising Team

