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## Latest Funding and Sector News....

### Practitioners' guide to Resilient Ecological Networks

NRW have published a [guide](#) providing practitioners with a three-step decision support framework for designing Resilient Ecological Networks based upon the principles of the sustainable management of natural resources (SMNR). The guide is suitable for: Local Authorities and other public sector bodies, environmental non-governmental organisations and community groups, businesses, land managers and consultancies involved with land-use enterprises and projects.

### Research published of Biodiversity Intactness Index estimates for the UK

New research from the Natural History Museum, in collaboration with the RSPB, puts the UK third from the bottom across all European countries and bottom of the list for G7 countries in terms of the amount of biodiversity retained.

The research utilised the Biodiversity Intactness Index (BII) the analysis estimates biodiversity loss across an area using a combination of land use, other human pressures and species abundance data to give a simple figure for biodiversity 'intactness' – how much nature is left from a pristine state.

A league table showing how much of the natural world is left around the world shows Wales at 16th from the bottom of the 240 countries assessed. In comparison, Scotland, Northern Ireland and England come in at 28th, 12th, 7th from the bottom respectively.

See a summary of the research [here](#) with links to the evidence base used to compile the BII rankings.

### Wales Nature Week! 29 May - 6 June

This year the focus of WNW was on asking people to **Explore**, **Discover** and **Share** their nature stories and experiences during [Wales Nature Week](#).

Each day we highlighted different habitats -woodlands, wetlands, meadows, peatlands, marine & coastal, and urban habitats and the myriad of species you can encounter. For each habitat, we encouraged people to share their posts and pictures each day and join the conversation. Our community of experts were on hand throughout Wales Nature Week to help people get the most out of the engagement experience.

You can view the Wales Nature Week schedule [here](#)-scroll down to 'Events schedule' and click to open the tab.

## What's New?

### Landfill Tax Communities Scheme

The sixth round of the Landfill Tax Communities Scheme is now open! The Landfill Tax Communities Scheme is a grant funding programme to help communities living within five miles of certain waste transfer stations or landfill sites take action for their local environment. The Landfill Disposals Tax (LDT) Communities Scheme is a Welsh Government funding programme managed by WCVA. The scheme supports local community and environmental projects in areas affected by the disposal of waste to landfill.

The fund will be open to any organisation for projects focusing on one or more of the following themes:

- **Biodiversity**
- **Waste minimisation and the diversion of waste from landfill**
- **Wider environmental enhancements**

A full guidance document and eligibility area checker are available on [the website](#). If you would like to discuss your project with a member of the grants team please email [ldtgrants@wcva.cymru](mailto:ldtgrants@wcva.cymru) or call [0300 111 0124](tel:03001110124). To be kept informed of funding opportunities available through WCVA you can sign up to our [mailing list](#).

The Landfill Tax Communities scheme is open to applications **2 June 2021** and closes **31 August 2021**. Funding is available for projects starting no earlier than 25 October and ending no later than 31 March 2023.

### Enabling Natural Resources and Well-being grants

ENRaW supports the development and delivery of projects that make clear links between improving the resilience of our natural resources and well-being. The well-being benefits span economic, social, environmental and cultural well-being. The grant supports projects that involve cross sector co-operation and collaboration in their delivery.

ENRaW provides a blend of revenue and capital costs associated with such projects.

Activity delivered under the grant has a clear focus on the following three themes of action:

- developing, regenerating and broadening access to sustainable green infrastructure
- improving the quality of the urban and rural built environment
- developing resilient ecological networks

The first funding window supported 36 projects the investment through the grant exceeding £14m. [Here](#) are brief summaries of these projects.

### UK Government Kickstart Scheme

The Department of Work and Pensions (DWP) has announced the launch of the £2 billion Kickstart scheme to create hundreds of thousands of high quality six-month work placements for young people across the UK. Employers can use the Kickstart scheme to create new six-month job placements for young people (aged 16-24) who are currently on Universal Credit or Jobseeker's Allowance, and at risk of long-term unemployment.

Through the scheme, you will be able to access a large pool of young people with potential, ready for an opportunity. DWP will initially prioritise young people aged between 16 and 24 who are ready for an opportunity and will be supported by their Jobcentre Plus

work coach to enrol in the scheme.

For each employment placement DWP will pay:

- 100% of the relevant National Minimum Wage for 25 hours a week
- The associated employer National Insurance contributions
- Employer minimum automatic enrolment contributions

Employers will also receive £1,500 per placement to recognise the investment they will make to develop the Kickstart employee, for example to cover training and other development costs.

### Sea-Changers Grant Programme

Sea-Changers gives one off grants to a range of UK-based, marine conservation charities and 'not for profit' organisations. The projects funded must take place in the UK and have one or more of the following objectives:

- To address the root causes of marine conservation threats and challenges in the UK.
- To prevent or reduce negative impacts on UK coastal and marine environments and / or species.
- To add to the body of knowledge about marine conservation threats and challenges in the UK.

**Sea-Changers Innovation Fund 2021** is a new fund to support innovative marine conservation approaches and solutions. In 2021, the Innovation Fund will take the form of a single award of £2,000. It is hoped that the fund can be expanded in future years. Applications are welcome from all types of organisations, both not-for-profits and companies, who have an idea or a project they believe is a genuinely new and untested solution to the UK's marine conservation challenges. The closing date for applications is **18th June 2021**.

### Transforming Towns Place Making Grant - Mid Wales

A capital grant scheme that covers a number of capital investment regeneration activities in town centres across towns in Mid Wales, i.e. the counties of Powys and Ceredigion. The scheme is funded by Welsh Government Transforming Towns Programme and promoted by the Growing Mid Wales Partnership.

Under the 2021-22 funding programme, an initial 12 towns have been identified in the region to guide investment. Project proposals can however come forward from any town within the region under the Place Making Grant. These will be considered alongside those from the following towns providing the applicant can demonstrate how the project aligns with the town's placemaking plan or wider investments in the town.

Initially the scheme will just run for 1 year commencing 1/4/21, with projects needing to complete by 1<sup>st</sup> March 2022. Find out more in the documents below.

[Transforming Towns Place Making Grant Fact Sheet](#)  
[Transforming Towns Place Making Application Form](#)

For further information please contact: [Regeneration@powys.gov.uk](mailto:Regeneration@powys.gov.uk) or call 01597 827657

## Crowdfunding & Online Fundraising

### AmazonSmile

AmazonSmile is a website operated by Amazon that lets customers enjoy the same selection of products as on amazon.co.uk. The difference is that when customers shop through the URL [smile.amazon.co.uk](https://smile.amazon.co.uk), Amazon will donate 0.5% of the net purchase price (excluding VAT, returns and shipping fees) of eligible purchases to the charitable organisations selected by customers.

### Crowdfunder

Crowdfunder is a community of over 400,000 people who are funding the change they want to see. Crowdfunder have been the funding platform for business ideas, charities, people in need, community groups, sports clubs, political movements and much more. Thousands of people have used Crowdfunder to raise the funds they need to make things happen. You can raise money through donations or by offering rewards, or with community shares. Funders grants are available for an extra boost of funding.

### Earth Ways

Earth Ways crowdfunding platform was created to help raise funds for projects which support three key ethical principles: Earth Care, People Care and Fair Share. Earth Care refers to activities which preserve the soil, keep the air and water clean, protect biodiversity, and conserve energy and natural resources. People Care is about health and well-being, nourishment with good food, lifelong learning, trust, respect, and meaningful work. Fair Share emphasises equitable distribution of resources, networking and cooperation, reduction of consumerism, and rethinking notions of growth, progress, and development. Any campaigns you wish to submit need to work towards helping at least one of the ethics and may not negatively influence any of the three.

### EveryClick

EveryClick is an award winning technology and fundraising company. Fees are retained by payment partner Technology Trust. EveryClick is a profit-making organisation that generates revenues from its Give as you Live shopping and price comparison website, which allows users to raise money when shopping on the web. It retains half the retailer's commission to develop the shopping platform and improve the user experience. Give as you Live aims to provide charities with new revenue streams, with no charges to charity or supporter, by using retailer commission.

### Givey

Givey is a for-profit organisation that charges fees to cover the cost of processing transactions and running its crowdfunding platform. Givey say: "We are the champions for small to medium-sized charities, we have an ethos of transparency and believe in using technology to help charities raise more money."

### GlobalGiving

GlobalGiving is the first and largest global crowdfunding community that connects non-profits, donors, and companies in more than 170 countries. It is a non-profit organisation and also offers training and support.

### GoFundMe

Launched in 2010, GoFundMe is the world's largest social fundraising platform, with over \$3 billion raised so far. With a community of more than 25 million donors, GoFundMe is

changing the way the world gives. Whether it is for a local charity, an international non-profit organisation or just a deserving person in your area, you can fundraise quickly and easily on GoFundMe. Use your GoFundMe campaign for end-of-year fundraising or special projects.

### **Just Giving**

Just Giving is a crowdfunding platform which makes good things happen! Just Giving's mission is to ensure no great cause goes unfunded. Since founding in 2001, Just Giving has helped 25,788 charities worldwide raise over \$4.2 billion for good causes. Funding can be raised for anything that has a positive impact on individuals, communities, and the environment

### **Localgiving**

Localgiving is a charity that helps grassroots organisations fundraise online, develop their digital skills, and connect with local people.

### **Localgiving's Wales Development Programme for charities and community groups**

UK wide, for over 10 years, Localgiving has helped over 7,000 charitable organisations to raise over £30 million online . In Wales, Localgiving is specifically supporting over 350 charities and community groups through a dedicated Wales programme. Are you interested in building sustainable income streams, developing your supporter base, and raising unrestricted funding for core costs? Online fundraising is easy and very cost effective. It refers to donations raised through the internet and Localgiving will give your organisation an online donation page, as well as free support to encourage donors and fundraisers. Localgiving is offering 25% off membership to organisations that are based in and benefit Wales. This brings the cost down to just £72 for a programme that includes:

- A year of Localgiving membership (usually £96) for local voluntary & community groups. This also gives all groups access to gift aid - an extra 25% - on all of their donations, whether they are registered charities or not.
- Opportunities for match funding, grants and prizes throughout the year – see [localgiving.org/about/campaigns](https://localgiving.org/about/campaigns) for more info on the different match funding campaigns.
- A package of training on online fundraising and 1:1 support from a dedicated, locally based Localgiving team member to help run online campaigns to raise money for specific needs

if you would like to sign up to Localgiving: use promo code WALES72 at the payment section: [join.localgiving.org/wales](https://join.localgiving.org/wales)

Please let Localgiving's Wales Development Manager, Lauren Swain, know if you have any questions or would like to discuss this further. She can be reached via [lauren@localgiving.org](mailto:lauren@localgiving.org) or 07808889672

### **PayPal Giving Fund**

PayPal Giving Fund gives charities of all sizes access to customer giving programmes, across PayPal, eBay and more. PayPal Giving Fund is a registered not-for-profit organisation that raises new funds for charities through technology. Participation in PayPal Giving Fund is free, and the site provides donation and donor reports, issues tax receipts, aggregates donations for monthly electronic distribution, and handles legal registration requirements.

### **TheBigGive**

The Big Give enables charities and projects of interest to be discovered and donated to easily. In addition to match funding campaigns, they also provide a number of other services to help charities, individuals and philanthropists to connect and raise more money online. The Big Give is supported by reed.co.uk which helps provide a cost-effective service for both charities aiming to raise funds, philanthropists wishing to leverage their giving and individuals wishing to donate money online.

### **Total Giving**

Total Giving is a free online fundraising platform for charities, with over 10,000+ UK charities registered. The money goes instantly and directly to your charity. There are no sign-up or on-going fees and the platform can accept donations in 137 different currencies.

### **Virgin Money Giving**

Virgin Money Giving allows charities, corporates, teams, and individuals to raise money online easily and efficiently to support a host of activities. Charities are currently able to join for free.

### **WeTheTrees**

WeTheTrees came about when a group of active permaculturalists realised that the environmental community could really use a unique way to raise money. WeTheTrees provides a way to present projects to family, friends and the greater community and offer them the opportunity to contribute.

### **Wonderful**

Wonderful is a non-profit organisation run by volunteers and funded entirely by corporate sponsorship from philanthropic businesses, which guarantees that charities, fundraisers, and sponsors pay nothing whatsoever to run crowdfunding campaigns.

## Charities, Trusts and Foundations

### ASDA Foundation

The Asda Foundation supports small, grass roots organisations in several ways throughout the year. Working with Asda's Community Champions in store, we are able to work with a range of organisations and groups on a variety of local community projects. Below are the different ways we support communities.

- [Bringing Communities Back Together](#)
- [Green Token Giving](#)
- [Match Funding](#)
- [Emergency](#)
- [Partnerships](#)

### Aviva Community Fund

We believe that the charities that make the biggest impact are those that are given the opportunity to innovate and test new ideas without fear of risk. That's why we're focusing on funding small charities with forward-thinking ideas. To this end, any projects submitted should be to develop a new approach, product or technology, pilot a new scheme, implement a new initiative, or expand existing services to a new area or beneficiary group.

Funding applications are open to projects looking to secure up to £50,000. Applications are now open for the next round of the Aviva Community Fund until **6th July 2021**.

### Bernard Sunley Charitable Foundation

The [Bernard Sunley Foundation](#) is a family grant foundation which supports registered charities in England and Wales. Each year it awards just over £3.5 million to capital projects that deliver a real community focus or provide facilities to support those in need. There are four different grant categories - community, education, health, and social welfare. The Foundation offers three levels of grants. These are large grants of £20,000 and above and medium grants of up to £20,000 for projects costing over £100,000 and small grants of £5,000 and under for projects costing £100,000 and under. Small grants form the majority of the pledges. Once completed, projects are expected to be self-financing. Applications should be made online via the website – [www.bernardsunley.org](http://www.bernardsunley.org).

### Biodiversity Solutions Grants

Biodiversity Solutions is a Social Enterprise body with a stated remit to use any surplus funding for projects which enhance knowledge of wildlife issues in West Wales or contribute towards conservation work in the area. Applications are assessed on a regular basis. It is suggested that preliminary applications should be made setting out ideas before making a detailed submission. There is no application form but application guideline have been provided [here](#). To discuss your project idea contact [mail@biodiversitysolutions.org.uk](mailto:mail@biodiversitysolutions.org.uk).

### Bluestone Foundation Community Fund

The Bluestone Foundation Community Fund was established in 2017 in partnership with the Pembrokeshire Association of Voluntary Services (PAVS) to offer financial assistance with the costs of community projects, initiatives, and volunteering throughout Pembrokeshire.

The Bluestone Foundation Community Fund offers funding to -



- Economic projects that will foster entrepreneurialism and enhance prospects for employment and development
- Projects which raise environmental awareness through education and a volunteer programme
- Social projects which address the effects of deprivation and poverty, with particular emphasis on youth

Organisations demonstrating that they are prepared to help themselves will be prioritised. Groups can apply for grants from £500 up to £2,500. To request a copy of the application pack or discuss a potential application then do get in touch with someone from the Third Sector Support Team at PAVS on (01437) 769 422 or email [development@pavs.org.uk](mailto:development@pavs.org.uk).

### **Bodfach Trust**

The Bodfach Trust is a family trust based in Montgomeryshire, Mid-Wales. The trust makes grants to charities in Mid-Wales and the Welsh borders and is also often actively involved in their work.

Recipient charities will be required to make an application to the Trustees of the Trust via Simon Baynes, Bodfach Hall, Llanfyllin, Powys, SY22 5HS, Wales, tel: 07880 786573 or [trust@bodfach.com](mailto:trust@bodfach.com). Applicants will need to provide details of their charity's objects, its financial position (supported by accounts), the sector of the community which it benefits, the amount sought, and the proposed activities or related facilities it intends to provide.

In general grants are less than £500 and the trustees are particularly keen to support smaller organisations. Please ensure applications reach the trustees by **30 September 2021**.

### **British Airways Carbon Fund**

The British Airways Carbon Fund supports community renewable energy and energy efficiency projects throughout the UK. It is a voluntary scheme for British Airways' customers who wish to travel responsibly and mitigate the impact of their journey. Pure Leapfrog manages donated funds on behalf of British Airways and both organisations work collaboratively to identify suitable community-based projects that not only reduce carbon emissions but also provide strong social impacts to communities. All projects must have a community element to them, and funding has to go towards the installation of renewable energy or energy efficiency measures rather than development costs. Eligible projects need to demonstrate a positive social impact in the local community, such as increasing education, health and well-being and reducing fuel poverty.

There is no funding round currently available – it is advised to check the [Pure Leapfrog](#) website for any changes.

### **British Ecological Society - Outreach Grants**

Grants are available to organisations to support projects that promote ecological science to a wide audience. This fund is managed by the British Ecological Society (BES). Ecology is defined by the BES as the scientific study of the distribution, abundance and dynamics of organisms, their interactions with other organisms and their physical environment. The maximum award is £2,000. It is essential that applications promote and engage the public with the science of ecology. All objectives must be aimed at a non-academic audience and all projects must provide a clear demonstration of direct interaction with the public. Find out more [here](#). **The next round of funding opens in mid-July 2021, closing in mid-September 2021.**

### **Burbo Bank Extension Community Fund**

Grants are available to a range of not-for-profit organisations for new or existing community and environmental projects that benefit local residents in Denbighshire, Flintshire, the Wirral and Sefton. The Burbo Bank Extension Community Fund has been set up by Ørsted, the firm behind the offshore wind farm in Liverpool Bay. The fund will provide up to £225,000 each year for 25 years (2015-2040); small grants £500-£5,000 and main grants £5,001-£20,000. Temporary changes have been made to the criteria due to Covid-19 and match funding is not required for the current round (22.09.2021 deadline). The funding can support community building improvements, environmental projects such as the enhancement of parks and open spaces, and wildlife projects including improvements to marine and coastal habitats. The next deadline for applications is **22 September 2021**. Further information and an interactive map showing the area of benefit is available on the GrantScape [website](#) or email: [bbecf@grantscape.org.uk](mailto:bbecf@grantscape.org.uk).

### **The Calor Rural Community Fund**

The Calor Rural Community Fund launched in 2017 with the ambition to support projects in rural communities, turning big ideas into reality. The fund offers three levels of funding depending on the size of projects. We'll be dishing out 11 x £5,000 grants, 6 x £2,500 grants and 5 x £1,000 grants to the winning rural projects. Even if you're not a winner, every finalist will receive £500.

The Calor Rural Community Fund is now closed, public supporting starts at 9am on Wednesday 9th June. If you'd like to receive a notification when applications open then please [register your details](#).

### **Cardiff YMCA (1910) Trust**

The Foundation will consider applications for grants from voluntary organisations, charitable organisations, and individuals up to the value of £5,000. The trustees consider that the core area to be served by the Trust is the South Wales region. The 1910 Trust is an 'Outcome-focused' funder. In consequence those organisations funded by the Trust must demonstrate how the grant has made a difference to the people they support. Grants will normally be made for capital expenditure.

All grant applications will need to meet one or more of the following outcomes:

1. Improving the quality of life for young people, groups or communities.
2. Promoting inclusivity in communities.
3. Ensuring vulnerable young people and adults are supported or helped gain access to support.
4. Promoting the mental, physical and emotional well-being of vulnerable individuals or groups.
5. Providing safe supporting accommodation for those who are homeless

Funding application forms and eligibility for submission can be found on the Cardiff YMCA (1910) Trust [new Website](#).

### **Ceredigion - Community Grant Scheme**

Financial assistance is available to voluntary and community groups in Ceredigion to support projects that will benefit the local community. Capital grants of up to 50% of the project cost with a maximum grant of £25,000 and revenue grants of up to 25% of the project cost subject to a maximum of £10,000 are available to community groups,

community councils or bona fide voluntary sports and play associations that aim to improve and increase the range of facilities, activities and opportunities within Ceredigion (Subject to funds available). For further information and application deadlines please visit <http://www.ceredigion.gov.uk/business/funding-grants/community-grants/> or contact [financegrants@ceredigion.gov.uk](mailto:financegrants@ceredigion.gov.uk)

### **Chapman Charitable Trust**

Grants are available for recognised charities in North Wales for new work in any of three areas: accessibility of the arts, physical and mental wellbeing, and our natural environment. The Trust has around £250,000 to give in grants each year and grants are usually between £1,000 - £2,000. The trustees meet twice a year, in March and September. The next deadline is August 30th 2021. For further information and an online application form, see the Trust website <https://www.chapmancharitabletrust.org.uk/>.

### **The Chestnut Fund**

The Chestnut Fund is an independent charity. It makes grants available to encourage and enable community groups to carry out conservation activities. The grants are administered by TCV. The grants fall into two categories – ‘Start-up’ grants and ‘Support’ grants.

#### **Start-up grants**

These are for groups who have no money when they are first set up and are available to groups in their first year of existence. The grant will enable them to begin practical work and will cover administrative expenses, e.g. postage, publicity, hire of meeting rooms, telephone bills and/or the first year of The Conservation Volunteers Community Network Membership plus Insurance fees. The maximum grant will be £150.

#### **Support grants**

These are for groups who have no money for tools, equipment and training. Preference will be given to resources selected from The Conservation Volunteers sources. This grant is available to all groups, regardless of how long they have been constituted. Groups within their first year can apply for both the start-up grant and the support grant. The maximum grant will be £350.

[The Chestnut Fund application form](#) includes the application criteria.

For more information contact the Community Network Administrator on 01302 388 885 or [local-groups@tcv.org.uk](mailto:local-groups@tcv.org.uk).

The Chestnut Fund committee meets every 6 weeks to discuss new applications.

### **CLA Charitable Trust**

The CLA Charitable Trust supports charitable organisations that access the benefits of the Countryside to pursue the health and wellbeing of people and to provide opportunities for education about the Countryside. Priority groups are children and young people, disadvantaged financially, physically, mentally, or from areas of deprivation.

Objects of the Trust include:

- Advancing people’s physical and mental health and wellbeing, through financial support of charities, not for profit organisations and social enterprises which are delivering access, recreational and educational opportunities within and about the countryside.
- To promote and encourage education in sustainable farming, food production and rural land management.

The average grant size is £4,000 with a focus on smaller projects where the grant makes a real contribution to the success of the project. Applications can be for running costs, project works and capital works. Evidence of need should be demonstrated. Grants for individuals, retrospective funding and non-educational holidays are not generally considered.

For further information email: [charitabletrust@cla.org.uk](mailto:charitabletrust@cla.org.uk) or visit the [website](#) for more information and to download an application form.

### **Coalfields Regeneration Trust**

The Coalfields Regeneration Trust has been actively working in Wales since 1999, investing more than £16 million in community regeneration. Development officers work with the community to tackle the issues that most affect the prosperity, resilience, and opportunities available. The Trust is particularly focused on asset retention and development. The Trust has established strong relationships with Government, local authorities, and a range of third sector organisations, networks, and support services. The Coalfields Community Grants Programme in Wales can award grants from £500 up to £7,000 for projects that can be completed within 12 months and can identify positive measurable outcomes for people. Projects will need to meet one or more of 6 themes to be eligible for support from the scheme. Competition for funding in Wales is high.

### **Communities Investment Fund – loan finance via Social Investment Cymru, WCVA**

Communities Investment Fund (CIF) is a long running fund that has supported dozens of social businesses in Wales to grow through the provision of millions of pounds of social investment loan finance. Previously an EU funded project, CIF is now in its third iteration and continues to make loans via the funds repaid from the investments made as part of the initial EU funded CIF project. So if you're a social business based in Wales and you want to expand, grow your income generating capabilities or purchase an asset then a CIF loan might be able to help you. Our aim is to lend where others will not; as such, our appetite for risk and pricing reflects that approach.

CIF loans are available from £50,000 to £250,000 with a guide interest rate of around 7%. If you're interested in WCVA's social investment options, contact Matt, Alun or Rhys for a preliminary discussion on 0300 111 0124 or email [sic@wcva.cymru](mailto:sic@wcva.cymru).

### **Community Programmes supported by the Players of the People's Postcode Trust**

Community Programmes supported by the Players of People's Postcode Lottery  
The aim of Postcode Community Trust is to support smaller charities and good causes in Wales to make a difference to their community for the benefit of people and planet. Full details can be found on the trust website where you will also find the Funding Guide.

Organisations are asked to confirm which trust to apply to for funding using the Postcode Trust Finder - <https://www.postcodelottery.info/charities/local-funding-opportunities/>.

### **Community Gardens Award**

National Garden Scheme Community Gardens Award provides funding to amateur gardeners from community groups in England and Wales to create a garden or similar project with horticultural focus for the benefit of their local community. All applications are considered on their individual merits by a panel made up of the supervisor, a trustee and a vice-president. No fixed amount is set but awards do not usually exceed £5,000. If you have any queries, please contact the award scheme's supervisor, Doug Copeland: [doug.copeland@ngs.org.uk](mailto:doug.copeland@ngs.org.uk), T: 01799 550553.

**Due to the pressures of the Covid pandemic the organisation will not be seeking any new applications until at least September 2021.**

### Co-op Local Community Fund

If you're a group that needs funding for a particular project, apply to become a Co-op cause. Grants will support projects that:

- enable people to access food and co-operate together to feed everyone
- help improve people's mental wellbeing
- offer young people opportunities to develop new skills and make a difference in their community

Funding can be used to pay staff salaries or running costs for your project, but not your group.

### **Deadline for applications – 13 June 2021**

### D'Oyly Carte Charitable Trust

The D'Oyly Carte Charitable Trust funds Registered Charities operating in the UK in the fields of the advancement of the arts, health and medical welfare and environmental protection or improvement. The majority of grants are single grants over a one-year period of £500 - £6,000. All grant applications should be made online via

[www.doilycartecharitabletrust.org](http://www.doilycartecharitabletrust.org) where the Trust's full Application Guidelines can be downloaded. The Trustees usually consider applications in March, July, and November. If you need a version of the application form in a more accessible format, please email [info@doilycartecharitabletrust.org](mailto:info@doilycartecharitabletrust.org).

### DS Smith Charitable Foundation

The DS Smith Charitable Foundation supports charities engaged in conservation of the environment and providing training or educational opportunities. The charity aims to make a combination of small donations (£1,000 or less) and larger donations each year. Projects relating to biodiversity and circular economy education are favoured. Opportunities to develop multi-year partnerships with key selected charities are particularly welcome. For more information visit their [website](#) or contact: [charitablefoundation@dssmith.com](mailto:charitablefoundation@dssmith.com)

### The Dulverton Trust

The Trust awards grants to UK charities registered in Scotland, England, and Wales. Single year grants range from £25,000 to £35,000 with preference given to medium sized charities, meaning charities with an annual income between £200,000 and £3m. The Trust's current categories are:

- Youth Opportunities
- General Welfare
- Conservation
- Heritage
- Preservation
- Kenya and Uganda (please note this category is restricted to charities with which the Trust has an existing relationship)
- Peace and Humanitarian Support (please note this category is **closed**)

Youth Opportunities is the largest category and aims to support charities that help socio-economically disadvantaged children and young people develop life skills that enable them to thrive. General Welfare supports charities that work to strengthen family relationships,

work with offenders, support older people's independence, support the welfare of carers, and promote community cohesion. The Conservation category funds charities working to support the health and resilience of the UK's wildlife habitat, and Preservation supports heritage craft training, particularly where it may benefit a disadvantaged group. Trustees meet three times a year to consider grant proposals in February, June, and October. There are no deadlines or closing dates and applications are accepted throughout the year, although the Trust recommends submitting applications 2-3 months in advance of the meeting date.

### **Ernest Cook Trust**

Each year, the Trust donates around £2million of funds generated through income from our estates and investments. As leaders in the 'learning from the land' sector, we are committed to promoting land-based learning to the widest audience. The potential for growth feeds our desire to forge new connections and collaborations with those who share our vision of a more environmentally engaged society. Various grant schemes are available, we welcome your interest and participation in current and upcoming projects, marking a new era in the life of the Trust's important work.

- **Green Influencers Scheme** – launched summer 2020, applications currently closed due to full capacity. For further information contact [greeninfluencers@ernestcooktrust.org.uk](mailto:greeninfluencers@ernestcooktrust.org.uk).
- **The OWL Collaboration** - launched autumn 2020, applications currently closed due to full capacity. For further information contact [owlcollaboration@ernestcooktrust.org.uk](mailto:owlcollaboration@ernestcooktrust.org.uk).
- **Everything Outdoors** - Programmes for children and young people in schools and the community, for better educational, professional and life outcomes. This includes various opportunities to get young people outdoors, for more information contact [learning@ernestcooktrust.org.uk](mailto:learning@ernestcooktrust.org.uk).
- **The Learning Estate** – launching soon, for more information contact [learningestate@ernestcooktrust.org.uk](mailto:learningestate@ernestcooktrust.org.uk).

### **Esmée Fairbairn Foundation - Our Natural World**

Esmée Fairbairn Foundation aims to improve our natural world, secure a fairer future and strengthen the bonds of communities in the UK. We make unrestricted, core and project grants for charitable work in the UK. 66% of our active grants are for core costs, or are unrestricted. Most of our grants are for three years (54%) or longer than three years (32%).

To help us improve our natural world, the organisation is open to applications for work that will help us achieve their goals: preserved and improved species health and habitats; sustainable and ethical food; clean and healthy freshwater. For further details please visit [the website](#).

Esmée Fairbairn Foundation also provides social investment support, making their first investment in 1997. Since then, we have formalised and grown our social investing. We have made over 150 social investments through our £45m social investment fund, the returns of which are recycled. We support organisations seeking to create impact, which align to our impact goals, as well as backing new ideas and infrastructure that would benefit the social investment market. We operate an 'impact-first' approach and seek to catalyse impactful organisations with our finance. We start with the social need and tailor our investment: adapting and selecting financial instruments that are most appropriate. We aim to work at a portfolio level: constructing a portfolio to further our [impact goals](#).

For further information contact [info@esmefairbairn.org.uk](mailto:info@esmefairbairn.org.uk).

### **The February Foundation**

The February Foundation makes grants to a range of charities and charitable activities in accordance with its grant making policy. The Foundation supports project or core or capital costs. The application process is simple, and the Foundation prefers applications to be submitted by email, in order to reduce postage costs for applicants, to be environmentally responsible, and to maintain the Foundation's responsiveness. A list of application exclusions are available on [the website](#). There are no application forms, details of request requirements are available on the February Foundation's website. Applications should be emailed to [Richard Pierce-Saunderson](mailto:Richard.Pierce-Saunderson@the-february-foundation.org) at [rps@the-february-foundation.org](mailto:rps@the-february-foundation.org).

It normally takes a maximum 12 weeks from application to applicants being informed of the trustees' decision. There are no application deadlines as trustees normally make grant decisions on a monthly basis.

The median award is £5,000 and we are happy to part-fund projects. We support capital as well as core costs. Re-applications can be for the continuation of previously-funded projects.

### **Field Studies Council – Kids Fund**

FSC's Kids Fund, Bursary Fund and Young Environmentalist's Fund are currently closed and will be reopening in a new simpler system in 2021. The disruption to education from the Covid-19 pandemic has once again highlighted the needs of our most disadvantaged learners. Because we expect increased demand for our subsidy schemes, we are taking the opportunity to review and revamp them. For further information contact [enquiries@field-studies-council.org](mailto:enquiries@field-studies-council.org).

### **Finnis Scott Foundation**

The Finnis Scott Foundation makes grants for horticultural and art history projects. The Trustees can make grants for any charitable purpose, but their present policy is to focus grant-making in the areas of horticulture and plant sciences, as well as art history and the enhancement, conservation, and preservation of art.

In general, the Trustees only consider applications for grants up to £10,000, larger grants may be considered at the Trustees' discretion. Preference is given to smaller charities where a grant would have a significant impact. The Foundation funds both capital and revenue projects. Grants are not given for expenditure which has already been made.

You can download an application form and send this with your accompanying documents to the grant administrator at: [administrator@finnis-scott-foundation.org.uk](mailto:administrator@finnis-scott-foundation.org.uk). Additional documents may be required, and all applicants should check [the website](#) before making a request.

### **Ford Britain Trust**

Ford Britain Trust is committed to supporting local UK communities. Grant applications will be considered for projects in all UK postcodes however locations near Ford Motor Company Limited / FCE Bank plc UK operations are given a higher weighting. The Trust pays special attention to projects focusing on education, environment, disabled people, and youth activities. There are two grants available:

- Small grants: up to £250,

- Large grants: from £251 to £3,000

Applications for large grants will be open from 1st September 2020 to 31st January 2021 (for review by the Board of Trustees in March 2021). Applications for small grants will close 28 February 2021 for review in April 2021.

### The Fore Trust

From Spring 2021, The Fore is returning to its standard offer of grants of up to £30,000, which can be spread over up to 3 years. We make unrestricted grants which have the potential to have a transformational impact on an organisation. Transformational impact includes helping an organisations become more sustainable, more efficient, to grow significantly or enabling an organisation to take a major step forward of some kind. We see our grants as investments in the organisations we support.

The Fore is particularly looking to fund small organisations working with marginalised groups and led by people in the community that may have found it hard to access trust and foundation funding in the past. We want to be different. Our funding process is specifically designed to level the playing field and give no advantage to those with fundraising experience or connections.

Any registered charity, CIC, CIO or Community Benefit Society with turnover of under £500,000 in the last financial year is eligible to apply.

### Foyle Foundation

The Foundation is an independent grant-making trust that awards grants to UK charities across three schemes; since 2001 it has distributed £115.1M. The Foundation supports charities in three main areas: Main Grants Scheme ([Arts](#) and [Learning](#)), [The Foyle School Library Scheme](#) and [Small Grants Scheme](#) (for charities with a turnover of less than £150,000 per annum). Further information on each of these grants schemes can be found on the Foundation's website, [www.foylefoundation.org.uk](http://www.foylefoundation.org.uk). There are no deadlines for submission and applications can be received at all times, but it may take up to four months to obtain a decision from Trustees. Competition for funding is intense.

### Frank Parkinson Agricultural Trust

The principal objective of the Trust is to support the improvement and welfare of British Agriculture for the public benefit. The Trustees have developed a progressive strategy, informed by strategic research and reports addressing global issues. This strategy is centred on enhancing the productivity of British Agriculture to meet the challenges of a growing world population and increased competition for resources. This must be achieved in partnership with the wider population and local communities. The Trustees are keen to encourage applications for financial support with projects and programmes that identify and spread best business and technological practice for the benefit of British Agriculture. However, grants will only be made where clear benefits are quantified, together with details of how these will be communicated and applied to the industry as a whole. The key element is 'leadership' - as the Trustees wish to see robust outcomes translated into widespread practical action. For more information call 07739183250.

### Freshfield Foundation

The Freshfield Foundation provides grants to voluntary and community organisations in the UK undertaking projects in the areas of sustainable development, climate change mitigation and overseas disaster relief. Funding is at the discretion of the Trustees. Contact the Freshfield Foundation for further information: [paul.k@bwm.co.uk](mailto:paul.k@bwm.co.uk)



### Fund for Wales

The Fund for Wales sits at the heart of the Community Foundation in Wales, which awards funds to community groups and charities each year on behalf of its donors and Fund holders.

This Fund is open to: constituted community-based charities and organisations (eg associations, social enterprises and clubs)

- whose beneficiaries are all in Wales
- with an income of less than £100,000 in the latest reported financial year
- which are volunteer-driven and have no more than one full-time equivalent member of staff throughout the year

Grants of up to £2,000 are available for small, volunteer-driven community groups whose projects aim to deliver one of the five following outcomes:

- Improving people's chances in life
- Building stronger communities
- Improving rural and urban environments
- Encouraging healthier and more active people and communities
- Preserving heritage and culture

Applications for this grant are closed as Community Foundation Wales Transition to a new grants system. Sign up to the [Grants Newsletter](#) to keep up to date with any development and be the first to hear about the re-launch.

### The Gannett Foundation - Newsquest Grants

The Gannett Foundation supports registered charities with projects which take a creative approach to important fundamental issues such as neighbourhood improvements, care for of the elderly, environmental conservation, and educational or cultural enrichment.

Newsquest grants are made once a year when the trustees meet in November. Promotions start in Newsquest regional newspapers from July onwards. Applications must be made locally by downloading an application form from the newspaper website. - <http://www.newsquest.co.uk/our-titles/>

### Garfield Weston Foundation

Established over 60 years ago in 1958, the Garfield Weston Foundation is a family-founded, grant-making charity which supports causes across the UK and gave over £88million last year. It has donated well over £1billion to charities since it was established. The Foundation is keen to see an increase in applications from Welsh charities. It accepts applications from organisations doing work in the following areas: Youth; Community; Welfare; Environment; Education; Arts; Faith; Health; Museums and Heritage. The Foundation accepts applications for activities (which include core & project costs) and capital costs. The Foundation accepts applications for up to 10% of the total budget. There are 2 programmes; Regular grants (under £100k); and Major grants (£100k+). To apply it involves a simple one stage application process, for which you can find all the information on how to apply and what should be included in the application on the Foundation's website [www.garfieldweston.org](http://www.garfieldweston.org). To be successful in your application, it is strongly advisable to read all of the guidance on the website before applying.

### Gordon Fraser Charitable Trust

Gordon Fraser Charitable Trust supports charitable organisations registered with OSCR or the Charities Commission. Awards are made quarterly with submission deadlines at the end of March, June, September, and December for consideration in the following month. Grants of between £500-£2,500 are available. Applications should be made online at [www.gfct.org.uk](http://www.gfct.org.uk). Due to pressure on funding Trustees currently give some preference to projects in or for Scotland.

### Gwynt y Mor fund

A fund of £19 million is available from Gwynt y Môr Offshore Wind Farm for communities in coastal areas of Conwy, Denbighshire and Flintshire. The fund is open for small applications up to £10,000. It will be able to fund both capital and revenue projects that focus on the three themes of the fund:

- Building strong, cohesive and sustainable communities
- Developing prosperous, enterprising communities with strong economic growth
- Reducing poverty and inequality in communities

For more information visit [www.cvsc.org](http://www.cvsc.org)

### Hatcher Animal Welfare Charitable Trust

The trust supports animal welfare and related charities. Please contact organisation for details via 02392821251 or Bramsdon & Childs, 141 Elm Grove, Southsea, PO5 1HR.

### The Harry Bacon Foundation

The Harry Bacon Foundation grant is given to specified charities that support health / medical research such as cancer research, as well as animal welfare projects. Applications should be made in writing to 1st Floor, Tower Wharf, Cheese Lane, Bristol BS2 0JJ. For further information contact [charitabletrusts@ludlowtrust.com](mailto:charitabletrusts@ludlowtrust.com).

### The HDH Wills 1965 Charitable Trust

**The Martin Wills Wildlife Maintenance Trust grant** is available for the conservation of wildlife and environmental charities. The focus of our support is the conservation and maintenance for the benefit of the public of the natural environment and its indigenous woodland flora and fauna with particular reference to the conservation and maintenance of the character and amenity of rural areas. Grants are typically between in the £1,000 to £2,000 range, though sometimes up to £5,000. For further information and eligibility please check [the website](#).

**The general fund** is open to general charities, which are small enough in size or are applying for support for a modest project such that the charity will benefit substantially from a donation of between £250 and £500. We also make grants to charities, which focus on the conservation of wildlife and the environment which are typically between £1,000 to £2,000. It is important that the charity will be small enough in size or be applying for support for a modest project, such that the grant will have a meaningful impact.

Grants are made on a periodic basis and there is no deadline for applications. The grants committee makes Grant decisions monthly.

**Large grants** are made by the trust on a fixed 7 year cycle. Large Grants are made for wildlife and environmental causes typically between £5,000 to £50,000. The next time applications for Large Grants for wildlife and the environment will be accepted are from

January 2023 through to December 2024. Please note that we will not be looking at any applications for Large Grants until January 2023.

### Henry Smith Charity

The Henry Smith Charity is an independent grant making trust. The Charity has two programmes under their Main Grants Strategy – Improving Lives and Strengthening Communities. Improving Lives focuses on organisations achieving specific results under clearly identified priority areas while Strengthening Communities looks at supporting small organisations doing community-based work in the most deprived areas of the UK. For more information visit their [website](#) or contact 020 7264 4970.

### Idea Fund

“*I’ve got an idea*” is a micro fund for individuals or small groups and organisations who have a novel technical idea which they want to try out. The grant seeks to fund ideas which:

- are based on a novel technical idea.
- would deliver a social or environmental benefit.
- are intriguing, inventive and have an element of fun.

The fund offers grants ranging from £250 to £5k. The fund is currently closed to applications and will be re-open **July 2022**. You can read about the 3 award winners of the Spring 2021 round [here](#). Contact [alison@prospectory.co.uk](mailto:alison@prospectory.co.uk) for more information.

### Jean Sainsbury Animal Welfare Trust

Grants are available for animal welfare charities registered with the Charity Commission which benefit and protect animals. Grants are normally in the range of £1,000 to £10,000. The Trust favours applications from smaller animal welfare charities. The deadlines for application each year are **3 January, 1 May, and 1 September**. For more information and an application form visit [www.jeansainsburyanimalwelfare.org.uk](http://www.jeansainsburyanimalwelfare.org.uk)

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### John Ellerman Foundation

The Foundation aims to advance the wellbeing of people, society, and the natural world by focusing on the arts, environment, and social action. Environmental funding is concentrated under two main headings:

1. **Protecting the seas** – safeguarding and restoring the marine environment, through more and better managed protected areas; engaging coastal communities; reducing overfishing and tackling other harmful effects of human activity on the sea, such as pollution.
2. **Creating richer, more sustainable places on land** – building healthier ecosystems in urban or rural settings, through better management of these areas; experimenting with or linking together habitats; large-scale interventions that help restore places of special significance. We will also support work to reduce or

prevent damaging effects of human activity, such as noise and air pollution or pesticides.

The focus is in the UK and UK waters, but the Trust will also support work in the UK Overseas Territories. Projects of national significance from UK-registered charities with an income between £100,000 and £10m are prioritised. The minimum grant available is £10,000; there is no specific maximum however grants in excess of £100,000 are rare.

### [John Spedan Lewis Foundation](#)

The John Spedan Lewis Foundation (JSLF) provides finance for charitable purposes reflecting the interests of John Spedan Lewis - notably entomology, ornithology, horticulture and associated environmental and conservation projects. JSLF Trustees meet bi-annually to consider funding appeals from registered UK charities. The JSLF accepts appeals from charities for which natural history topics are explicitly stated among their charitable purposes, including wildlife conservation, entomology, ornithology, and horticulture. Projects wishing to apply for funding should email the foundation for more information - [jslf@johnlewis.co.uk](mailto:jslf@johnlewis.co.uk)

**We are reviewing our grant giving for 2021 and do not have any open funding calls at this time.**

### [Joseph Rowntree Charitable Trust - Sustainable Future Programme](#)

JRCT is deeply concerned about climate change and its effects, and believes that our care for future generations morally compels us to play a part in tackling it. Addressing climate change will require long-term political, economic, and social changes. Trustees are aware that there is much work to be done in this field and JRCT's funds are limited. Please read the new funding priorities before making an application which are available on [the website](#).

At this time of crisis, JRCT is also keen to support work that responds to the dual harms of the Covid-19 pandemic and systemic racism. We have amended our funding policy to reflect this.

Deadline for registering an account **13 August 2021**, deadline for applications **31 August 2021**.

### [The Lennox Hannay Charitable Trust](#)

The Lennox Hannay Charitable Trust makes grants to registered charities in England and Wales. Grants are typically between £1,000 and £3,000. The Trust supports a wide range of charitable causes. In the past, these have included medical research, the welfare of young and old people, the arts, animal welfare, and for overseas benefit. There are no deadlines, and trustees meet twice each year to review applications. For more information and how to apply please contact: [charities@rftrustee.com](mailto:charities@rftrustee.com) or call 020 3696 6715.

### [The Lindley Foundation](#)

The foundation supports activities which include the relief of poverty, arts and culture, conservation and heritage, sports, animals and environment, and community development. For more information contact: [couttscharities@coutts.com](mailto:couttscharities@coutts.com)

### [Lloyds Bank Foundation for England and Wales](#)

Lloyds Bank Foundation for England and Wales partners with small and local charities who help people overcome complex social issues. Through funding core costs, developmental

support and influencing policy and practice, charities are helped to make life-changing impact.

The Foundation supports charities with an annual income of £25,000 to £1 million with a proven track record of helping people on a journey of positive change through in-depth, holistic and person-centred support. They offer unrestricted funding, including around core costs, and tailored development support to help charities be more effective.

To find out more and apply for funding, please visit the website:

<https://www.lloydsbankfoundation.org.uk/we-fund>

### Local School Nature Grants

The grants are available free to schools as part of Learning through Landscapes Local School Nature Grants Programme, supported by players of People's Postcode Lottery. The grant fund has two elements – a fully funded outdoor learning training for your staff and £500 of equipment for outdoor learning.

If successful you will be able to mix and match items from a product catalogue of hundreds of items, up to the value of £500. The packages offer a wide mix of products to appeal to a broad range of ages, are customisable, enabling Infant, Primary and Secondary schools.

2021 Deadlines:

Round 1	Friday 30th April 2021
Round 2	Friday 25th June 2021
Round 3	Friday 3rd September 2021
Round 4	Friday 12th November 2021

### The Lord Barnby Foundation

The Foundation offers grants of £1,000 to £5,000 to charitable organisations for general charitable purposes, the advancement of health or saving of lives, disability, the prevention or relief of poverty, and the protection of the environment. Grants are between £1,000 – £5,000, but no maximum amount is specified. Applications should be made in writing and include a brief description of the organisation and project plus a copy of the organisation's most recent accounts. Applications are assessed as a continuous rolling programme. The Trustees meet in February, June, and November. For more information and how to apply please contact: [lordbarnbyfoundation@gmail.com](mailto:lordbarnbyfoundation@gmail.com)

### Lush Charity Pot

Lush Charity Pot is funded by the fresh, handmade cosmetics manufacturer, Lush. 100% of the purchase price of this hand and body lotion (less tax) goes towards supporting humanitarian, environmental and animal rights causes in the UK and around the world. The majority of funding is allocated to small, grassroots groups that are often best placed to make a real difference with limited resources and often struggle to find funding. Support ranges from a few hundred pounds to a maximum of £10,000 per application. The average grant is £2,000-4,000. More information is available [here](#).

### Marsh Christian Trust

The Trust focuses on providing funding which could help small organisations pay for various running costs, such as volunteer expenses, training days, equipment maintenance and other core outgoings. Our funding strategy is to provide long-term core funding for such costs, as we understand that many of the organisations we support depend on unrestricted income in order to meet their operating needs. Grants are unrestricted and

range from £300-£2,000. Successful new applicants can expect to receive a grant at the lower end of this scale.

The trust funds activity under the themes of:

- Arts and heritage
- Education and training
- Environmental causes and animal welfare
- Healthcare
- Social welfare

The Trust aims to build long-standing relationships with successful applicants and, subject to an annual review, continue its support over time.

### **Matthew Good Foundation - Grants for Good**

Every three months, we'll share £10,000 between 5 shortlisted projects that have a positive impact on communities, people or the environment. To stay true to our ethos of donating funds to causes close to the hearts of our members, every three months, five shortlisted projects will be voted for by John Good Group employees. These five charities will all receive a share of £10,000 – the more votes a cause receives, the bigger the donation.

Charities and projects are welcome to apply all year round, and your application will be considered in the next funding round. Funding will be awarded every three months, in April, July, October and January, with an application deadline of the 15th of the month before. Eg. for the April round, applications will close on the 15th March.

Your application must be on behalf of a local community group, charity, voluntary group or social enterprise that has a positive impact on communities, people or the environment and has an average income of less than £50,000 in the last 12 months.

### **Millennium Stadium Charitable Trust**

The Trust has four themes; Sport, the Arts, Community and the Environment. Under the Environment theme, the Trust encourages applications relating to recycling, developing green spaces, the development and promotion of green practices and the promotion of public transport schemes. Projects that improve the quality of Wales' environment, protect, and create a vibrant countryside, and develop and promote sustainable land use planning will be a priority for support. The Trust aims to fund programmes that protect and enhance Wales' natural heritage and promote its sustainable use and enjoyment in a way which contributes to local economic prosperity and social inclusion.

### **The Nineveh Charitable Trust**

The Nineveh Charitable Trust supports a broad range of UK-based projects and activities of benefit to the General Public, with an emphasis on promoting better understanding of the environment and countryside, whilst facilitating improved access, education and research. The trust prefers to award grants to UK registered charities and community interest companies, but individual applicants may be considered if the outcome benefits are clearly defined. Charitable funding proposals should address the Objectives of the Nineveh Charitable Trust (see the website's [Home](#) and [Trust's Aims](#) pages).

### **The Oakdale Trust**

The Oakdale Trust is a small family run foundation in Wales which distributes grants to a total value of £300,000 per annum. Grants range from £250 up to £2,000 with an average

of approximately £1,000. Its areas of interest include Welsh based social and community projects and environment conservation projects based in Wales. Applications can be submitted using the on-line form (preferred) or by post. Trustees do not accept emailed applications. The trustees meet twice a year in April and October to consider applications and to award grants.

**The next meeting of trustees to consider grant applications will be held in October 2021. The deadline for applications will be announced in due course.**

### **Pembrokeshire – South Hook LNG Community Fund**

The South Hook LNG Community Fund was established in 2015 in partnership with Pembrokeshire Association of Voluntary Services (PAVS) to offer financial assistance with the costs of community projects, initiatives, and volunteering throughout Pembrokeshire.

The South Hook LNG Community Fund aims to support projects and initiatives which:

- Support communities in Pembrokeshire.
- Support safety, environment, education, and wellbeing.
- Have long-term sustainable benefit for the community.
- Encourage community volunteering.
- Encourage staff participation in the development of local communities

There are two levels of funding available; tier one is up to a maximum of £500 and tier two is up to a maximum of £5,000. Panel deadline dates for 2021 are:

Friday 16th July – 5pm

Friday 15th October – 5pm

### **Pen Y Cymoedd Wind Farm Community Fund**

The £1.8 million a year Pen y Cymoedd Wind Farm Community Fund has been established for the benefit of host communities in the upper reaches of the Neath, Afan, Rhondda and Cynon valleys. Investment priorities - set out in the Prospectus on our website - have been defined by residents and communities themselves. There are two Community Fund streams – both will run until 2043:

- The MICRO FUND offers one-off grants from £300 – up to £5,000 to support important aspects of community life and to support enterprise development. There are 2 application rounds each year, one closes in February and one in August.
- The VISION FUND offers larger grants for activities that help to deliver one or more of the priorities set out in the Prospectus. We are looking for proposals that have the potential to make a real and long-term difference to the lives of people and communities.

Applicants must talk to us before putting pen to paper – phone us on 07458 300 117 / 07458 300 123 or drop us a line at [enquiries@penycymoeddcic.cymru](mailto:enquiries@penycymoeddcic.cymru)

### **People's Trust for Endangered Species**

People's Trust for Endangered Species offers a variety of grants for research and conservation work here in the UK and around the world.

The PTES Conservation Insight Grants is open to projects all around the world. It awards grants to scientific researchers and conservationists for work that is aimed at the preservation of endangered species around the world. See the [Worldwide Grant](#) criteria for guidelines and eligibility. If you are working in the UK on a non-mammal species, then you

may be eligible for Conservation Insight Grants. Please note that we do not fund work on bird species or general habitat management. Conservation Insight Grants are for projects focusing on endangered species for up to two years. We award funds between £3,000 and £10,000 per annum up to a maximum total of £20,000.

If you are working on a UK mammals project please see the [UK Mammals](#). Applications are welcomed from voluntary conservation organisations, scientific researchers and consortia for financial support for work that relates to the conservation of mammals in the United Kingdom. Acceptable fields of work for funding include scientific research, practical habitat management work, reintroduction and monitoring programmes and educational projects. Individual awards are likely to be between £10,000 and £20,000. The average amount granted per project has been about £15,000.

[PTES Wildlife Conservation Internship Programme](#) is open to British graduates looking to work in conservation. The unique internship program is designed to nurture the next generation of conservationists by providing grants to enable them to work on a specific project.

**PTES is not currently accepting new mammal research and conservation grants. Please check [our website](#) again in a few months for further updates.**

### [Persimmon Community Champions](#)

Persimmon Homes offer grants for community groups up to the value of £1,000. The fund was launched in March 2015 and has since given away over £3 million to local groups and charities across the UK, including dozens in Wales. Groups apply for funding on the online application form, giving details of funds already raised and how much you would like to be awarded from the community champions scheme. The Persimmon Community Champions scheme is open for applications on a rolling basis.

### [The Plunkett Foundation](#)

The Plunkett Foundation helps rural communities UK-wide to tackle the issues they face, through promoting the benefits of the community business model and providing free business support. Community businesses are enterprises that are owned and run democratically by members of the community and others, on behalf of the community. They come in many forms, including shops, pubs, woodlands, and anything which lends itself to community ownership. In addition to developing and safeguarding valuable assets and services, community businesses address a range of issues including isolation, loneliness, wellbeing, work, and training.

### [The Pollination Project](#)

The Purpose of a Pollination Project Seed Grant is to support passionate, committed people with an early-stage social change vision. We fund individuals and community groups, and you do not need to be a registered or established organization to apply. For more information please contact [grantees@thepollinationproject.org](mailto:grantees@thepollinationproject.org).

Grants can not fund an organisation or group with any paid staff or be used for ongoing operating expenses for an established group. The daily grant making began on January 1, 2013 and since then, has funded a different project every single day. All qualified applicants in any funding area are considered within the guidelines of this program.

### [Port of Milford Haven Community Fund](#)

Port of Milford Haven Community fund offers financial support to charities, voluntary organisations, community organisations and social enterprises that are working within Pembrokeshire. Through this fund, the Port is particularly keen to sponsor projects and events that support its aims of maintaining safety on the waterway; protecting the



environment and creating opportunities for future generations, as well as projects and events that support the Port's objectives and values. Community Fund applications can be submitted via an [online application form](#). The deadline is the 25<sup>th</sup> of each month.

### **The Revere Charitable Trust**

Grants to a hospice, a disabled children's trust, asthma and cancer research, other medical organisations nationally and internationally, environmental & cultural projects, animal welfare and youth groups. Please check with trust for your eligibility via [TEIFION@TEVANS.PLUS.COM](mailto:TEIFION@TEVANS.PLUS.COM) or call 01380859198.

### **Rhododendron Trust**

The Rhododendron Trust is a small family Charitable Trust which makes grants of between £500 and £1500 to Charities registered in the UK which support social welfare and humanitarian aid projects both in the developing world and the UK (but see [Grants Policy](#) for details). It also supports some cultural and wildlife projects. It generally prioritises smaller Charities over larger ones.

### **Rockwool Donations, Pencoed**

Charitable and not for profit groups are invited to apply for donations from Rockwool. Priority is given to groups located within 8 miles to the Rockwool factory – Pencoed, South Wales. Rockwool would like to ensure that all funded projects deliver real community benefits, with particular attention to – Environment, Housing, Health and Well-being. For further details email: [community@rockwool.com](mailto:community@rockwool.com)

### **Sea-Changers Grant Programme**

Sea-Changers gives one off grants to a range of UK-based, marine conservation charities and 'not for profit' organisations. The projects funded must take place in the UK and have one or more of the following objectives:

- To address the root causes of marine conservation threats and challenges in the UK.
- To prevent or reduce negative impacts on UK coastal and marine environments and / or species.
- To add to the body of knowledge about marine conservation threats and challenges in the UK.

**The Main Grants Programme** is for applications up to £1200 with two grant rounds per year. Deadlines for applications are 31 March and 30 September. For grant applications up to £1200. More info on who can apply and eligibility is [here](#). Information on how to apply is [here](#).

**Sea-Changers Innovation Fund 2021** is a new fund to support innovative marine conservation approaches and solutions. In 2021, the Innovation Fund will take the form of a single award of £2,000. It is hoped that the fund can be expanded in future years. Sea-Changers will be seeking additional sponsors and donors to enable this. We welcome applications from all types of organisations, both not-for-profits and companies, who have an idea or a project they believe is a genuinely new and untested solution to the UK's marine conservation challenges. The closing date for applications is **18th June 2021**.

**Sea-Changers Coastal Fountain Fund 2021** aims to reduce the impact of single-use plastic water bottles on coastal habitats by funding communities to purchase water drinking fountains and install them for use by the public in busy or environmentally

important areas. Grants of up to £2,000 are available, per applicant, towards the cost of a fountain.

### **The Sheepdrove Trust**

Supports initiatives which increase sustainability, biodiversity and organic farming, for example research into organic seed production and nutrition. Please contact [helen.cravenjones@sheepdrove.com](mailto:helen.cravenjones@sheepdrove.com) or call 01488674726.

### **The SMB Trust**

The Trust aims to benefit those in need, spiritually, physically, or mentally by distributing income throughout the world. The Trust offers funding to UK registered charities for activities that support the Christian Faith, social care, famine and emergency aid, the environment, education, and medical research. Funding is usually an amount of between £1,000 and £2,000. Applications can be made at any time and must be submitted in writing. More information about the funding can be sought by contacting: [smbcharitabletrust@googlemail.com](mailto:smbcharitabletrust@googlemail.com)

### **Tap Water Awards**

Tap Water Awards is a grants programme that aims to help schools provide access to mains drinking water on campus while reducing the use of plastic bottled waters. Grants are available for between £300 and £3,000. The grant is open to universities, schools and colleges. The Tap Water Awards programme aims to help schools significantly reduce our reliance on single-use plastics and the amount of plastic waste the UK generates. This is achieved by supporting schools install mains fed drinking water machines and using reusable bottles. We encourage reducing educational establishments dependency on expensive plastic bottled water shipped thousands of miles. Further guidance is available at <http://www.tapwater.org/grants>

### **Tesco Bags of Help Grant**

Tesco Community Grants is always open for applications from charities and community organisations to bid for up to £1,500. Three projects in 575 local communities are voted on by customers in Tesco stores throughout the UK, with projects changing every three months. Before applying, we recommend that all applicants read the Guidance Notes, and FAQs for more detail about the [grants and project eligibility](#).

### **Track 2000 Community Resources Services Grant Legacy Fund**

If you are a registered small-medium size Charity, community voluntary group or small social enterprise based in South Wales, with an income of £500,000 or less, we can fund your project/organisation with up to £35,000 for revenue and capital needs.

There are three key areas for redistributing these funds:

- Environmental Improvements to both inner town/cities and semi-rural areas.
- Training/Education, especially for disadvantaged youth/adults, individuals with special needs or who are disabled for careers opportunities and overcoming barriers to mainstream opportunities.
- Strengthening Disadvantaged Communities, this will specifically be aimed at improving quality of life for individuals, families and assisting community regeneration, for improving quality of life for all who suffer hardship or poverty in deprived areas.

The fund is now closed, please check [the website](#) for further updates.

### The Tudor Trust

The Tudor Trust is an independent grant-making trust which supports voluntary and community groups working in any part of the UK. The Trust wants to help smaller, community-led groups which are supporting people at the margins of society. The Trust doesn't have any specific funding programmes, preferring to allow the groups that they support to lead the agenda. The Trust has chosen to focus its grants on groups with an annual income of less than £1 million, so the Trust will not consider unsolicited applications from organisations with an income above that amount; though it may continue a funding relationship with an organisation which has grown larger than this over the life of a grant. There is a two-stage application process with a rolling deadline.

### Vale of Glamorgan – The Strong Community Grants

The Strong Communities Grant Fund will offer grants to Community Groups, the Voluntary Sector, and Town and Community Councils towards the cost of initiatives within the Vale of Glamorgan which help to support the Council's vision of "strong communities with a bright future".

The Strong Communities Grant Fund totals £837,533 over five years until March 2025. There is no minimum grant and the maximum grant is £25,000.

Due to limited resources, all applicants should be able to demonstrate how a grant will contribute towards one or more of the corporate priorities of the Council:

- Lifelong Learning: Promotion of the culture of lifelong learning for all
- Community Leadership: Promotion of a sense of community pride and active citizenship.
- Economic Regeneration: Promotion of a diversified and sustainable economy
- The Environment: Promotion of the use of sustainable practices
- Community Well Being: Promotion of a safe and healthy community in which to live

The Fund is opening to applications in late May 2021 and will remain open for 9 weeks.

For further information see the Councils [webpage](#) or contact [scgfapplications@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk](mailto:scgfapplications@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk)

### Veolia Environmental Trust Grants (UK)

There are currently two grant schemes available: **Community Grants** and **Nature Conservation Grants Schemes**. The Community Grant Scheme is available to constituted not-for-profit organisations and local authorities. Grants of between £10,200 and £75,000 are available to create or improve buildings or outside spaces for the benefit of the community. Please download the [funding criteria document](#) for further details.

The **Nature Conservation Grants Schemes** is available to Environmental Bodies that are enrolled with ENTRUST. Grants of over £75,000 are available to enable landscape scale improvement projects such as habitat creation/management, and/or species protection. Please download [Habitat and Biodiversity Grant Funding Criteria](#) (grants between £10,000 and £75,000) and [Environmental Improvement Grant Funding Criteria](#) (grants over £75,000) before making an application.

### **The Virgin Money Foundation - Heart of the Community Fund**

Every 3 months the Virgin Money Lounges in Glasgow, Sheffield, Edinburgh, Norwich, Manchester, Cardiff and London to give three local community organisations the chance to receive £2,000 – with awards of £1,000 and £500 for 2 runners-up. Funds can be used to buy materials and equipment, make improvements to a community building or sports facility or clean up an area of wasteland. The money could also pay for staff to run an activity. The awards will go to the community organisations with the most votes from Virgin Money customers and Virgin Money Lounge members.

### **Waterloo Foundation**

This independent grant-making Foundation is most interested in projects that help globally, particularly in the areas of the disparity of opportunities and wealth and the unsustainable use of the world's natural resources. It prioritises funding for UK-based charities, many of whom work in close partnership with smaller local NGOs based in the countries in which they operate.

The Environment fund has two main themes:

- Marine – support for projects working to halt declining fish stocks.
- Tropical Rainforests – support for projects protecting tropical rainforest, principally through avoided deforestation.

In 2021 there are 2 deadlines for the Marine Fund and 1 for the Tropical Rainforest fund. There are specific requirements for each theme which should be checked on the Waterloo Foundation website before an application is submitted.

### **The Whirlwind Charitable Trust**

We seek to build long term relationships with charities and other organisations that can deliver against our agenda in an efficient, cost-effective manner with a strong emphasis on “making a difference” in the lives of individuals.

Applications which involve maritime or outdoor pursuits and a high percentage of volunteer involvement will be favoured.

The Whirlwind Charitable Trust also seeks to support research and conservation initiatives for the maritime environment and will occasionally support highly deserving cases from a wider remit.

### **The Wilfred & Constance Cave Foundation**

Grant for charitable organisations in the UK working in the fields of health, welfare, conservation and animal welfare. Grants range from between £500 and £4,000. Applications should be made in writing to The Wilfred & Constance Cave Foundation, New Lodge Farm, Drift Road, Winkfield, Windsor, Berks, SL4 4QQ. Contact [tcf@eamo.co.uk](mailto:tcf@eamo.co.uk) for further information.

Trustees meet in May and October each year to consider applications and applications should be received one month before the meeting.

### **The Woodroffe Benton Foundation**

The Woodroffe Benton Foundation is an independent grant making foundation. Small grants of £250 – £2,500 are available under four categories, one of which is Environmental / Conservation / Preservation / Protection / Improvement - in particular where this would encourage the provision of access by members of the general public. Registered charities

and educational institutions are eligible to apply. Applications are only considered at the Trustees meetings in January, May and September.

**As of May 2021 the trustees have decided to temporarily suspend the small grant budget while the grant making strategy is reviewed.**

# Central and Welsh Government Funding and European Funding

## Active Inclusion

Active Inclusion is supported by the European Social Fund (ESF) and run by WCVA on behalf of WEFO. The funds aim to tackle poverty and social exclusion in Wales by providing grant funding for projects of all sizes up to £1,500,000 (including match funding) that assist economically inactive and long term unemployed people, and young people who are not in employment, education or training, in gaining employment, workplace skills and qualifications through paid supported work placements and practical activities.

These activities, or the nature of the supported employment if that option is chosen, are not prescribed and it is up to the grant recipients to determine what would best suit their participants, including projects or employment with an environmental focus. Organisations can apply online through WCVA's application portal, [MAP](#), to become an approved beneficiary of the Active Inclusion fund: once successful they will then be invited to apply for grant rounds and will also be informed of funding opportunities available to organisations in Wales.

Even though the UK has left the EU, for Active Inclusion it is very much 'business as usual'.

The most recent round of funding was invited this month: if you are already an approved beneficiary, you can apply now. It includes a specific allocation of funding for projects that support the 'National Nature Service for Wales' initiative.

The funds now offer new, more flexible grant rounds, improvements to match funding requirements and one-to-one support available at every stage from initial enquiry to project closure. If you're not sure whether this is for you, contact the Active Inclusion team at [activeinclusion@wcva.org.uk](mailto:activeinclusion@wcva.org.uk) or ring WCVA on 0300 111 0124 and we will put you in touch with someone who can help.

## Circular Economy Capital Fund

The £6.5m Circular Economy Fund is open to local authorities and other publicly funded bodies will help accelerate Wales' shift towards a circular economy driving further increases in recycling and decarbonisation. It also directly supports post-covid response and recovery improving resilience in Wales. Activities eligible for funding are those helping to deliver actions within the Circular Economy Strategy consultation document; Beyond Recycling; -

1. Become the world leader in recycling
2. Phase out single use plastic
3. Invest in clean technology for materials collection
4. Make more efficient use of our food
5. Prioritise the purchasing of wood, remanufactured and recycled content
6. Enable communities to take collective action
7. Create the conditions for business to seize the opportunities
8. Take full responsibility for our waste

Please note:

- Applicants must be a publicly funded body in Wales.

- The project activity must be located in Wales.
- Grants are available up to £500,000.
- Complete one application form per project.

The grant is currently closed, for further information please contact [CircularEconomyFund@gov.wales](mailto:CircularEconomyFund@gov.wales)

### **Cynnal y Cardi (Rural Development Plan, Ceredigion)**

Cynnal y Cardi, which is administered by Ceredigion County Council has received funding through the Welsh Government Rural Communities - Rural Development Programme 2014-2020, which is funded by the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development and the Welsh Government. The LEADER programme is a 7 year investment scheme, which aims to improve resilience and promote transformational change in agriculture, forestry and rural communities.

The project has helped to make ideas become a reality through project development, evaluation, feasibility studies, facilitation, training, mentoring, consultation and pilot projects. Each project falls under five areas of activity within LEADER scheme. The areas include:

- enhancing the natural and cultural resources of Ceredigion
- trialling product/processes and creating new business partnerships and networks
- exploring new ways of delivering services, facilities and activities
- exploring renewable energy opportunities
- making the most of digital technology in local communities

To discuss your ideas and for information regarding eligibility of support, call the Cynnal y Cardi team on 01545 572063 or visit [www.cynnalycardi.org.uk](http://www.cynnalycardi.org.uk). All ideas are welcome on a rolling basis.

### **Community Facilities Programme**

The Community Facilities Programme is a Wales-wide capital grant fund. It offers grants at two levels, up to £25,000 and up to £250,000 which can be used to improve community facilities. Community Facilities to be improved must offer activities or services which increase prosperity and provide opportunities for local people to improve their day to day lives. Applications must evidence how their community is involved in developing the proposals and also how the community will continue to be involved in the running of the facility. Priority will be given to applications from communities which previously benefited from Communities First funding.

Please read the [guidance document](#) carefully before completing the “small grant application form” or the “expression of interest form” if seeking a larger grant.

### **The Energy Service**

The energy service provides free technical, commercial and procurement support to develop:

- energy efficiency
- renewable energy projects

The energy service helps with financial planning and funding, for example interest free loans and grants. A named person from the service will be dedicated to helping you. We

can also help secure the commitment of senior management in your organisation. The scheme is for public sector and community groups.

Contact the energy service to discuss finance, they will give you advice on options including:

- Development Bank of Wales; flexible loans and investment for community owned renewables
- Wales Funding Programme; interest free finance for public sector projects
- Public Works Loans Board; low cost, long-term public-sector finance
- public sector internal funds; support to access capital budgets or recycling funds
- alternative finance; such as power purchase agreements or selling energy to other organisations
- development grants; non-repayable grants from the energy service

Types of projects supported include: Estate wide energy efficiency, Building mounted renewable energy, Street lighting upgrades, and Renewable energy projects.

### Enabling Natural Resources and Well-being grants

ENRaW supports the development and delivery of projects that make clear links between improving the resilience of our natural resources and well-being. The well-being benefits span economic, social, environmental and cultural well-being. The grant supports projects that involve cross sector co-operation and collaboration in their delivery.

ENRaW provides a blend of revenue and capital costs associated with such projects.

Activity delivered under the grant has a clear focus on the following three themes of action:

- developing, regenerating and broadening access to sustainable green infrastructure
- improving the quality of the urban and rural built environment
- developing resilient ecological networks

We funded a total of 36 projects as a result of the first funding window. The investment through the grant exceeded £14m. [Here](#) are brief summaries of these projects.

### Green Recovery Capacity Building Scheme

The Green Recovery Capacity Building Scheme is a new £920,000 revenue grant scheme to increase capacity within the environmental non-governmental organisation (eNGO) sector. National Lottery Heritage Fund are distributing this fund in partnership with Welsh Government. Applicants must be based in Wales and developing projects within Wales.

Applications can include any of the following activities. Please do not try to do them all:

- strengthened governance, financial resilience and other relevant skills
- developing plans or strategies (eg: business plans or communication strategies)
- improved community engagement and consultation
- project planning and development activity
- improved service provision
- identifying challenges presented by COVID-19 and possible solutions
- strengthened partnership working

Grants are available between £5,000 - £100,000. The grant scheme has no longer accepting applications, please check the [website](#) for further updates.

Pre-application advice is available via email – contact: [natur@heritagefund.org.uk](mailto:natur@heritagefund.org.uk).



### Interreg - European Territorial Co-operation 2014-2020

INTERREG provides funding for co-operation projects across Europe. Partnership projects made up of organisations from across Europe can apply for open calls which focus on sharing knowledge and transferring experience in order to improve regional policy.

There are three strands to the programme:

- INTEREGG VA – cross-border co-operation
- INTERREG VB – transnational co-operation
- INTERREG VC – inter-regional co-operation

The funding period for 2014-2020 has now ended, please check [the website](#) for future funding opportunities.

### The Landfill Disposals Tax Communities Scheme

A grant funding programme to help communities living within five miles of certain waste transfer stations or landfill sites take action for their local environment. The Landfill Disposals Tax (LDT) Communities Scheme is a Welsh Government funding programme managed by WCVA. The scheme supports local community and environmental projects in areas affected by the disposal of waste to landfill. Before applying, please check you are in an eligible area using the [location map](#) on the WCVA website.

The way that applications are submitted is changing – WCVA has listened to funding applicants and in consultation with the sector, has developed a new Multipurpose Application Portal. This new easy to use web platform makes applying for grants through WCVA a much simpler and user-friendly experience. Get ready to apply to the LDTCS and view other current funding opportunities by registering your organisation on the portal here <https://map.wcva.cymru/>

**The Landfill Tax Communities scheme is open to applications 2 June 2021 and closes 31 August 2021.**

### The Listed Places of Worship Grant Scheme

The Listed Places of Worship Grant Scheme is managed by the Department for Culture Media and Sport and makes retrospective awards in respect of VAT incurred in making repairs and carrying out alterations to those listed buildings mainly used for public worship (minimum value of eligible work £1000 - although one application where the value of the eligible works falls between £500-£1000 may be submitted in a given 12-month period). The scheme has a fixed annual budget which is advertised on the LPoW Grant Scheme website each year. Applications can be completed online or by post. Full details of the scheme can be found on the official website: <http://www.lpwscheme.org.uk>

### Natural Capital Financial Facility (NCF)

Halting the loss of biodiversity and adapting to climate change requires increasing investment in natural capital. To do so, the European Investment Bank (EIB) and the European Commission have partnered to create the Natural Capital Financing Facility (NCF), a financial instrument that supports projects delivering on biodiversity and climate adaptation through tailored loans and investments, backed by an EU guarantee. At the same time projects financed through the NCF need to generate revenues or demonstrate cost savings.

**Call for projects:** The NCF has been extended and we now accept project proposals until the end of 2021!

Do you have a project that contributes to promoting the EU's biodiversity or uses a nature-based solution to adapt to climate change? Are you looking for financing? If so, we would like to hear from you! Please send us the [contact form](#) with your project details at [NCF\\_Instrument@eib.org](mailto:NCF_Instrument@eib.org).

The facility has now been extended until 2021 and applications are welcomed at any time.

### **Plug-in vehicle Grant Scheme**

This Central Government initiative enables motorists purchasing a qualifying ultra-low emission vehicle to receive a grant of 35% towards the cost of the vehicle, up to a maximum of £3,000. The plug-in grant has been designed to help make the whole-life costs of a qualifying van more comparable with petrol or diesel equivalents. Both private consumers and businesses can benefit from the plug-in grant. You don't need to do anything if you want to buy one of these vehicles - the dealer will include the value of the grant in the vehicle's price.

### **Powys County Council Community Grants**

The Council's grant aid is designed to help and support voluntary and community organisations. Generally, it will consider applications for grants which:

- support the Authority's corporate objectives
- assist in delivering its core values and principles detailed within the Powys Change Plan and the Corporate aims specifically through Regeneration of Powys communities to ensure
- support the local people of Powys in improving their quality of life
- encourage partnership working within the local community
- represent value for money
- show commitment to equality of opportunities

The programme's main purpose is to support social and community development at the heart of the community. Voluntary groups and organisations must demonstrate that they are properly constituted and sustainable.

### **Community Regeneration development fund**

Community Regeneration development fund is available for capital projects that:

- Create or refurbish facilities available to the community as a whole, or adapting them to ensure equal access to disabled people as required under the Equality Act (2010)
- Improve the built or natural environment for local people
- Improve the well-being of the community by encouraging active and healthy lifestyles
- Provide facilities or activities, which reduce poverty, inequality, discrimination and social disadvantage.

The fund is able to consider up to a 50% grant rate on the total project cost, up to a value of £10,000 against an expenditure of £20,000.

For further information and an application pack please contact:

Email: [funding@powys.gov.uk](mailto:funding@powys.gov.uk)

Telephone: 01597 827659

## **The Transforming Towns Place Making Grant**

Support for a wide range of projects, from green infrastructure developments to internal and external commercial and residential improvements for business owners.

Under the 2021-22 funding programme, an initial 12 towns have been identified in the region to guide investment. However project proposals from any town within the region under the Placemaking grant are welcome. Find out more in the documents below.

[Transforming Towns Place Making Grant Fact Sheet](#)  
[Transforming Towns Place Making Application Form](#)

For further information please contact:

Email: [Regeneration@powys.gov.uk](mailto:Regeneration@powys.gov.uk)

Telephone: 01597 827657

## **Rural Communities – Rural Development Programme 2014-2020**

The Welsh Government Rural Communities – Rural Development Programme 2014-2020 is a 7 year European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD) programme funded by the European Union and Welsh Government. It aims to improve resilience and promote transformational change in agriculture, forestry, and rural communities. The fund planned to bring almost £830 million to rural Wales from 2014-2020 and will support activities to improve competitiveness in the agriculture and forestry sector; safeguard and enhance the rural environment; and foster competitive and sustainable rural businesses and thriving rural communities.

## **Social Business Growth Fund – via Social Investment Cymru, WCVA**

The Social Business Growth Fund supports social businesses in Wales financially to enable them to grow and create job opportunities. SBGF is part funded by the European Regional Development Fund and Welsh Government and is added to the suite of investments administered by Social Investment Cymru.

The fund can provide investment of up to £150,000 in West Wales and the Valleys (WWV) and £125,000 in East Wales (EW). Match funding of at least 40% in WWV and 50% in EW is required. So, to access £150,000 of support in WWV would mean you need to provide £100,000 of additional match funding. The support provided is a mix of grant and repayable assistance; the more you overachieve in creating jobs the less that needs to be repaid.

The structure of financial assistance available is:

- 40% a traditional grant
- 60% repayable assistance (0% interest, max 5 year term)

The over-achievement of job-creation targets will be rewarded with turning an element of repayable assistance into non-repayable grant.

SBGF is now open for applications. Please contact Social Investment Cymru to register your interest by emailing [sic@wcva.cymru](mailto:sic@wcva.cymru) or calling 0300 111 0124.

## **Sustainable Development Fund - Brecon Beacons National Park**

The Sustainable Development Fund aims to support projects that demonstrate sustainable development in action and improve quality of life for communities in the Park. We are

especially interested in carbon reduction, climate change mitigation and nature recovery projects. Applications for funding to continue existing projects or to continue services where a transfer of public services has taken place are not eligible for support.

Sustainable Development Fund grants can support:

- Projects – towards the cost of materials, hand tools, printing, contractors' costs.
- Project Management – to support staff costs over one or more years.
- Project Development – for example: new action or partnerships, training, pre-project studies.

Grants can fund up to 50% of total eligible project costs. This means that 50% of costs must be met from elsewhere, but you can count the value of volunteer time and donations in kind as match funding.

**Applications are now being accepted for 2021, full application deadlines are:**  
31st March 2021, 2nd June 2021, 25th August 2021 and 3rd November 2021.

Before making an application, please contact [helen.roderick@beacons-mpa.gov.uk](mailto:helen.roderick@beacons-mpa.gov.uk) or [ceri.bevan@beacons-mpa.gov.uk](mailto:ceri.bevan@beacons-mpa.gov.uk) to discuss your project.

### **Gower Valley AONB – Sustainable Development Fund Grant Scheme**

The AONB Partnership operates a small grant scheme which aims to develop and test ways of achieving a more sustainable way of living in Gower. The scheme seeks to conserve and enhance the local characteristics of culture, wildlife, landscape, land use and community. Sustaining the social well-being and economic viability of communities are also important aims of the grant scheme. Applications over £3,000 are assessed by a panel of local people, which meets four times a year.

Before applying, you are strongly advised to discuss your ideas with us to make sure that your project is eligible for funding. Please contact Mike Scott, AONB Officer for details of the application process. Email - [mike.scott2@swansea.gov.uk](mailto:mike.scott2@swansea.gov.uk)

### **Llyn AONB - Sustainable Development Fund Grant Scheme**

The Sustainable Development Fund provides grant aid for innovative environmental, economic and community projects that develop and test new ways of achieving a more sustainable way of life within the AONB. Sustainable development has four themes:

- Environmental
- Economic
- Cultural
- Social

“Sustainability” is about balancing current environmental, social and economic requirements with the need to protect the environment and the interests of future generations.

SDF will provide project grants, management grants to support staff costs and development grants to provide a catalyst for new action or partnerships. Funding will normally be set at between 50% and 75% of the total project cost but possibly more in some exceptional circumstances. Applicants will be expected to provide at least 25% of the total project costs, either from their own money or those of other grant funds. Officers from the AONB Unit can provide details of possible match funding sources.

Applicants are always advised to discuss their project ideas with the officers before submitting an application. The Grant Panel meet 3 or 4 times a year as needed and is a sub-committee of the main AONB Joint Advisory Committee.

### The Pembrokeshire Coast National Park Authority's Sustainable Development Fund (SDF)

The Pembrokeshire Coast National Park Authority's Sustainable Development Fund is a fund supporting community projects in and around the Pembrokeshire Coast National Park. The Fund supports community led projects that contribute towards a reduction in carbon and help respond to the climate emergency.

Applicants can apply for projects to deliver the following:

- Install renewable energy generation facilities to a community building i.e. solar panels
- An initiative to promote reduction in carbon emissions in transport i.e. installing an electric charging point for bikes or cars or by supporting access to non-individual travel
- Install a community facility that minimises waste, i.e. water fountain
- Any other community-based carbon reduction initiative.

In the 2021/22 financial year, the Sustainable Development Fund has a total of £200,000 available to fund projects in Pembrokeshire that support carbon reduction and help respond to the climate emergency.

There is no minimum or maximum amount that can be applied for, but it is envisaged that funded projects will be between £5,000 to £25,000.

There will be two deadlines each year. **The next deadline for completed application is 12 noon on 10 September 2021.**

### Wye Valley AONB - Sustainable Development Fund Grant Scheme

The SDF aims, through partnership, to develop and test ways of achieving a more sustainable way of living in a landscape of great natural beauty and diversity. This grant fund seeks to conserve and enhance the local characteristics of wildlife, landscape, land use and community. Sustaining the social well-being and economic viability of communities are also important aims of SDF. The Fund is for practical, innovative schemes that engage local communities. Projects that will be supported must meet the statutory purpose of the Wye Valley AONB, which is to conserve and enhance its natural beauty.

Around £50,000 is available for projects in Wales. Applications can be for small grants of less than £1,000, or larger grants of up to £25,000 in exceptional circumstances.

**Landscape & Biodiversity Enhancements**, The SDF grant can support works at a rate of 50% of the total cost up to a maximum of £1,000. The grant is aimed at small scale holdings, parish/community councils and community spaces, or where existing agri-environment grants are not available but where biodiversity gains can engage and benefit those who live within the local environment. Eligible works may include:

- Orchard planting/gapping up
- Hedgerow management
- Dry-stone wall restoration

- Life sustaining work to veteran trees
- Pollarding, coppicing and activities relating to the promotion or conservation of biodiversity

The scheme is available to any organisation, including community or voluntary groups, local authorities, as well as the private sector and individuals. The private sector and individuals must demonstrate that their projects have a wider public benefit. The proposed project must meet the purpose of Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty and the objectives of the scheme and be located in, or have direct benefit to, the Wye Valley AONB. Your project must comply with any relevant regulatory requirements e.g. planning permission, building regulations etc.

## Lottery Funding

### The National Lottery Community Fund

Our priority is to keep money flowing to support communities across Wales. We're open to all applications that meet our criteria, including support during COVID-19. We are also working closely with WCVA and other funders to ensure we are forming the best support for Welsh communities. We therefore welcome applications that meet our revised priorities:

- supporting organisations to adapt or diversify to respond to new and future challenges
- supporting communities adversely affected by COVID-19
- supporting communities and organisations to become more resilient to help them to respond better to future crises.

We're here to help. Please contact us if you have an idea by calling 0300 123 0735 or emailing [wales@tnlcommunityfund.org.uk](mailto:wales@tnlcommunityfund.org.uk).

### National Lottery Community Fund - Climate Action Fund

The Climate Action Fund is a new 10-year, £100 million fund set up with money provided by the National Lottery Community Fund with the aim of reducing the carbon footprint of communities across the UK. The funding is expected to support a mix of different places, communities, themes, and initiatives, across the UK.

Criteria:

- **Community-led:** We want to see that you've involved the community in the design, development, and delivery of your project.
- **Working in partnership:** You'll be a place-based, community-led partnership that brings together a wide range of people and organisations with a shared vision of what local climate change action should look like. Partnerships will be expected to put in place an agreement as to how they will work together.
- **High impact:** Our funding will focus on activities that have the potential to make a meaningful and lasting difference on the carbon footprint of communities. This includes action on sustainable energy, sustainable transport, consumption (food and waste), and the natural environment. To make a real difference, projects might need to have an impact on a number of those areas.
- **Lasting impact:** To reduce the impact of climate change, it's important that the changes made are sustainable beyond the funding we might give. Long-term changes in behaviour, ways of working, and practices need to be at the core of all local climate action activities.
- **Reach:** Partnerships need to engage with people outside of those already taking action on climate change in their local communities, and beyond.
- **Learning and engagement:** We'll expect partnerships to produce and share their learning from the start, regularly, and be active participants in a broader movement of change.

We expect all partners to consider their own environmental impact and to have a robust policy and action plan in place. [Read the UK Government's information on environmental responsibility for charities.](#)

**Round 2 of the Climate Action fund is now open.**

### The National Lottery Community Fund – Awards for All

National Lottery funding can help you to make a difference in your community. We offer funding from £300 to £10,000 to support what matters to people and communities. We're open to all applications for community projects that meet our criteria. This includes support responses to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The grant is open to all applications for community projects that meet the criteria. This includes support responses to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Through our National Lottery Awards for All programme, we're looking to support projects that are responding to the COVID-19 pandemic by:

- supporting organisations to adapt or diversify to respond to new and future challenges
- supporting communities adversely affected by COVID-19
- supporting communities and organisations to become more resilient to help them to respond better to future crises.

Although we are supporting responses to the pandemic, your project does not have to be related to COVID-19 to be funded. If you are applying for something that is **not** related to Covid-19, then your project must meet at least one of our usual funding priorities, which are:

- Bring people together and build strong relationships in and across communities
- Improve places and spaces that matter to communities
- Help more people to reach their potential, by supporting them at the earliest stage

Applications are assessed on a rolling basis, for further information contact [wales@tnlcommunityfund.org.uk](mailto:wales@tnlcommunityfund.org.uk).

### The National Lottery Community Fund: People and Places

People and Places will fund projects where working together, people and communities use their strengths to make positive impacts on the things that matter to them the most.

Funding is split into two strands, **medium grants** (£10,001 to £100,000) and **large grants** (£100,001 to £500,000). The programme is open to any not for profit organisation and you can apply at any time.

The funder is prioritising projects that are:

- supporting organisations to adapt or diversify to respond to new and future challenges
- supporting communities adversely affected by COVID-19
- supporting communities and organisations to become more resilient to help them to respond better to future crises.

Although we are supporting responses to the pandemic, your project does not have to be directly related to COVID-19 to be funded. Successful applications must be [People Led, Strengths Based and Connected](#).

### The National Lottery Heritage Fund

At The National Lottery Heritage Fund, we will do everything we can to help the UK's outstanding heritage sector adapt through this most difficult of times and thrive again. We are the largest dedicated grant funder of the UK's heritage. Since 1994, we've awarded over £8bn to more than 44,000 projects across the UK. Together we can



demonstrate the critical role that heritage can play to help people, communities and places through this crisis.

Programmes open for applications

- [Local Places for Nature](#) - Local Places for Nature is a capital grant scheme intended to enable communities in Wales to restore and enhance nature. Grants available of up to £250,000.
- [Community Woodlands](#) - A capital grant scheme intended to restore, create, connect and manage woodlands in Wales. Grants available from £10,000-£250,000.
- [Grants for Heritage](#) - Applications are now open for National Lottery Grants for Heritage from £3,000 to £5million.

### **The Welsh Government Coastal Communities Fund**

The Welsh Government Coastal Communities Fund encourages the economic development of coastal communities in Wales by giving funding to create sustainable economic growth and jobs. It's anticipated that a total of £3.7 million will be awarded to successful projects in 2020/2021, subject to final Crown Estate' marine revenue income. Applicants can apply for individual grants of between £50,000 and £300,000 per organisation, for projects that will support the economic development of coastal communities in Wales by promoting sustainable economic growth and jobs.

Round Six is now closed. To stay informed of any future rounds please email [ccfwales@tnlcommunityfund.org.uk](mailto:ccfwales@tnlcommunityfund.org.uk)

### **Supporting great ideas**

Through our Supporting great ideas funding, we can make grants to organisations that support innovative and strategically important project ideas that encourage positive social change in Wales.

We are here to help and want to talk to you about your ideas to support innovative and strategically important project ideas that encourage positive social change in Wales.

We therefore welcome applications that meet our revised priorities.

- Supporting organisations to adapt or diversify to respond to new and future challenges
- Supporting communities adversely affected by COVID-19
- Supporting communities and organisations to become more resilient to help them to respond better to future crises.

Please contact us if you have an idea by calling 029 2168 0214 or email [wales@tnlcommunityfund.org.uk](mailto:wales@tnlcommunityfund.org.uk)

## Useful Resources and Support

### [Aderyn - Biodiversity and Information Reporting Database of Local Environmental Records Centres Wales](#)

Aderyn is the Biodiversity Information and Reporting Database of Local Environmental Records Centres Wales. To learn more about the wildlife data available, and to submit your records, visit the website [here](#).

### [B&Q](#)

Each B&Q store operates a community-reuse scheme through which local schools, other educational institutions and community groups can benefit from donations of unsellable products and materials for re-use. B&Q also works with Community Repaint, a network of schemes that collects any surplus, re-usable paint and redistributes it within their communities to individuals and families on low income, charities, and community groups.

### [Carbon Trust Green Business Fund](#)

Small and medium sized organisations can benefit from fully funded support and advice to save money on their energy bills and become more energy efficient. Hundreds of organisations have already achieved substantial energy and cost savings through the advice, training and support provided by the Carbon Trust. Carbon Trust experts will provide energy assessments to identify energy saving opportunities at no cost to businesses and assist with finding reputable suppliers for projects. Organisations can also benefit from free energy efficiency support and training at the Green Business Fund workshops, which are held across the country, and via online webinars, guides, and resources. See the website for details of upcoming free workshops and webinars and to register for an energy assessment and advice.

### [Coed Cymru](#)

Our aims are to improve the landscapes of Wales containing woodlands and trees. Our staff provide advice and support, access to innovation and grant aid. Contact us for information and support regarding any aspect of woodland creation, management and timber.

### [The Conservation Volunteers - Practical Conservation Handbooks](#)

TCV's Handbooks have long been the definitive 'how to' guides to managing the countryside and green spaces; containing over 1,000 pages of fantastic background, advice and instruction, written by experts, illustrated and clearly laid out in a step-by-step format. These handbooks are now available in digital format, covering everything from tree planting to dry stone walling, sand dunes to footpaths.

### [Energy Local](#)

Energy Local enables local communities to work together to pool their locally owned generation and manage local demand to reduce bills and carbon emissions – [read more here](#). Energy Local believes that communities should be able to benefit from moving their use of energy to cheaper times of day and matching it to local generation. If you have a community energy project or are interested in the idea, please [get in touch](#) and [sign up for the newsletter](#).

### [Good Practice Wales](#)

Good Practice Wales is a single access online portal to Welsh Public Services good practice and knowledge.

### **HIPPOWASTE Grants up for Grabs**

The 'Grants up for Grabs' scheme awards free waste disposal help to applications from charities, community groups and organisations from across the UK that inspire respect for the environment or have a positive effect on the community.

### **In Kind Direct**

Founded by The Prince of Wales in 1996, In Kind Direct takes donations of goods from companies such as Amazon, Procter & Gamble, Disney, etc. and then distributes these to charities and not for profit organisations. Goods include toiletries, cleaning products, household goods, toys, sports equipment, and a range of other items that charities can use to deliver their services and support their beneficiaries. Goods are all new and usable but are donated because of small defects in the branding or packaging. It's free to join, with just a small charge for the goods which equates to approximately 20% of their retail price. This includes delivery. Items are ordered from a catalogue and delivered directly to the charity.

### **LEADER Theme 4 – Renewable Energy at a Community level**

LEADER theme 4 aims to provide specific and tailored support to help communities and social enterprises explore renewable energy sources. This work could involve initial feasibility and viability studies on potential schemes for renewable energy generation, including proof of concept and trials for community-owned renewable technology projects on a micro scale, which, if successful, could then be scaled up. The theme will also provide training, educational visits and capacity building for community groups looking to take on a community-led renewable energy scheme. Other activities will include testing new technology and raising awareness of renewable technologies energy efficiency and climate change mitigation initiatives.

### **Llais y Goedwig - the community woodland network for Wales**

Llais y Goedwig represents and works with community woodland groups and practitioners across Wales. The organisation also supports Public Bodies and private landowners to enable more community managed woodlands. Llais y Goedwig has Development Officers across Wales and provides a range of resources along with an enquiry service where queries can be shared or answered by other network members. Membership of Llais y Goedwig is free.

### **Local Nature Partnerships (LNP) Cymru**

An all-Wales network for nature recovery as part of the efforts to make Wales a nature-rich nation that supports the nations well-being. A 3 year project is being coordinated by WCVA until April 2022 creating new nature-based projects in communities across Wales. The project is helping link partner organisations to other sections to maximise reach, providing opportunities for volunteers to develop skills, and collaborating in designing projects for natures' health. Find your local nature partnership at

<https://www.biodiversitywales.org.uk/Local-to-You>

### **Local Energy - Renewable Energy Toolkit**

The Wales Community Renewable Energy Toolkit has been developed to help community groups take forward the development of renewable energy projects. It is designed to be accessible to people with different levels of understanding of the technology, project development, financial and legal issues.

### **NCVO**

NCVO's KnowHowNonProfit website provides a wide range of resources and guides on funding and income generation including grants, digital fundraising, cultural commissioning, trading and shops and social investment.

### **Now Donate**

NowDonate™ provides a free online payment system for UK charities. Whether you are a beginner or advanced, taking donations is possible using a simple link, button, widget or even integrate the whole donation process within your charity's website. All donated money goes directly to your charity. NowDonate™ provides you with the powerful tools to enable you to take donations.

### **Social Farms & Gardens**

Social Farms & Gardens is the name of the new organisation created following the merger of the Federation of City Farms and Community Gardens and Care Farming UK in April 2018. There is a wide range of online information and advice about starting and developing farming or gardening projects, including community farms and gardens, school farms, wildlife and roof gardens, community orchards, community-run allotments, and community supported agriculture schemes.

### **Community Land Advisory Service in Wales**

CLAS Cymru aims to enable local people to access, own and improve green spaces in their area. The service provides community groups, local authorities, and landowners with free access to support and advice on issues such as finding land, leases and planning permissions.

### **Third Sector Support Wales**

Third Sector Support Wales is a network of support organisations for the whole of the third sector in Wales. It consists of the 19 local and regional support bodies across Wales, the County Voluntary Councils (CVCs) and the national support body, Wales Council for Voluntary Action (WCVA).

### **WCVA - Environmental Volunteering Toolkit**

Many people care about the environment but might be unsure how to make a positive impact. Environmental volunteering is a great way to start supporting the planet whilst giving back to your local community, and there are many opportunities that can fit into your schedule. This [toolkit](#) is designed to help people into environmental volunteering who might not have thought about it before and promotes the exciting opportunities available from local and national organisations.

### **WCVA - Support to Find European Partners for Projects or Cooperation**

WCVA is a member of the European Network of National Civil Society Organizations (ENNA), a network of national NGO networks from EU, Norway and Turkey, which has created the NGO Partnership e-database that helps NGOs to find partners around Europe either for a project partnership or general international cooperation.

### **WCVA - Third Sector European Team (3-SET)**

WCVA's 3-SET service is part funded by the European Structural & Investment Funds to support third sector organisations seeking to access European funding with information, advice, resources and training.

### **WCVA - Volunteering Wales – New Volunteering Database**

Register on the new Volunteering Wales database to search for or advertise volunteering

opportunities in Wales.

### **The Woodland Trust – Free Tree Planting Packs**

The Woodland Trust is the UK's leading conservation charity dedicated to the protection of the UK's native woodland heritage. The Trust campaigns to protect ancient woods, improve woodland biodiversity, increase native woodland cover, and increase understanding and enjoyment of woods. The Trust has a range of free tree packs to suit schools, youth groups and communities with two delivery periods per year, in March and November.