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Latest Funding and Sector News....

Natural Resources Wales' Open call for funding and support 2018/19

Natural Resources Wales (NRW) is making £3million available to projects that seek to take forward Sustainable Management of Natural Resources (SMNR) and which help to improve the well-being of Wales. Over the past year, NRW have identified key challenges that face the Welsh environment. NRW will be offering money and other support to organisations that can offer projects to meet these challenges. The Expression of Interest form, Guidance Note and supporting information is available on our [website](#)

The closing date for submission of your expression of Interest is **14 January 2018, 23:59**.

Keep Wales Tidy - Long Forest Project Launch

Keep Wales Tidy want to protect our hedgerows and make them important again. They form a vital part of our landscape, but they're at risk from neglect, damage and removal. Keep Wales Tidy are taking action to halt this decline. Working in partnership with [The Woodland Trust](#), with support from the [Heritage Lottery Fund](#), they have developed the Long Forest Project. Together, they will be delivering practical action – recruiting thousands of volunteers to plant 100,000 trees and improve around 120,000m of hedgerow. They will also be developing new ways for people to survey and record hedgerows near them. [View their map](#) to see where they are rolling out the Long Forest project.

ONS Approach to Measuring and Reporting on UN Sustainable Development Goals in the UK Consultation

The Office for National Statistics (ONS) is responsible for collection, collation, analysis, presentation and dissemination of data for regular monitoring of UK progress against the global indicators. The ONS want to make information on global indicators available in the most accessible way possible and so are consulting on their approach. Take the survey [here](#).

State of the UK Climate 2016 Report

The Met Office 3rd annual State of the UK Climate report shows 2016 was the 13th warmest year (records dating back to 1910). This [report](#) provides a summary of the UK weather and climate through the calendar year 2016 and is the third annual '[State of the UK climate](#)' produced by the Met Office. It provides an accessible, authoritative and up-to-date assessment of UK climate trends, variations and extremes based on the latest available climate quality observational datasets.

Welsh Government - Natural Resources Policy

The Natural Resources Policy (NRP) is the second statutory product of the Environment (Wales) Act. The focus of the [Natural Resources Policy](#) is the sustainable management of Wales' natural resources, to maximise their contribution to achieving goals within the

Well-being of Future Generations Act.

The policy sets out three **National Priorities**:

- Delivering nature-based solutions,
- Increasing renewable energy and resource efficiency,
- Taking a place-based approach

Welsh Government - Prosperity for All: National Strategy

Welsh Government's Programme for Government, [Taking Wales Forward](#), outlines the commitments which will be delivered over the next 5 years to help drive improvement and make the biggest difference to the lives of everyone in Wales. [Prosperity for All: the](#)

national strategy takes those commitments, places them in a long-term context, and sets out how they will be delivered by bringing together the efforts of the whole Welsh public sector. Alongside the national strategy Welsh Government have also published a **well-being statement** explaining how they have used the **Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act** to support the development of the national strategy and identify a single set of government objectives and steps.

Welsh Government - Well-being of Wales 2016-17 Report

Welsh Government's report provides an update on progress being made in Wales towards the achievement of the 7 well-being goals by reference to the 46 national indicators for Wales and additional contextual information where appropriate.

Wildlife Trusts – Living Seas Report

With the UK planning to leave the European Union in 2019, we have a unique opportunity to revolutionise the way we manage our vulnerable seas. Government's first responsibility is to ensure that we bring across existing European regulations which provide protective measures for our seas and sea-life – we need to safeguard existing protective law, as promised in the Withdrawal Bill. With that done, The Wildlife Trusts have identified **five key challenges** that must be addressed to restore our Living Seas and secure their health for future generations. Our new report, **The Way Back to Living Seas**, outlines a revolutionary new approach to the way we manage our seas that will address these challenges and create a UK surrounded by inspiring, life-filled and sustainable Living Seas.

What's New?

Awards for Excellence in Recycling and Waste Management

Run by letsrecycle.com, the Awards for Excellence in Recycling and Waste Management aim to recognise innovation, dedication and success in recycling and sustainable waste management in the UK. Entries are invited from local authorities, waste management companies, social enterprises, reprocessors, and from industry and commerce in the UK (see descriptions of award categories for additional information). Deadline for applications is **1 March 2018**. For further information on how to obtain this grant locally, please contact daniella.t@letsrecycle.com or iona.s@letsrecycle.com.

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. Applicants are able to apply for funding of up to £5,000. Applications for both capital and

revenue costs will be considered. No direct sponsorship or support is offered to individuals through this Fund. Future deadlines are **17 November 2017** and **16 February 2018**.

Ceredigion - Community Grant Scheme

Financial assistance is available to voluntary and community groups in Ceredigion to support projects that will benefit the local community. Grants of up to £20,000 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. For further information please contact financegrants@ceredigion.gov.uk

Chapman Charitable Trust

Grants are available for recognised charities in North Wales for new work in the areas of activity, health and well-being, including research, culture, the natural environment and heritage, as well as care, the community and counselling. The Trust has around £300,000 to give in grants each year, with grants usually between £1,000- £2,000. The trustees meet twice a year, in March and September. For further information contact the Trust on 020 7782 0007.

Comic Relief Core Strength Programme

The Grant shall be used to support groups that can evidence a sustained beneficial impact on people's lives who are excluded or disadvantaged this may be through low income, rural or social isolation, age, disabilities, race, sexuality or gender. The aim is to provide funding for groups' core costs - meaning expenditure that is not connected to delivering projects but focusing on investing in the organisation as a whole, such as basic running costs. Grants of between £1,000 and £5,000 will be available. Applications close **30 March 2018**

Farm Business Grant

Business Grant (FBG) helps farmers in Wales to improve the economic and environmental performance of their agricultural holdings. The grant provides a 40% contribution towards capital investments in equipment and machinery that have been pre-identified as offering clear and quantifiable benefits to farm enterprises. £40m funding will be available over 4 years. The minimum grant available is £3,000, and the maximum is £12,000. Only one application will be approved per business throughout the lifetime of the Scheme. **Deadline: The third window for applications will open 2 January 2018 with a closing date of 2 March 2018.**

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**.

The Nineveh Charitable Trust

The Nineveh Charitable Trust (RCN 256025, registered 1968) 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.

Welsh Government's Community Facilities Programme

Capital grants are available to community-led voluntary groups, social enterprises and community organisations to tackle poverty and its effects, increase opportunity, create prosperity for all and develop resilient communities where people are engaged and empowered - through the development of community facilities. Applications close **31 March 2018**.

There are two levels of funding available:

- **Small Grants - £5,000-£25,000.**

- **Large Grants - £25,001-£250,000**

Crowdfunding & Online Fundraising

BT MyDonate

MyDonate is a not-for-profit, online fundraising service for UK charities from BT. This service provides a secure, easy-to-use way for millions of people to raise money for their favourite charity. With MyDonate your charity gets the whole contribution – as well as the full 25 per cent Gift Aid – with no fees beyond those charged by a donor's debit or credit card company.

CharityChoice

As the UK's largest charity directory, CharityChoice list over 160,000 charities online. Charity Choice has been helping people to find charities for over 25 years. UK registered charities can benefit from a free personalised "microsite" entry within Charity Choice's online directory including a safe, secure and commission free online donation facility. The basic package is free, while an optional premium subscription costs £89 a year plus VAT.

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."*

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.

GlobalGiving

GlobalGiving is the first and largest global crowdfunding community that connects nonprofits, donors, and companies in nearly every country around the world. We make it possible for nonprofits from Afghanistan to Zimbabwe (and hundreds of places in between) to access the tools, training, and support they need to be more effective and make our world a better place.

Growing A Greener Britain – Spacehive Crowdfunding

Grow a greener Britain by creating or transforming green spaces across the UK! Funding is available to transform inspiring ideas into a reality; so whether you want to spruce up a community garden or build an aquaponic roof-top farm, Growing a Greener Britain want to see your ideas! Anyone and everyone can come up with an idea and upload it onto the crowdfunding platform, Spacehive. If your project is popular with the crowd, and meets our criteria, you could get your hands on a pledge of up to £5,000! Growing a Greener Britain was set up by The Landscape Group, a nationwide contractor that looks after public green spaces across the UK. #GreenerBritain

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. If you don't hit your target you'll still receive any funds you raised (minus some small fees), so you can still make good things happen. Launch a campaign in minutes and crowdfund the money you need for a specific project or appeal. People can fundraise for the campaign as well as donate, which helps your story travel further, and your campaign will be promoted on the website to 18m members.

Localgiving - Wales Development Programme

Localgiving is a charity that helps grassroots organisations fundraise online, develop their digital skills and connect with local people. Since 2009, they have helped charitable organisations to raise over £13 million online! Thanks to generous funding and support from Big Lottery Wales, Localgiving has launched an exciting two year programme in Wales.

Charities who take part in the development programme will receive a range of benefits, including:

- Free membership for 12 months with Localgiving (usual cost £72)
- One-to-one support, training and mentoring in online fundraising
- A named contact who can be reached Monday-Friday, 9:30am-5:30pm, to discuss all matters relating to online fundraising
- £200 of match funding for donations received online
- Automated Gift Aid, for registered and unregistered charities

If your charity or community group could benefit, please register your interest at join.localgiving.org/wales, or for more information please contact: North Wales emma@localgiving.org or South Wales lauren@localgiving.org

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 13,000+ uk charities registered. The money goes instantly and directly to your charity. There are no sign-up or on-going fees.

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. The site charges a one-off set-up fee of £150 plus VAT, plus a transaction fee of 2% on donations and event fees.

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 for all of us to present our projects to our family, friends and the greater community and offer them the opportunity to contribute. Join in this effort, [submit your campaign](#), and [support your community!](#)

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.

YouCaring

YouCaring is an online fundraising platform that pioneered Compassionate Crowdfunding™—empowering people worldwide to rally support for personal and charitable causes without the fundraising fees associated with other sites. To date, the YouCaring community is 5.5 million strong and has raised more than \$500 million for humanitarian causes. YouCaring's easy-to-use fundraiser template allows you to create an effective home page for your crowdfunding campaign. Show potential donors how they can help by telling a compelling story, uploading several pictures and videos, and posting updates.

Charities, Trusts and Foundations

Alan Evans Memorial Trust

The Alan Evans Memorial Trust offers small grants to charitable organisations active in the UK. Funding is at the discretion of the Trustees and previous grants awards have been for £1,000 and £1,500. The scheme aims to fund projects for the permanent preservation of areas of natural beauty or historic interest, including projects involving animal or plant life. Interested applicants may apply at any time. Application is via an application form available on request from the Trust. For further information email: aevans@roydswithyking.com

Albert Van Den Bergh Charitable Trust

Grants are available for charitable organisations that are concerned with health research and care for patients who have cancer, multiple sclerosis or other diseases and disabilities, care for older people and children in the UK. Funding is available for general charitable purposes with preference given to supporting charities which assist health research, and care for older people and children. Previous grants have been given in areas including conservation, community help and hospices. For further information email: jane@trevornick.co.uk or trustees@albertvandenbergh.org

ASDA Foundation

Capital grants of between £5,000 and £20,000 are available to charities and not-for-profit organisations in the UK for local projects that benefit the wider community, address local needs and make a significant difference to the local community.

Balcombe Charity Trust

Grants are available for charitable organisations in the UK undertaking projects for education, the environment, health and welfare. Funding is at the discretion of the Trustees. Previous grants have been awarded for between £200 and £160,000. For further information email: jonathan.prevezer@citroenwells.co.uk

Belsize Charitable Trust No 1

The Belsize Charitable Trust No 1 offers grants to charitable organisations working in the UK undertaking projects in conservation, heritage and the environment. Funding is available at the discretion of the Trustees with no maximum value. The application process is ongoing and interested applicants may apply at any time. For more information call **01235 232 700**.

Bernard Sunley Charitable Foundation

The Foundation provides grant funding in England and Wales in support of a wide range of charitable projects in the areas of community, education, health and social welfare. Three tiers of grants are available; small up to £5000, medium £5001-£24,999 and large over £25,000. The Foundation will very rarely fund the full costs (or even 50%) of a project or

shortfall as it expects to be one of many contributors to a project. The trustees support capital projects only, and not running costs. Proposals are accepted only via the online application form, for further information visit www.bernardsunley.org

Bodfach Trust

Grants for charities in Mid-Wales and the Welsh borders involved in affordable housing, care for the elderly, helping young people, preservation of old buildings, and supporting green spaces and public parks. Application forms are available to download from the Trust's website [here](#).

Bothwell Charitable Trust

Grants are available for charitable organisations undertaking projects that include countryside issues in the UK. Funding is at the Trust's discretion. Applications must be made in writing. Contact the Bothwell Charitable Trust for further information on **0208 657 6884**.

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. For more information on the fund please see Pure Leapfrog's website.

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 will open January 2018.**

BSHF – World Habitat Awards

Established in 1976, BSHF works both in the UK and internationally to identify innovative housing solutions and foster the exchange of information and good practice. The World Habitat Awards believes that everyone everywhere has the fundamental right to a safe and secure home. That is why they seek out and share the best solutions to housing problems from around the world. World Habitat Awards - organised in partnership with UN-Habitat - recognise and highlight innovative, outstanding and sometimes revolutionary housing ideas, projects and programmes from across the world. Two awards of £10,000 are given annually: one for a project in the global north and the other for a project in the global south. Entries to the World Habitat Awards 2018 can be made from **January – March 2018**. Full details are online at www.world-habitat.org

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 DONG Energy, the firm behind the new offshore wind farm in Liverpool Bay. The fund will provide up to £225,000 each year for the next 25 years (2015-2040); small grants £500-£5,000 and main

grants £5,001-£25,000. Main grant applications will need to secure a minimum of 20% of match funding (does not have to be secured prior to application). 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 **28 March 2018**. Further information and an interactive map showing the area of benefit is available on the GrantScape [website](#) or email: bbecf@grantscape.org.uk.

Carbon Trust Green Business Fund

The Carbon Trust [Green Business Fund](#) is the brand new energy efficiency support service for small and medium-sized companies in England, Wales and Scotland. It provides direct funded support through energy assessments, training workshops, equipment procurement support and 15% of the project cost up to £5,000. In addition, The Carbon Trust requires businesses to use accredited suppliers when applying for capital contribution. Accredited suppliers can be found either on the [Green Business Directory](#) or [BESA](#) list. Alternatively, companies can use The Carbon Trust's free equipment procurement support service to help find equipment suppliers who can provide detailed quotes and who have been proven to deliver energy saving projects in the past.

Cardiff YMCA Trust

The Foundation will consider applications for grants from voluntary organisations, charitable organisations and individuals (£250-£2000). The trustees consider that the core area to be served by the Trust is Cardiff and Vale of Glamorgan. Grants will normally be made for capital expenditure.

Charles Hayward Foundation

The Foundation awards grants to registered charities only. Large and small grants are available, depending on the level of income of the organisation applying, with a maximum grant amount of £50,000. Small grants are considered every two to three months on a rolling basis with a two-stage application process invited for large grants. Projects that are developmental or innovative are favoured. One of the Foundation's areas of interest is the purchase of land (or reclamation of recently purchased land) to be used for nature reserves.

CHK Charities Limited

The charity annually awards grants to charitable organisations in the UK involved in a wide range of activities. Grants made on a one-off basis will be towards core costs or for a specific project for which applicants have requested support; including contribution towards a building project, purchase of specialist equipment or assistance with running costs. Grants made for more than one year can be towards start-up costs, or for a specific item in the applicant's budget such as a salary, core costs or towards the costs of a particular project. Applications are considered by the Trustees approximately every two months.

CLA Charitable Trust

The Trust awards grants to organisations in England and Wales who are focused on providing access to the countryside for disabled individuals and disadvantaged inner city young people. It also supports the advancement of education in agriculture, horticulture and conservation for these groups. The average grant awarded is £2,500 with a focus on smaller projects where the grant makes a real contribution to the success of the project. Applications should be for a specific project or item of capital equipment, rather than on-going running costs. Projects which are based on horticultural activities must be able to demonstrate that they provide training to a recognised, accredited qualification for the participants. For further information email: charitabletrust@cla.org.uk or visit the website www.cla.org.uk/about-

[cla/cla-charitable-trust](#) for more information and to download an application form.

Clothworkers' Foundation

The Clothworkers' Foundation was set up by The Clothworkers' Company in 1977. It is the independent charitable arm for the Company's charitable work. Since its establishment, the Trust has awarded grants totalling £100m. The Foundation aims to improve the lives of people and communities, particularly those that face disadvantage. Capital grants are awarded to charities that work in one of the specific programme areas and have an annual income of less than £15m. There are two funding streams, each with a cap on organisational income. The average grant amount is £7,000 - £25,000 and applications are accepted year round. An annual conservation fellowship and bursaries for qualified conservators are available to attend conferences and training events. The Foundation works directly with applicants. Emailed applications are no longer accepted.

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 has established strong relationships with Government, local authorities, Community First Partnerships 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 8 themes to be eligible for support from the scheme. Note! Competition for funding in Wales is high.

Cobb Charity

Grant for UK charitable organisations working to promote a sustainable environment through education. Eligible topics include traditional country skills, recycling, and organic food production. Grant applications can be submitted anytime and maximum grant is £750. Application forms may be requested from the charity; eleanor.allitt@btinternet.com or Eleanor Allitt, Cobb Charity, 2 New Cottages, Village Street, Offchurch, Leamington Spa, CV33 9AP

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

Loans of £1,000 to £250,000 are available for suitably incorporated social businesses and charities that can demonstrate their ability to repay. There are few restrictions on how funds can be used but typically loans are for asset purchase, including community energy, or the establishment/expansion of income generating activities.

Co-op Local Community Fund

Grants of up to £2,500 are available for small, locally based voluntary and community groups to support projects which benefit local communities around Co-op food stores and funeral homes across the UK or the Isle of Man. The Community Fund operates on an annual basis and applications are currently closed. Co-op will be looking for new causes to support early next year.

Cuthbert Horn Trust

The scheme is intended to support charitable organisations undertaking general charitable purposes. Previous grants have been for a range of activities such as conservation, education, environmental protection, help for disadvantaged children, music, research and transport. Funding is at the discretion of the Trustees. Previous grants have been for between £2,000 and £3,000 for project associated costs.

For further information email: ian.woodhouse@arnoldhill.co.uk

Dischma Charitable Trust

Grants are available for charitable organisations in the UK carrying out conservation activities. Funding is at the discretion of the Trustees who meet annually to review written applications. Previous grants have been for between £500 and £5,000. For further information email: linda.cousins@rathbones.com

D'Oyly Carte Charitable Trust

The D'Oyly Carte Charitable Trust funds United Kingdom 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 focus for 2015-18 includes accessibility of the arts for young people, provision of art and music therapy to improve quality of life for the elderly and disabled, and protection and conservation of the countryside. The majority of grants are single grants over a one-year period of £500 - £5,000. All grant applications should be made online via www.doylycartecharitabletrust.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@doylycartecharitabletrust.org.

Dulverton Trust

Established in 1949, the Foundation awards grants totalling over £3 million each year to UK registered charities working within the following areas; youth opportunities, general welfare, preservation, conservation, and Africa. Grants are awarded to charities with an income of over £200,000 and less than £10 million, with a preference shown to those with an income of below £5 million. For full guidelines, please visit the website: www.dulverton.org

Eaga Charitable Trust

The Trust provides financial support for work that contributes to understanding and addressing the causes and effects of fuel poverty. It aims to promote a sound evidence base to underpin decision-making in relation to the public's health and wellbeing and combating fuel poverty. The 2017 focus is on health, wellbeing and social cohesion, including the behavioural aspects of measures to improve energy efficiency and increase access to low-carbon technologies.

Ernest Cook Trust

The Trust's education department offers a wide-ranging programme of land-based learning for children and young people on its estates. The Trust accepts applications for grants for projects which directly educate children and young people in the countryside and environment, the arts or literacy and STEM subjects. Work which encourages the continuation of rural skills and crafts is of particular interest to the Trustees. Note! All applications are expected to link in with either the National Curriculum or with recognised qualifications. Grants are available for up to £4,000 (small) and over £4,000 (large) and operate throughout the year.

Esmée Fairbairn Foundation -Main Grants

Esmée Fairbairn Foundation is one of the largest independent grant-makers in the UK. The funding priorities for the environment strand are: Connecting people with nature and environment issues; nature conservation on land and at sea; countering the effects of damaging human activities and increasing understanding of lesser known plants, animals and organisms. Grants support core or project costs, including staff salaries and overheads. There is a two stage application process; first apply online (acknowledgement by email within a week, decision within one month), then answer questions from a Grants or Social

Investment Manager (decision in 2 - 4 months). The total environment spent in 2016 was £5.7m (37 grants). These ranged in size from £15k to £600k. The average length of grant was 30 months. There are no deadlines or restrictions on re-applying.

Esmée Fairbairn Foundation - Food Grants

The aim of the Food strand is to find an alternative system that produces higher quality food in ways that are better for people, the environment and livestock. There is no maximum grant amount. However, the Foundation makes only a small number of grants in excess of £500,000 and it is unusual for the Foundation to give a grant of this size or larger to an organisation with which it does not already have a relationship. Funding priorities are: Local innovation in alternative approaches, Food and wellbeing, and Working towards a more coherent food sector.

February Foundation

The February Foundation awards grants to selected charitable causes. A number of areas are funded, including 'charities which protect the environment'. The average grant amount is £5k for core or capital costs. The Foundation is focussed on managing its current commitments, although applications from some charities are still being accepted. There is no application deadline as trustees make grant decisions on a monthly basis, however, applicants should not re-apply for at least 12 months and please note only around 5% of applications are successful. Email applications should be sent to rps@thefebruaryfoundation.org. Trustees' decision takes 12 weeks.

Field Studies Council – Kids Fund

The fund aims to bring environmental understanding to disadvantaged young people by helping them to attend a course at a Field Studies Council centre by paying up to 80% of fees (fund up to £3000). There are three funding rounds each year which close on 1 March, 1 June and 1 November - you may apply at any time and your application will be held until the next decision round.

Finnis Scott Foundation

The Trustees of the Foundation 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 fine art and art history. Grants generally range from £500 - £10,000. British applicants who apply to Longwood Gardens and who are accepted into one of its international programmes may apply to the Finnis Scott Foundation for financial assistance with travel expenses to and from the United States. For an application form, email administrator@finnis-scott-foundation.org.uk.

Ford Britain Trust

Ford Britain Trust is committed to supporting local UK communities. Applications that are based near to a Ford plant or office location in the UK are awarded a higher weight by the Trustees. This is because an award will affect those who live and work near a Ford plant or office. For Wales this means the area within a 20 miles radius to the facility in Bridgend.

The Trust pays special attention to projects focusing on education, environment, disabled people and youth activities.

Small grants: up to £250, available four times a year (March, June, September & December)

Large grants: from £251 to £3,000 are available twice a year. The deadlines are from **1 September - 31 January** for consideration in March and **1 March - 31 July** for consideration in September.

Foyle Foundation

The Foundation is an independent grant-making trust that awards grants to UK charities across a wide range of activities; since 2001 it has distributed £81.8M. 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 £100,000 per annum). Further information on each of these grants schemes can be found on the Foundation's website, 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 the conclusions and recommendations of the Foresight Report "The Future of Food and Farming" and other strategic 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 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 please contact: janetpudsey@live.co.uk

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, but previous grants have been for up to £500,000. Contact the Freshfield Foundation for further information: paul.k@bwm.co.uk

Frognal Trust

The Frognal Trust offers grants to charitable organisations active in the UK carrying out social welfare, environmental or community activities. The grant is intended to support small registered charities that work in areas including culture and heritage, conservation projects, community services, parks, hospices and nursing homes and ophthalmological research. Funding is at the discretion of the Trustees. Interested applicants may apply at any time: sue.hickley@wilsonslaw.com

Gannett Foundation

The Gannett Foundation provides funding to support local organisations in the area where Newsquest operates in the UK. This is mostly in South Wales, and in particular – Caerphilly, Carmarthenshire, Pembrokeshire and The Vale of Glamorgan. Applicants should, however, check their geographical eligibility in advance. The Foundation supports projects which take a creative approach to fundamental issues such as: education and neighbourhood improvements, economic development, youth development, local problem solving, assisting disadvantaged or disabled people, environmental conservation and cultural enrichment. Typically grants are between £5,000 and £10,000.

Garfield Weston Foundation

The Foundation is a large national grant maker accepting applications from charities all across the UK and has given over £60m in its last financial year. 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. For core and capital costs you can apply 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. To be successful in your application, it is strongly advisable to read all of the guidance on the website before applying.

Gaynor Cemlyn-Jones Trust

Grant available for voluntary and community organisations in north Wales undertaking projects involving conservation activities, the protection and welfare of wildlife, and educational activities. Funding is at the discretion of the Trustees. Previous grants have been for between £1,000 and £10,000. Applications should be made in writing to Gaynor Cemlyn-Jones Trust, 122 Llanrwst Road, Bae Colwyn, Conwy, LL28 5UT or for further information email: colin.wickens@quiltercheviot.com

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. Applications should be made online at www.gfct.org.uk. Please note that some preference will be given to projects in or for Scotland.

Graham Kirkham Foundation

Grants are available for charitable organisations carrying out education, welfare or community projects in the UK, including protecting and preserving buildings of architectural interest or sites of historical interest or natural beauty. Funding is provided at the discretion of the Trustees. Previous grants have generally been between £250 and £10,000 with a couple of larger grants up to £150,000. The application process is ongoing and interested applicants may apply at any time. For further information, contact 01302 573301.

Greggs Foundation – Environmental Grants

The Environmental Grants Programme award grants of up to £2,000 to help organisations improve their local environment. Organisations are able to apply once per calendar year. We are interested in projects that improve the physical environment in a way that will improve people's lives. This can include purchase of equipment, sessional salary costs, purchase of trees/plants, small capital projects and learning activities. We are also interested in new approaches and innovative ideas as well as sustainable approaches to supporting your local environment.

Greggs Foundation – Local Community Projects Fund

The Local Community Projects Fund makes grants of up to £2,000 to help organisations based in local communities to deliver activities that they wouldn't otherwise be able to. Organisations are able to apply once per calendar year.

Grimple's Green Grants Scheme

Grimple's Green Grants was launched in August 2010 by the Green Insurance Company to encourage 'green behaviour'. The grant scheme has awarded over £50,000 to environmental community groups; and affiliation with environmentally aware charities has raised over £250,000 for the RSPB, Marine Conservation Society and Royal Zoological Society. Apply for monthly Green Grants online by filling in the application form or using the Facebook page. Successful projects must be completed or occur within 12 months of receiving funding.

Hanfod Cymru

Hanfod Cymru is a new national charitable fund (small grants up to £10,000, main grants up to £75,000 and strategic grants of £200,000) exclusively for Wales, distributing the money raised for registered charities by Loteri Cymru to support cultural and educational activity and strengthen community life in Wales.

The HDH Wills 1965 Charitable Trust

The Trust makes grants to general, environmental and wildlife charities who are registered with the Charity Commission of England and Wales or they are exempt or excepted charities (within the meaning of the Charities Act 2011). Monthly grants between £250-1000 are made to general charities and they also make grants to charities that focus on the conservation of wildlife and the environment, grants are typically in the £1,000 to £2,000 range. It is important that the charity or project applying is small enough so the grant will have a meaningful impact. Grants are made on a rolling basis and so there are no deadlines for applications.

One of the Trust's Funds, the Martin Wills Fund, makes larger grants between £2,000-50,000. This is a restricted fund that makes regular major grants to other charities including Magdalen College, University of Oxford; Rendcomb College, Cirencester; and the Ditchley Foundation. They will next be making large grants to registered charities dedicated, or primarily dedicated, to the conservation of wildlife and the environment in 2017.

Imagine Foundation

IF is a small foundation, with a number of ongoing partnerships and therefore only have a limited capacity to take on new projects, and are primarily focussing on small-scale newer charitable projects and organisations - those less than 4 years old and with an annual income of less than £200,000. With this in mind, if you have a project that you would like us to consider, please tell us a little bit about it, who it benefits and how, where you heard about us and why you think your project would be a good fit for us. We do not have an application form - and we need the broad framework rather than lots of detail at the first stage, as we will always visit a project with which we are considering developing a partnership.

The JJ Charitable Trust

The JJ Charitable Trust Grant is provided and administered by the Sainsbury Family Charitable Trusts and is available for voluntary and community organisations active in the UK. The scheme is intended to support projects to improve literacy and the environment, both in the UK and abroad. In particular, the scheme wishes to support projects with the following themes: Social and cultural change towards more sustainable lifestyles – creative approaches that visualise a sustainable future in positive ways; Innovative enterprise and economic models that support sustainable lifestyles and the role of the media in communicating about sustainability; Environment projects overseas, especially community-based agriculture initiatives, which aim to help people help themselves in an environmentally sustainable way.

Jean Sainsbury Animal Welfare Trust

Grants are available for animal welfare charities registered with the Charity Commission to apply for projects or activities in the UK 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 **15 January, 1 May and 1 September**. For more information and contact details go to www.jeansainsburyanimalwelfare.org.uk

Jephcott Charitable Trust

The Trust awards grants to registered charities and constituted groups in the Cardiff. Grants are available to help set up organisations or make a significant step forward for projects that will make a difference under one of the Trust's four main priorities, which include the environment. Grants of between £2,000 and £10,000 are available and in exceptional cases, up to £20,000, towards project costs. This is a rolling programme and so applications can be made at anytime, the trust is keen to support projects which conserve the natural environment. Trustees meet in April and October to consider applications.

John Coates Charitable Trust

Grants, generally between £1,000-10,000, are available for registered charities that are undertaking charitable activities in the UK. Groups should write to the Trust for further information on how to apply: Rebecca Lawes, John Coates Charitable Trust, 3 Grange Road, Cambridge, CB3 9AS or phone: 01223301354

John Ellerman Foundation

The Foundation awards grants in three categories - Arts, Environment and Welfare. Environmental grants account for 25% of the grant allocations. The Foundation's aim is to contribute to greater harmony between people and the planet. Environmental priorities include managing habitats and protecting the seas. The Trust will also consider applications for work in the UK Overseas Territories. The application process is in two stages: stage one requires a brief description of your organisation, financial summary and funding needs, if you are invited to stage two a full application will be requested. The minimum grant available is £10,000; there is no specific maximum however grants in excess of £100,000 are rare. The John Ellerman Foundation will be closing temporarily for new applications on **20 December** whilst they review funding criteria.

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. Grants are generally of a value of between £1,000 and £6,000. Projects wishing to apply for funding should email the foundation for more information - jslf@johnlewis.co.uk

Joseph Rowntree Charitable Trust - Sustainable Future Programme

The Joseph Rowntree Charitable Trust's Sustainable Future programme focuses on developing and promoting sustainable, low-carbon alternatives to the current consumerist and growth-based paradigm. They will support a range of actions to achieve these aims, recognising this might include defending current policies, frameworks and regulations. You are advised to contact Maureen Grant, Assistant Trust Secretary, before completing an

application.

Lloyds Bank Foundation for England and Wales

Lloyds Bank Foundation for England and Wales invests in charities supporting people to break out of disadvantage at critical points in their lives. There are two main grant programmes. Invest grants provide longer term core or direct delivery funding for eligible charities that are delivering clear outcomes as a result of their work. Grants are from £10,000 to £25,000 per year for two or three years. Enable grants are awarded to charities that have identified clear development needs. Grants are up to a total of £15,000 over one or two years. For more information visit www.lloydsbankfoundation.org.uk

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, animals, environment, conservation and heritage. Applications for support can be made at any time and should be made in writing to the Trust, along with a brief description of the organisation and anticipated project and a copy of the organisation's most recent accounts. For further details please write to The Lord Barnby Foundation, PO Box 442, Market Drayton, TF9 9EQ, Shropshire

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. Charity Pot is sold in 30 countries. Support ranges from a few hundred pounds to a maximum of £10,000 per project.

The average grant is around £4,000.

Marsh Christian Trust

The Trust aims to support small registered charities through long-term core funding, in an attempt to assist these organisations to maintain their current and on-going activities; including environmental causes, animal welfare, heritage, education and health. Grants range from £250 to £4,000 with new applications at the lower end of this scale. The Trustees wish to engage in long-term support, in the form of money given on a recurring annual basis subject to yearly re-submission and review.

The Mercers' Charitable Foundation

The Charity's principal object is to make grants and donations for the benefit of a wide range of charitable purposes including welfare, education, the arts, heritage and religion.

Wildlife/environment conservation falls under the heritage category and so applications will be considered for the protection and research of: UK endangered species; Flora and fauna and their habitat; Historic gardens and open spaces; and Marine conservation. Applications within the Heritage category are considered from all parts of the UK.

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.

National Marine Aquarium

Funding is provided by National Aquarium Limited which is the grant-giving arm of the National Marine Aquarium. The aim of this scheme is to support research, education and conservation projects which link people with the marine environment. Grants awarded so far have been in the region of £1,200 to £5,000 and it is likely that future awards will be for similar amounts. Conservation charities, community groups, schools, colleges and individuals are eligible to apply and there is no geographical restriction on where projects might be located, or where applications might come from. Consideration will be given to projects operating at every scale but priority will be given to local and national initiatives. Projects which target disadvantaged groups are encouraged and projects which demonstrate a novel approach are more likely to attract support. **Deadline: 1 May 2018.**

The Naturesave Trust

The Naturesave Trust was set up in 1995 to fund specific environmental and conservation projects throughout the UK. It obtains 100% of its funds from the premiums generated by Naturesave Insurance, which uses the insurance industry as a vehicle for sustainable development. The primary function of the Trust is to encourage the greater adoption of sustainable development, especially within the Small and Medium Sized business community (SMEs). The Naturesave Trust accepts applications for funding from organisations, charities and companies whose activities are based within the UK. Applications are accepted on a rolling basis and grants are awarded in accordance to how well the proposed activity fits with the Trust's criteria and objectives.

The Naturesave Trust - Community Renewable Energy Grants

The Naturesave Trust is now able to offer 'seed corn' grants for communities seeking funding for community energy initiatives. The trust recognises the heavy start up costs of such projects and the reluctance of traditional lenders to loan money for projects which may not get past the planning stage. The Trust may be able to assist your community energy project with funding to undertake all the preliminary work to get you to the planning stage and most importantly for the community to retain as much control as possible over the operating income once the project has been successful. If you have installed or are installing a Community Renewable Energy system, Naturesave Insurance has a Small Scale Renewable Energy Insurance Scheme which offers affordable insurance for solar PV, wind or hydro projects up to 750kw. If your system is larger than 750kw, please see the Renewable Energy Insurance page for information about the cover Naturesave Insurance can provide. Both funds can be applied for online. Further information, application guidelines and examples of previously funded projects can be viewed on the Naturesave Trust website.

NFU Mutual Charitable Trust

The NFU Mutual Charitable Trust provides grants for projects that have impact on the rural communities of the UK. The Trust, in particular, supports projects which provide support to those suffering from hardship in the rural community, and especially those from an agricultural background. It also supports projects which educate the public, and especially young people, about the agricultural industry and projects which promote the education of young people in rural areas. The objectives of The NFU Mutual Charitable Trust are to promote, facilitate and support such purposes as are exclusively charitable according to the

laws of England and Wales in the areas of agriculture, rural development and insurance in the United Kingdom and in particular

- To advance the education of the public by means of research and dissemination of information in relation to agriculture
- To advance the education of young people within rural areas
- To relieve poverty within rural areas
- To promote the benefit and social welfare of inhabitants of rural communities by associating together with the inhabitants and local authorities, voluntary and other organisations to advance education and leisure
- To promote research into agriculture associated activities
- To advance the education of the public by means of research and dissemination of information in relation to insurance

Donations vary from £1,000 to £50,000. However, the Trustees' funding is limited, therefore the larger donations are used to support organisations which have a significant impact on rural communities at a national level. Deadline: **26 May 2018**. Further details are available [here](#) or by emailing nfu_mutual_charitable_trust@nfumutual.co.uk

The Oakdale Trust

The Oakdale Trust is a small family run foundation in Wales which distributes grants to a total value of £250,000 per annum. Grants range from £250 up to £2,000 with an average of approximately £750. 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 deadline for applications is announced on the trust website well before each trust meeting.

Oakley Charitable Trust

Small grants are available for registered charities from the UK, Guernsey and Jersey for conducting general charitable purposes. Funding is at the discretion of the Trustees and applications can be submitted at any time. Previous grants have been for between £50 and £2,000. For more information call 0121 427 7150 and send written applications to Mr G Oakley, The Oakley Charitable Trust, 10 St Mary's Rd, Harborne, Birmingham, B17 0HA.

Ove Arup Foundation

The Ove Arup Foundation is an independent charity, established in 1989 to honour the memory of engineer, designer and philosopher, Sir Ove Arup. Ove believed in applying a holistic approach to design in engineering and architecture – this fund is dedicated to promoting new thinking in education and nurturing engineering of the built environment. The foundation welcomes applications on a rolling basis, for projects wishing to promote new thinking and initiatives within postgraduate and undergraduate education in a multi disciplinary field – the built environment.

P & C Hickinbotham Charitable Trust

Grants ranging £250 to £1000 available for charitable organisations in North Wales undertaking general charitable activities in areas including (amongst others) disability, social deprivation, homelessness, cultural projects, and the environment. For further information on how to obtain this grant please contact roger@hickinbothamtrust.org.uk

Patagonia Environmental Grants Program

Patagonia is a privately held American outdoor clothing and gear company that is based in the United States and operates internationally in a number of different countries, including the UK. It offers grants to non-profit grassroots environmental groups in the countries where it works. It is most interested in awarding grants to organisations that identify and work on the root causes of environmental problems and that approach issues with a commitment to long-term change. There are two funding rounds per year for grants of up to \$15,000 USD. It will not fund conferences or green building projects. Organisations may only submit one application per financial year. **Deadlines: January 31 2018 and June 30 2018**

Pembrokeshire – South Hook LNG Community Fund

The South Hook LNG Community Fund was established in 2015 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 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. Applications for tier one are accepted at any time. Deadlines are: **23 February, 18 May, 27 July and 19 October 2018.**

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 for the next 20 years:

- The MICRO FUND offers one-off grants from £300 - £5,000 to support important aspects of community life and to support enterprise development. There are 2 application rounds each year – the next will open at the beginning of December.
- 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.

We encourage applicants to talk to us before putting pen to paper – phone us on 01685 878785 or drop us a line at enquiries@penycymoeddcic.cymru

People's Postcode Lottery – Small Grants Programme

Postcode Local Trust is seeking applications from organisations and charities that support those projects which are of local importance to areas across Great Britain. There are three separate Trusts which are open for applications at certain periods throughout the year:

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- People's Postcode Trust will focus on the prevention of poverty, promotion of human rights, equal rights and conflict resolution
 - Postcode Local Trust will support wildlife areas, sustainability initiatives, local indoor and outdoor spaces).

- Postcode Community Trust focuses on grass-root sports, arts and recreation programmes and healthy living initiatives that improve community physical and mental health

Applicants can apply for grants between £500-£20,000 (£10,000 in Wales) – they can only apply for over £2,000 if they are a registered charity. Each organisation must have a constitution and a bank account in the name of the group/organisation. Announcements about the 2018 funding programme will be made online, applicants are advised to pay good attention to the guidelines available on the website.

People's Trust for Endangered Species

The People's Trust for Endangered Species welcomes applications from voluntary conservation organisations for financial support for work that relates to the conservation of mammals. Acceptable fields of work for funding include scientific research, practical habitat management work, re-introduction and monitoring programmes and educational projects. There are three different funding routes available: UK mammals grant, worldwide criteria and internship criteria. Average grants per project have been around £15,000. The next UK mammal's grants application deadline will be October 2017 to be considered at a meeting on 29 November. The Internship grant is now open for applications. Funding of up to £5,000 is available to support trainee conservationists to work on a specific project for up to 18 months – the funding is to cover project costs, living and insurance costs. The next worldwide conservation insight grant application deadline will be **February 2018**.

Persimmon Community Champions

Persimmon homes offer grants for community groups up to the value of £1,000. Previous awards have been for activities such as a foodbank and a school garden. The fund was launched in March 2015 and has since given away over £1 million to local groups and charities across the UK. 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.

PF Charitable Trust

The Trust was founded in 1951 by banker Philip Fleming. The Trust supports a diverse range of activity, including the advancement of environmental protection and improvement. Charities registered in the UK are eligible to apply. General enquiries can be made by calling 020 3696 6721 and applications are to be made through the post. The Trustees usually meet monthly to review applications and award grants.

Peter Samuel Charitable Trust

This trust offers grants for voluntary sector and community organisations undertaking projects to improve quality of life and the environment in the UK. Particular areas of interest are heritage, forestry and land restoration. The grant limit is discretionary. Please email kate@farleyfarms.co.uk with any enquiries.

The Plunkett Foundation

The Plunkett Foundation provides dedicated support for predominantly rural communities looking to set up and run a range of community-owned co-operatives. It provides telephone support and has a network of advisers, mentors and specialists across the UK. It also produces a range of tools, resources and information available online to help communities, wherever they are based, through every step of the process. It sometimes has funding available for communities too. The foundation can be contacted at any time to discuss eligibility.

PoldenPuckham Charitable Foundation

The PoldenPuckham Charitable Foundation is a grant giving trust with Quaker family roots. It funds organisations in the UK that are working to influence policy, attitudes and values at a national or international level, including work that addresses the pressures and conditions that risk global environmental breakdown. The Foundation gives particular consideration to small pioneering headquarters organisations. Grants are usually between £5,000 and £15,000 per year, for up to three years and support organisations for which this would represent between 5% and 50% of their annual income. The Trustees usually meet twice a year in the Spring and in the Autumn.

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 - <https://www.mhpa.co.uk/community-fund/>

Rhododendron Trust

The Rhododendron Trust is a small family Charitable Trust which provides grants to charities registered in the UK. The funding is intended to support social welfare and humanitarian aid projects both in the developing world and the UK. It also supports some cultural and wildlife projects. It generally prioritises smaller charities over larger ones. The Trust has an annual budget of about £50,000 for grants. Grants of £500 or £1,000 are available. Applications can be made at any time and will be considered once a year (usually in February or March).

[Please click here for contact details.](#)

Rockwool Donations & Sponsorships, Pencoed

Charitable and not for profit groups are invited to apply for donations and sponsorship from Rockwool, groups will need to be located in close proximity 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.

Santander Discovery Grants

The Discovery Grants scheme is provided by the Santander Foundation. Discovery Grants combines the previous 'Community Plus', 'Learn and Grow' and 'Money Skills' grant schemes into one new funding programme. UK registered charities, Community Interest Companies and Credit Unions with local projects that improve skills, knowledge or innovation and benefit disadvantaged people may apply for grants of up to £5,000. **Applications are accepted at any time.**

Sainsbury's Welsh Community Fund Programme

Grants are available to community groups, registered charities, social enterprises and other not-for-profit groups in Wales for projects, activities and services that are aligned to Sainsbury's values of food, family, kids and health. The maximum grant available is £500. Funding is for projects, services, activities or equipment including for wildlife parks, conservation projects, clean-up activities, etc. This programme is now run through Sainsbury's stores. Groups wishing to apply should approach their local store for details.

Sea-Changers Grant Programme

Sea-Changers aim to promote the conservation, protection and improvement of the physical and natural marine environment and promote marine biodiversity. One off grants of up to £600 are available, and exceptionally up to £1,000, for marine conservation charities and organisations for projects based in the UK. Sea-Changers will allocate funding on a six monthly basis. Projects must take place within the UK and address one of the following areas: Marine reserves or protected marine areas; Direct marine clean up action; Education, campaigning and awareness; Species protection and research. Innovative projects are favoured. The closing date for the next round of grants is **31 March 2018**.

Stanley Smith Horticultural Trust

Funds available in support of horticultural training; for the advancement of research in any branch of horticulture and the publication of the results of such research; to assist the creation, development, preservation and maintenance of gardens accessible to the public; the promotion of the cultivation and wide distribution of plants which have value to mankind; promotion and cultivation of new plants; assisting the publication of books or other works relating to science or horticulture. Funding is available for projects that are of significance to horticulture, gardening or botany with a strong horticultural element. It is important that the focus of the project is horticulture and that this is not seen as an add on focus for any proposed project.

Typical projects are as follows:

- Gardeners' training schemes run by appropriate organisations (but not to individuals).
- Restoring gardens of historic interest.
- Developing new gardens for public access and enjoyment.
- Exhibitions, book publications, research and educational programmes relating to horticulture.
- Expeditions to collect and protect plants of scientific and horticultural value.
- Study-visits by horticulturists or botanists with strong horticultural links.

Grant applications should be submitted well before the deadline dates of **15 February** and **15 August** each year.

Tesco Bags of Help Grant

Community groups across Wales can apply for a monthly grant of up to £4,000 to improve local spaces. Groundwork and Tesco colleagues will shortlist three projects to receive funding each month of £1,000, £2,000 or £4,000, there is then an in store vote and Tesco customers will decide who gets which amount. There is no deadline for the online applications and they can be submitted at any time. To discuss a project idea or for more help please get in touch with:

- North & Mid, Geraint Hughes Community Enabler, Groundwork Wales tel: 01978 757 524
- South East, Julian Devereux, Community Enabler, Groundwork Wales, tel: 01495 222605
- South West, Ian Dennis, Community Enabler, Groundwork Wales tel: 01495 222605

The Chestnut Fund – Grants for conservation

The Chestnut Fund is an independent charity, making grants available to encourage and enable community groups to carry out conservation activities. The grants are administered by The Conservation Volunteers (TCV). Start up grants are available to newly formed groups, the maximum grant for start ups is £150. Support grants are available to conservation groups

of any age and the maximum is £350

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 normally an amount of £1,200 although this can vary. Applications can be made any time and must be submitted in writing more information about the funding can be sought by contacting: smbcharitabletrust@googlemail.com

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. It is more likely to fund groups with an annual turnover of less than £1 million although grants can be awarded to larger groups; particularly for work which could be influential or which a smaller organisation would not have the capacity to deliver. There is a two-stage application process with a rolling deadline.

The Wakeham Trust

The Wakeham Trust is run by volunteers. It likes to help innovative community action groups that are too small, too controversial or too new to get funding from mainstream charities. It does not usually help projects with paid staff, or help with the acquisition of vehicles, or with the purchase or improvement of buildings. It normally makes very small grants in the region of £100 to £500. It is especially interested in volunteers who get together to help others. It does not support gap year students or provide scholarships, though it has sometimes made grants to educational institutions to help with scholarship programmes. Applications are best submitted online.

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.

There are 2 deadlines per theme each year. One-off or multi-year grants can be awarded, the majority of which will be for a **total** of £50,000 - £100,000. The fund does not support projects focussing on environmental education or those with animal conservation as their sole focus.

Waitrose Community Matters

Waitrose flagship Community Matters Scheme was launched in 2008. We devolved decision making to local level giving our customers the opportunity to nominate local causes close to their heart and our Partners (employees) to decide on the three local charities/good causes (not for profit) to support each month through Waitrose democratic bodies in every local

shop. In 2012 Waitrose was recognised for the Community Matters and presented with the Big Society Award by the then Prime Minister David Cameron. This scheme allows customers to cast their green token vote and a share of £1,000 (or £500 in convenience shops) is divided in proportion to the customer vote. Since its launch, Waitrose has donated more than £30 million profit to support more than 90,000 local charitable causes. In 2011 Waitrose launched an online version to support National Charities. Every three months three national charities are featured and a share of £25,000 is divided in proportion to the number of online shopper votes. Applications from national charities for this online scheme are welcome.

Dŵr Cymru's Water Framework Directive (WFD) Fund

Since 2012, Dŵr Cymru have offered funding (circa £100k/annum) to support non-profit organisations that want to undertake projects that will help to implement the European Union's Water Framework Directive (WFD) within our supply area. We are the only UK Water company to operate such a scheme.

The main aim of this fund is to demonstrate in a practical way, how cost effective and beneficial such innovative and co-funded improvements can be in meeting the requirements of the Water Framework Directive by:

- Supporting 'on the ground' and 'in the water' projects that improve the ecology of the water environment.
- Targeting water bodies or protected areas that are failing to reach objectives under the WFD.

Dŵr Cymru have funded 13 projects to date. For more information on Dŵr Cymru's WFD Fund, please contact wfd@dwrcymru.com

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.

Central Government 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 £1,500,00 (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 etenderwales 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 will be exiting the EU, for Active Inclusion it is very much 'business as

usual' and the funds have recently been revised and extended to enable projects to be funded right up to the end of 2019. 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 or ring the WCVA Help Desk and we will put you in touch with someone who can help.

LEADER Programme in Wales

It has evolved through successive Programme periods and is included in the Welsh Government Rural Communities – Rural Development Programme 2014-2020 with the potential to support all 6 of the Priorities for Rural Development. The LEADER approach is associated with local empowerment through local strategy development and resource allocation. The main tool for the application of this approach to area development and involving local representatives in decision-making is the LEADER Local Action Group (LAG). LEADER is a form of Community-Led Local Development (CLLD). Through a process of stakeholder engagement, building the capacity of target groups and co-operation, the problems faced and opportunities available to an area are recognised and potential solutions are piloted. There is a LAG in each Local Authority Area; find out more about what funding is available in your area [here](#).

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 or 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.

Powys - Community Regeneration & Development Capital Grant Fund

Powys County Council recognises the value of community groups and organisations in trying to sustain their own communities, undertaking projects that involve local participation which are inclusive of everyone. The Community Regeneration & Development Capital Grant Fund's (previously known as the Community Enablement Support Fund Capital Grants) main purpose is to support social and community development. Voluntary groups and organisations that demonstrate that they are properly constituted can apply. Capital expenditure involves acquiring or enhancing fixed assets with a long-term value to the group or organisation, such as land, buildings, and major items of equipment or machinery. Capital assets shape the way the group or organisation's services are delivered in the long term, but will create financial commitments for the future in the form of financing costs and revenue running costs. Revenue is where the running costs of the group or organisation's expenses are made - relating to such things as salaries, heat and lighting costs, consumables etc. Priority will be given to those requests that meet the aims and objectives of Powys County Council or assists in the delivery of its strategies. Grants will ordinarily be up to a value of £15,000 and applications can be made at any time.

Horizon 2020

Horizon 2020 is the EU's programme for research and innovation and will run from 2014-2020. It is broken down into 3 sections:

- Excellent Science
- Industrial Leadership

- Societal Challenges

These sections are then broken down into topics and calls for applications. The calls for 2018-2020 have just been published and the first deadlines are in early 2018. Some areas of particular interest are listed below:

- **Societal Challenge 5: Climate Action, Environment, Resource Efficiency and Raw Materials**
- **Societal Challenge 2:** Food security, sustainable agriculture and forestry, marine, maritime and inland water research and the bioeconomy
- **Marie Skłodowska Curie Actions: research fellowship and training programmes (including fellowships outside academia)**
- **SME Instrument:** between €50,000 and €2.5 million for SMEs to take new demonstrated technology or services to EU or global markets.

Welsh Government provides an advice and support service to Welsh organisations looking for funding from the EU. If you are interested in applying for Horizon 2020 funding and would further information, contact the Horizon 2020 unit: Horizon2020@gov.wales

UK applicants to the Horizon 2020 programme benefit from a guarantee from UK government: “where UK organisations bid directly to the European Commission on a competitive basis for EU funding projects while we are still a member of the EU, for example universities participating in Horizon 2020, the Treasury will underwrite the payments of such awards, even when specific projects continue beyond the UK’s departure from the EU.” The UK’s underwrite Q&A paper can be seen [here](#).

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 are able to 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 themes for the 2014-2020 programming period are:

- Research and Innovation
- SME Competiveness
- Low carbon economy - This theme addresses the transition to a low carbon economy in all sectors. This could be through policies aimed to raise the share of renewable energy sources in the energy mix to promoting multimodal sustainable transport. e.g. developing regional low-carbon strategies
- Environment and resource efficiency - Two distinct fields are open for cooperation
 - protection & development of natural and cultural heritage e.g. improving management of regional nature parks
 - transition to a resource-efficient economy, promoting green growth and eco-innovation e.g. increasing recycling rates among SMEs

These programmes are now up and running with calls being released; so if your organisation has an idea for a project and have the capacity to deliver a partnership project - then keep an eye on the Interreg Europe website for funding rounds being released. Third sector

organisations can contact 3set@wcva.org.uk for support in the development of a project proposal.

The LIFE Programme

The LIFE Programme is the European Commission's financial instrument supporting environment and nature conservation projects throughout the EU. The overall objective of the fund is to contribute towards implementation and development of EU environmental and climate policy and legislation. The programme is split into two sub-programmes – Environment and Climate Action.

The Environment sub-programme covers three priority areas:

- Nature & Biodiversity projects focus on implementing the Birds and Habitats Directive and EU Biodiversity Strategy;
- Environment & Resource Efficiency projects focus on trialling, developing and demonstrating approaches and solutions to EU wide environmental challenges; and
- Environmental Governance & Information projects focus on increasing knowledge and disseminating information.

The Climate sub-programme covers the following three priorities:

- Climate Adaptation projects focus on increasing resilience to climate change;
- Climate Mitigation projects focus on reducing greenhouse gas emissions; and
- Climatic Governance & Information focuses on increasing knowledge and disseminating information on climate related matters.

The next multi-annual work programme runs from 2018 -2020 and is due to be published in early 2018. For an update on the LIFE programme within the UK please see the [UK LIFE website](#) for further information.

Natural Capital Financial Facility (NCFE)

The Natural Capital Financial Facility (NCFE) is funded through the LIFE Programme for Environment and Climate Change and is managed by the European Investment Bank (EIB). The main aim is to demonstrate that natural capital projects can generate revenues or save costs whilst delivering on biodiversity and climate adaptation objectives. The NCFE will establish a pipeline of replicable, bankable operations that will serve as 'proof of concept' and will demonstrate to potential investors the attractiveness of such operations.

Projects will typically be between €5 million and €15 million public and private entities, including public authorities, land owners and businesses are eligible to apply.

Projects focused on biodiversity and ecosystem services (BES) will be supported.

Projects should promote the conservation, restoration, management and enhancement of natural capital which can benefit biodiversity and climate adaptation. This includes ecosystem-based solutions to challenges related to land, soil, forestry, agriculture, water and waste.

Project examples include:

- Green infrastructure (eg green roofs, green walls, ecosystem-based rainwater collection/water reuse systems, flood protection and erosion control).
- Payment for ecosystem services (eg programmes to protect and enhance forestry, biodiversity, to reduce water or soil pollution).
- Biodiversity offsets / compensation beyond legal requirements (eg compensation pools for on-site and off-site compensation projects).
- Pro-biodiversity and adaptation businesses (eg sustainable forestry, agriculture, aquaculture, eco-tourism).

- With the exception of "Biodiversity Offsets" each of the above categories may involve projects in areas of high biodiversity value protected in Natura 2000. There is a rolling deadline for this fund.

Landfill Communities Funds

The Landfill Communities Fund (LCF) – formerly the Landfill Tax Credit Scheme is an innovative scheme that enables operators of landfill sites to contribute money to enrolled Environmental Bodies (EBs) to carry out projects that meet the objects contained in the Landfill Tax Regulations 1996. ENTRUST regulates the LCF on behalf of HM Revenue & Customs.

Organisations wishing to apply for funding through the scheme should approach a LCF funder, details of which can be found on the ENTRUST website.

There are five main areas of work that can be undertaken when utilising LCF monies, these are called the 'objects'. The relevant objects are as follows:

- The remediation or restoration of land which cannot now be used because of a ceased activity that used to take place there
- The reduction, prevention or mitigation of effects of pollution that has resulted, or may result, from an activity which has now ceased
- The provision, maintenance or improvement of a public park or other general public amenity
- The conservation of a specific species or a specific habitat where it naturally occurs
- The repair, maintenance or restoration of a place of worship or a place of architectural importance

Please visit <http://www.entrust.org.uk/environmental-bodies/eb-search/> and check the 'funders only' box to see a list of potential funding sources from the Landfill Communities Fund.

Responsibility for the new Welsh Landfill Tax will be transferred to the Government on 1 April 2018. This transfer of responsibility impacts on the LCF in Wales which will also cease after 31 March 2018. There will be a transitional period which will end on 31 March 2020. For more information about the LCF in Wales and any announcements about the transition and successor to the LCF in Wales please visit the ENTRUST website. The following funds provide money through the LCF.

Biffa Award

Biffa Award currently offers Grants between £10,000 and £75,000 for community projects within a certain radius of a Biffa operation working towards one of the following themes: Rebuilding Biodiversity, Community Buildings, or Recreation. Projects should be for community or environmental benefit. For full funding criteria and to access the online application form, please visit the Biffa Award website. Cultural Facilities projects are now funded via the [Association of Independent Museums](#) as part of the [History Makers](#) project. Deadlines: There are several upcoming deadlines for 2017-18, visit [here](#).

Cory Environmental Trust in Britain

Grants of up to £50,000 are available for not-for-profit organisations undertaking community and environmental projects located within 10 miles of a Cory Environmental landfill site in England or Wales, and which will have as big an impact on the community as possible. The next application deadline is **8 December 2017** (further deadlines are every four months

thereafter). The Landfill Communities Fund scheme closes in Wales on 21 March 2018 following devolution of the Landfill Tax, therefore the Jan 18 meeting will be the last meeting where projects located in Wales will be considered.

The Veolia Environmental Trust

The Veolia Environmental Trust provides support and funding through the Landfill Communities Fund to community and environmental projects across England and Wales. Since 1997 Veolia has supported the Trust with contributions of over £72 million, enabling it to award more than 2150 grants to projects. Types of projects supported by the Trust include the improvement of community buildings or the creation of new ones, improving parks and paths, installing play and recreation facilities, enhancing nature reserves and undertaking work to support biodiversity. Applicants will need to check their geographical and other eligibility criteria before applying. The application process is in two stages and details can be found on the Trust's website www.veoliatrust.org.

WREN FCC Community Action Fund

The FCC Community Action Fund is administered by WREN and can fund a wide range of projects under Object D of the Landfill Communities Fund - The provision, maintenance or improvement of a public park or other general public amenity. WREN defines a public amenity as something that a community can access and use for leisure or recreation purposes. Funding of between £2,000 and £50,000 is available. Projects must be located within 10 miles of a FCC Environment landfill site in WREN's operating areas across England and Wales and be available to the general public. Community organisations, voluntary groups, charities, and other not-for-profit organisations and groups can apply as long as they have a formal constitution and bank account. Local authorities can also apply. **Upcoming deadline:**

- Round FCC CAF 2018 - 1 Round opens on Wednesday 6 December 2017 and closes on 28 February 2018.

The Viridor & Prosiect Gwyrdd Community Fund

The Viridor & Prosiect Gwyrdd Community Fund can provide financial support to community initiatives that operate in the Local Authority regions that make up Prosiect Gwyrdd; Caerphilly County Borough Council, City of Cardiff Council, Monmouthshire County Council, Newport City Council and Vale of Glamorgan Council. As of April 2016 £50,000 will be made available each year for 25 years. This represents the term of the Prosiect Gwyrdd contract for Viridor to handle the treatment of its residual (non-recyclable) waste at the Trident Park Energy Recovery Facility, Cardiff. Funding of projects is awarded on a set of criteria based around sustainability, local need, community involvement, value for money and education. View the fund guidance document [here](#) for further information.

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. The funding for the scheme has been confirmed until March 2020. 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>

Plug-in Van Grant Scheme

This Central Government initiative enables motorists purchasing a qualifying ultra-low emission van to receive a grant of 20% towards the cost of the vehicle, up to a maximum of £8,000. The plug-in van 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 van grant.

Re:Fit Cymru

Re:fit Cymru is a Welsh Government Programme (started April 2016) to support Welsh public sector organisations to identify, develop and deliver energy and water efficiency or building-connected renewable projects with financially guaranteed and measured annual savings. Re:fit Cymru is only available to the public sector in Wales. Re:fit Cymru uses the UK's successful OJEU compliant Re:fit Framework which has been benefitting the UK public sector since 2010. The Re:fit Cymru Programme provides substantial professional support to the Welsh public sector throughout their projects, via the Programme Implementation Unit and Technical Support team. This support helps organisations that are short on resources and funding.

To benefit from Re:fit Cymru, Welsh public sector organisations sign an Access Agreement and Client Support Agreement, and pay a nominal contribution of £10,000 (paid later after project delivery) for the costs of the professional support that they receive. This contribution equates to a fraction of the actual value of the support received by each organisation. To fund Re:fit Cymru, the Welsh Government secured grant funding from the European Local Energy Assistance (ELENA) administered by the European Investment Bank (EIB).

Re:fit Cymru works closely with the Green Growth Wales and other Welsh Government programmes, including the Wales Funding Programme, offering 0% Invest-to-Save and Salix loans.

Re:fit Cymru will provide support through:

- Stakeholder engagement to secure organisational buy-in
- Strategy and project development including benchmarking to identify the savings opportunity for investment
- Procurement and legal support
- Technical Advice including Measurement & Verification support
- Access to a UK wide public sector framework
- Support during project delivery

In summary, the main benefits of using Re:fit Cymru are as follows:

- Welsh Government, fully supported programme by expert team
- Uses the robust and proven UK Re:fit Framework
- Enables Welsh public sector to quickly tackle large scale and phased energy/water/cost/carbon reduction/maintenance or income generation - with limited resources
- Provides annually guaranteed, measured and verified financial savings with transfer of risk to service providers
- Zero % loan and grant funding available from the Wales Funding Programme.
- Organisations only contribute £10k towards extensive PIU & Technical support package, paid later during project delivery. Further phase project support is £2k.
- Promotion and integration of supply chain for project opportunities

If you are from a Welsh public sector organisation and would like to know more about how Re:fit Cymru can benefit you, please contact Glyn Mountford or Tristan Oliver on: refitcymru@gov.wales

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 £1 billion 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.

There are 6 schemes developed through the RDP (plus others which have been incorporated from the last programme) which will be used to allocate funding to suitable projects through calls for expressions of interest, these schemes are in the table below:

Further information on indicative rounds please see here -

<http://gov.wales/docs/drah/publications/170330-list-of-eoi-scheme-windows-en.pdf>

| Scheme | Deadline | Information |
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| Food Business Investment Scheme | Future dates to be confirmed | Food Business Investment Scheme (FBIS) is designed to help primary producers of agricultural products and businesses that do first and/or second stage processing activities in Wales. The scheme can provide capital investment and other support to projects where at least 90% eligible agricultural products are processed. |
| Rural Community Development Fund | Opens 5 April 2018, Deadline: 07 June 2018 | The Rural Community Development Fund (RCDF) offers grants which are primarily aimed at LEADER Local Action Groups and other community-based organisations. The grants will provide investment funding for a wide range of activities to help meet local needs and strengthen communities so that they can grow and thrive. |
| Sustainable Management Scheme | Future dates to be confirmed | The Sustainable Management Scheme will provide financial support for a range of activities that will improve the management of our natural resources and in doing so contribute to the well-being of our rural communities. The scheme offers grants to collaborative groups looking to: |

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| | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improve our natural resources and the benefits they provide • Take action to reduce greenhouse gas emissions • Improve business and community resilience to the impacts of climate change |
| Sustainable Production Grant Scheme | Future dates to be confirmed | <p>The Sustainable Production Grant (SPG) scheme is a capital grant support package aimed at farmers in Wales.</p> <p>We have designed this scheme to help farmers improve the economic and environmental performance of their agricultural holding in line with the Welsh Government's and agriculture industry in Wales' vision for more sustainable, profitable and resilient farm businesses.</p> |
| Timber Business Investment Scheme | Future dates to be confirmed | <p>The Timber Business Investment Scheme provides funding for capital investments that add value to forests by enabling woodland management activities, timber harvesting and/or timber processing.</p> <p>The scheme is open to private forest owners, local authorities, certain other public sector forest owners and small/medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) and community organisations or forestry contractors.</p> |
| Co-operation and Supply Chain Development | Opens 6 November, Deadline: 20 December 2017 | <p>Support for co-operation activities across the agriculture, food and forestry sectors.</p> <p>The Co-operation and Supply Chain Development Scheme (C&SCDS) is designed to help make new things happen. It will provide support for a broad range of matters and for all aspects of a project, from the initial stages through to delivery and into dissemination and evaluation. The scheme cannot support joint activities which are already taking place but can support an existing group in undertaking a new joint project.</p> |

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| <p>Co-operative Forest Planning Scheme</p> | <p>Opens 23 October, Deadline: 30 April 2018</p> | <p>This scheme encourages planning for the creation of broadleaved and conifer woodland.</p> <p>By providing financial support for a range of activities that will support this goal and therefore:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improve the management of our natural resources • Contribute to the well-being of our rural communities <p>The Co-operative Forest Planning Scheme aims to support proposals seeking to facilitate, develop or establish new collaborations and activities and to help potential new collaborations develop project proposals.</p> <p>Examples of eligible activities under the scheme include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The development and co-ordination of collaborative groups • Communication and dissemination activities • Technical and feasibility studies • Monitoring and evaluation activities |
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Glastir

Glastir is the sustainable land management scheme, through which Welsh Government and the EU offer financial support to farmers and land managers. Glastir pays for the delivery of specific environmental goods and services aimed at:

- Combating climate change
- Improving water management
- Maintaining and enhancing biodiversity

The following funding initiatives are available through the Glastir programme:

- Glastir Woodland Restoration
- Glastir Small grants (Carbon) 2017
- Glastir Woodland Creation
- Glastir Advanced 2019
- Glastir Woodland Creation
- Glastir Small Grants (Water)
- Glastir Small Grants (Landscape and Pollinators)
- Glastir Small grants (Carbon) 2019

It is designed to deliver measurable outcomes at both a farm and landscape level in a cost effective way. Find out more about Glastir and the various scheme deadlines [here](#).

Sustainable Development Fund

The Sustainable Development Fund (SDF) was set up by Welsh Government in 2001 as part of its ongoing support for protected landscapes (National Parks and Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty) and sustainable development. The Fund's main aim is to support and promote a more sustainable way of life in these special areas. 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 AONBs and National Parks.

Find out more about the various park funds with the following contacts:

- [Brecon Beacons National Park : Ceri Bevan/Helen Roderick \(Job Share\)](#)
- [Pembrokeshire Coast National Park: Emma Taylor emmat@pembrokeshirecoast.org.uk](#)
- [Wye Valley AONB : Sarah Sawyer community@wyevalley.org.uk](#)
- [Gower AONB : Mike Scott mike.scott2@swansea.gov.uk](#)
- [Snowdonia National Park](#)

Pembrokeshire – Little Green Grant

Little Green Grants are available to support and benefit communities located in the Pembrokeshire Coast National park by helping communities to live in a way which balances the needs of the people, the environment and the local economy. Grants of upto £1,500 are available and groups must provide at least 25% match funding, this can include in-kind contributions. Applications will be accepted from individuals, groups of individuals, local organisations, small businesses and voluntary or community groups. For more information or to request an application pack email development@pavs.org.uk or phone 01437 769422

Deadline: 12 January 2018

Social Business Growth Fund – blended grant and repayable financial assistance 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 through a unique blend of grant (40%) and repayable financial assistance (60%). Organisations that over achieve against job creation targets are able to reduce the amount of financial assistance to be repaid. Support of up to £150,000 is available and is part funded by the European Regional Development Fund.

Lottery Funding

National Lottery

National Lottery money is given out by 12 independent organisations, each with specialist knowledge of their sectors to support the Lottery Good Causes. These are the arts, charities and voluntary groups, heritage, health, education, the environment and sports. For more information visit: www.lotterygoodcauses.org.uk

Big Lottery Fund

The Big Lottery Fund is the largest community funder in Wales. Each year, they distribute millions of pounds of the National Lottery's good causes money to community groups and charitable projects around the country. They believe people should be in the lead when improving their lives and communities. Their approach focuses on the skills and energy people can draw upon and the potential in their ideas.

Big Lottery Fund: National Lottery Awards for All Wales

National Lottery Awards for All provides grants between £300 and £10,000 for grassroots and community activity that aims to improve life for local people and neighbourhoods. It's important that you involve your community in the design, development and delivery of the activities you're planning, so if you apply, you will need to explain how you've done this. The programme is open to any not for profit organisation and you can apply at any time

Big Lottery 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 anytime.

Big Lottery Fund: Helping Working Families

Helping Working Families has been set up to enable families affected by 'in-work' poverty to improve their lives. Applicants will be required to identify, engage and develop activities and projects with families to ensure projects are relevant and focus on what matters to the families themselves. Working in this co-produced way is therefore an essential element of the programme. A total of £6m is available for awards of up to £500,000 lasting four years. Applicants must be from the voluntary or community sector. Deadline for applications is **15 March 2018**.

Heritage Lottery Fund

The Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) sustains and transforms a wide range of heritage through innovative investment in projects with a lasting impact on people and places. It is keen to encourage more fundable projects from the natural heritage sector and the Catalyst Cymru support service can provide advice and assistance in accessing HLF grants. HLF awards a range of grants from £3,000 upwards via the following programmes. Each programme has different criteria, application processes and deadlines.

Sharing Heritage

£3,000 to £10,000 - Grant designed to explore community heritage through activities such as recording memories to conserving wildlife. The programme is described as straightforward, with a short application form and a quick decision.

Our Heritage

£10,000 to £100,000 - The programme is open to not-for-profit organisations, private owners of heritage and partnerships to protect and share all aspects of heritage ranging from personal memories and cultural traditions to archaeological sites, museum collections and rare wildlife. If individuals or for-profit organisations are involved, the public benefit from the project must be greater than any private gain.

Heritage Grants

Whether you want to rescue a historic building, breathe new life into a collection or record people's stories, Heritage Grants can help with awards over £100,000. The programme could help you set up an archaeological dig, help people learn long-lost traditional skills, look after rare species and habitats, and much more.

Young Roots

£10,000 to £50,000 - This programme is for projects to help young people aged 11 to 25 to explore their heritage, from green spaces, museums, and historic sites to language, local memories and youth culture.

Resilient Heritage

Grants of up to £250,000 to organisations wanting to build their capacity or achieve strategic change in order to improve the management of heritage in the long term. Heritage includes many different things from the past that is valued and that people want to pass on to future generations, including: archaeological sites, historic buildings, natural heritage including habitats, species and geology, and natural and designed landscapes and gardens. Applications for funding under £100,000 are not required to make cash contribution; applications above £100,000 will need to make a 5% contribution towards the project cost. Applications can be made at any time.

Parks for People

£100,000 to £5 million - Parks for People supports the regeneration of existing designed urban or rural public parks including conservation of their heritage; landscape, priority species, habitats and associated memories (e.g. veteran trees). This definition includes urban parks, country parks, gardens, squares and seaside promenade gardens. The fund also supports cemeteries and burial grounds.

Landscape Partnerships

£100,000 to £3 million - The Landscape Partnerships programme is for schemes led by partnerships of local, regional and national interests which aim to conserve areas of distinctive landscape character throughout the UK and get more people involved in understanding and looking after them for the long term.

Useful Resources and support

Environet

Environet Cymru are here to support the staff, volunteers and trustees of any community group or third sector organisation in Wales that wants to start an environmental project or to develop an existing project further. Communities and third sector bodies already play a key role in raising awareness about, and taking action on, some of our most pressing environmental challenges such as climate change, species loss and unsustainable resource use. They also form a fantastic resource of knowledge, ideas and learning that can help

inspire and support others to develop environmental activities too. Environet Cymru aims to share and promote this learning through networking, regional events and online and telephone support. We also offer co-ordination support to regional or national project development and help groups or partnerships explore the possibility of applying for larger scale funding. Together, even small actions, with the right advice and support, can have a huge impact so please get involved today!

If you've got a specific idea for an environmental project that you would like to start or to find partners, resources and funding, then please get in touch. We'd love to hear from you! [Twitter](#)
Email: environet@wcva.org.uk

Are you doing things 'Nature's Way'?

Taking care of nature in our homes and gardens is one thing but how do we do it in the places where we work or volunteer? Designed with community groups in mind, Environet Cymru has produced an [Investing in Nature](#) guide to help us look at the negative impacts that we may inadvertently be having on nature and explains the simple, practical but often overlooked actions that we can take to [Help Wildlife to Thrive](#).

It also explains how you can influence others and do more across your group or organisation by [Getting Nature into Your Environmental Policy](#).

Need help persuading others to make space for nature? Want to do your part for a Resilient Wales? Environet's resource can help!

There is no doubt that most of us would prefer a workplace with more greenery and a chance to enjoy some space for nature. How do we persuade others though who might be concerned that this is costly, high maintenance and really just a 'nice to have'? [Environet's resource](#), co-produced with [Wildlife Trusts Wales](#), aims to change these beliefs with research and stats about the health and well-being benefits of a more nature-friendly workplace, which include reduced sickness and a more productive and creative workforce!

The Wellbeing of Future Generations (Wales) Act - Goal Factsheets and Animation

Think the Goals of the Well-being of Future Generations Act are only for public bodies? The third sector contributes greatly towards the achievement of the goals and these [factsheets](#) and [animation](#) aim to help groups think more about their contributions in the context of the goals; enabling them to demonstrate the impact that they're making.

The Arthur Rank Centre

The Arthur Rank Centre is committed to supporting rural churches and communities, and has set up the 'Computers for Rural People' scheme to provide computers at very low cost to encourage people who are rurally isolated to enter the digital world. It also provides [other resources](#) described as useful to rural communities.

B&Q

B&Q are making steps to improve their impact upon nature; they aim by 2020 to stop selling peat in compost and have already stopped selling patio heaters, invasive non-native plants and neonicotinoid pesticides. They want to encourage gardeners to support wildlife through their 'greener gardens' campaign which includes online [resources and guidance](#). Each B&Q store also 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.

Business In the Community

Business in the Community (BITC) Cymru is the Prince's Responsible Business Network in Wales. We are the business-led charity that works with business of all sizes and sectors to help them maximise the commercial benefits of responsible business practices; and at the same time making a real difference to the people, economy and environment of Wales. We currently have opportunities for community organisations to benefit from free business support and the skills, passion and energy of employee volunteers. If your charity or community group has a project that can be completed in one day by a team of volunteers – we want to hear from you! Teams can range from 10 – 50 people depending on how many you require. Although some fundraising may be possible, we are primarily looking for projects where volunteers can share their time, knowledge and expertise rather than a financial contribution.

Typical projects often include:

- Organising and delivering skills workshops and activities
- Making a community room more welcoming and appealing (ie creating murals and improving the space)
- Enhancing an outside space (ie creating a sensory garden, developing vegetable patches or flower beds, creating a path)

If you've got an idea, or something you want to talk about with us, please contact: Simon Walters in the Community Team at BITC Cymru on 029 2078 0050 or by email at simon.walters@bitc.org.uk

Coed Cymru

Coed Cymru gives free help and advice on the sensitive management of woodlands and the sustainable use of woodland products. It covers the whole spectrum from the growth of new trees through to high quality Welsh hardwood products. The overall aim for Coed Cymru is to be an advocate and campaigning body for broadleaf woodland in Wales and to act as a catalyst to bring about environmental, economic and social benefits through sustainable woodland management. Advice is provided to interested parties throughout Wales, including woodland owners, farmers, wood processors, conservationists, local people, communities and those involved in employment in rural areas, tourism and recreation. Coed Cymru also carries out activities relating to research and development; technical support; education and training; and a campaign to ingrain a woodland tradition into the social and commercial life of Wales.

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](#).

Federation of City Farms and Community Gardens

The FCFCG provides support to anyone who gets together with others in their neighbourhood to create and nurture a green space for the benefit of their community. There is a wide range of online information and advice useful for [Welsh community growers](#). The FCFCG also manages the

Community Land Advisory Service in Wales

CLAS aims to help community growing groups, landowners - plus others involved in land access - to work together to make more land available for community growing. **Growing Together**, a project designed to help community growing projects become more financially sustainable.

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 is a registered charity set up to act as a clearing house for surplus goods from the corporate sector. These goods are then channelled to good causes in the voluntary sector. In Kind Direct aims to increase the flow of goods to UK charities, helping people in need, both in the UK and abroad. It does this by providing low cost goods to organisations within the voluntary sector. Organisations registered with the sponsor receive a monthly list of available goods. Items may then be requested from the list.

Launching the Natural Capital Protocol Toolkit, Helping Business Understand its Relationship With Nature

On July 13, exactly one year after the launch of the Natural Capital Protocol, the World Business Council for Sustainable Development (WBCSD) and the Natural Capital Coalition launched the **Natural Capital Protocol Toolkit**, a brand new resource to help companies implement the Natural Capital Protocol. See what experts are saying about the Natural Capital Protocol Toolkit **here**.

Llais y Goedwig - the community woodland network for Wales

Llais y Goedwig is a 350 member strong grassroots network aiming to represent and support community woodland groups and practitioners across Wales. It provides a range of resources, contacts and case studies to support the creation and management of sustainable community woodlands along with an Enquiry Service where concerns and queries can be shared or answered by other network members.

Local Energy – Partnership Portal

The Partnership Portal aims to support community ownership of renewable energy projects. The Portal can be used by community groups to post information about their project, by potential partners or investors who would like to support a project in their area, and by existing community-scale renewable energy schemes who are willing to share their experiences and offer peer support.

NCVO

NCVO provides a guide to sustainable funding, case studies and an organisational **self-assessment tool**. Its KnowHowNonProfit website also provides resources on other income generation opportunities including 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.

Now Go Online

NowGoOnline™ gives your charity the ability to have an unlimited number of websites with everything needed to have a strong effective presence. The websites are integrated into social media to provide the tools required for reaching out to donors and fundraisers. If your charity has a website already, you can set up NowGoOnline™ subsites for your fundraising or a specific focused appeal subsite. There are no limits on how many websites you can create.

Report from the Future Generations Commissioner -Well-being in Wales – Learning from the well-being assessments

The aim of this **report** is to share learning on the key areas of change needed to ensure that well-being planning makes the most of the opportunities the Act provides to share resources, take new approaches and ultimately make better decisions for future generations.

Renewable Energy Locator

Aiming to provide those who live in England and Wales with an easily accessible picture of how renewable energy is doing in their area, the renewable energy locator shows how much of electricity and gas used in a particular area is generated from renewables and how well places are performing compared to others.

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.

Resource Efficient Wales

Resource Efficient Wales is the Welsh Government's single point of access to provide community groups, charities, householders, businesses or public bodies with information across a range of resource efficiency topics. A bilingual helpline provides tailored information on saving energy and water, and reducing waste or disposing of it more efficiently. Calls are charged at local rate, even from a mobile phone and you may request a call-back which will be done within 2 working days. The helpline 0300 123 2020 is open 9am – 5pm.

Resource Efficiency Self-assessment Tool

Your business or organisation could reduce overheads by using less energy and water, consuming fewer raw materials and reducing waste with the new **Resource Efficiency Self-assessment Tool**. The Welsh Government's Resource Efficient Wales (REW) service is free and easy to access. Any Welsh business can apply and be matched with an expert Client Manager from WRAP Cymru or Carbon Trust. For more information, contact: **WRAP Cymru - 02920 100100 and Resource Efficient Wales - 0300 123 2020**

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.

Tesco Community Champions

Tesco has over 500 Champions primarily in its larger stores that can support local charities, groups and not-for-profit organisations to carry out various charity and fundraising activities within the store or their local community.

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.

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.

Tidy Towns

Tidy Towns is a Welsh Government funded community initiative, designed to help volunteer groups take charge of their local environment. It supports communities to make local areas a better, cleaner place to live e.g. by turning waste ground into a shared community space; creating and managing pollinator rich habitats, controlling invasive species, growing projects; or improving access to local facilities by restoring pathways. There is a Keep Wales Tidy project officer working in each local authority to help groups with starting up and building skills and capacity. The officers also help projects liaise with the local authority, as well as the police and environmental agencies.

Turn2Us

Turn2us is a national charity that helps people in financial hardship gain access to welfare benefits, charitable grants and support services. If you are an intermediary – one of the thousands of advisers, welfare officers, support workers and volunteer home visitors who have regular face-to-face contact with people in financial need – Turn2Us can help you find the right resources to support the people you are working with. You can also store individuals' details and applications in your confidential and secure Turn2us intermediary account, enabling you to access and update information as you need to. Turn2Us also work in partnership with many organisations to develop projects and services involving intermediaries.

Village SOS

The campaign aims to inspire local community action, through supporting new, developing and existing community projects that benefit residents in rural communities throughout the UK. Support is available for projects that will help to re-establish or reinvent services and reinvigorate the community. That might be by keeping services such as shops or playgroups alive for the village or by starting up a new enterprise that could create income to benefit the local area. Support is available for projects that will help to re-establish or reinvent services

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Wales Council for Voluntary Action

Wales Council for Voluntary Action (WCVA) operates the Third Sector Funding Portal, a 'one-stop shop' for funding advice and opportunities. The portal features GRANTnet, a free basic online funding search that can help identify suitable funding opportunities for your activity or project. For heritage organisations there is also a programme of specialist fundraising support called Catalyst Cymru.

WCVA Learning Zone

WCVA's **Learning Zone** offers an accessible and easy way to learn online. The site will host a range of standalone courses, as well as provide additional content and resources to enhance our traditional classroom based sessions. Visit **www.learningzone.wales** right now to get your online learning journey started. These courses are ready, available and free of charge to all: Getting fit for fundraising; Introduction to legal structures and charitable status; and The Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act - The essentials. Content will be updated regularly and new courses added so make sure to visit the site to see what's new. If there are any courses not currently offered that you would like to see please **contact us** to let us know.

WCVA Pay Connect Services

A dedicated, professional payroll service for charities and not-for-profit organisations. WCVA Pay Connect has a clear pricing structure with no hidden fees for completing the Tax Year end. For further information or a quote please contact scole@wcva.org.uk or visit www.wcva.org.uk/advice-guidance/pay-connect to find out more.

Welsh Government Future Trends Report

The Future Trends report has been designed to support the public sector in Wales in making better decisions for the long term. It identifies the key social, economic, environmental and cultural trends that could affect Wales in the future, as well as some of the factors that could influence the direction of those trends. The report sets out the future trends under six themes: Population, Health, Economy & infrastructure, Climate change, Land use & natural resources, Society & culture. The report encourages readers to consider these future trends in combination with each other, and to start to identify and discuss the potential opportunities and challenges they might present for us all.