

## Sources of Funding for Community Nature Projects

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Listed below are potential sources of funding that wildlife and nature conservation focused Community Nature Projects on the Blackdown Hills are eligible to apply for. This list is not exhaustive so please contact the BBNF office on 01823 681937 or email [james.maben@devon.gov.uk](mailto:james.maben@devon.gov.uk) if your Community Nature Project would like support with funding applications.

**Please note:** details are correct at time of print – you are advised to check the relevant funder’s website prior to starting an application in case eligibility criteria have changed.

Funding details	<p><b>Blackdown Hills Sustainable Development Fund:</b> The fund can support a range of projects including practical work, feasibility studies, research projects, partnership development, and training. Grants can be used to fund new projects or to add value to an existing project. Projects need to demonstrate that they will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Help to conserve and enhance the natural beauty of the AONB</li> <li>• Increase the understanding and enjoyment of the special qualities of the AONB</li> <li>• Bring environmental, social and economic benefits to the AONB</li> <li>• Have the demonstrable support or involvement of local communities</li> </ul>
Website	<a href="http://www.blackdownhillsaonb.org.uk/Sustainable-Development-Fund.html">http://www.blackdownhillsaonb.org.uk/Sustainable-Development-Fund.html</a>
Grant available	The fund gives grants of up to £2000.
Application process	Application form that can be completed electronically.
Deadlines	Applications can be made at any time. The panel aims to have a decision within 14 working days from the date of receipt of an application that has supplied all relevant information to enable it to be assessed.
Notes	Many BBNF community nature projects have successfully applied for funding. However, the current application process requires quite a bit of effort to complete but AONB can offer support with this.
Contact details	Call: 01823 680681 or email: <a href="mailto:blackdownhills@devon.gov.uk">blackdownhills@devon.gov.uk</a> to discuss an idea for a project or request a hard copy of application forms.

Funding details	<p><b>Devon County Council Locality Budgets &amp; Local Project Fund:</b> Each County Councillor in Devon has an allocation of £10,000 per year to enable them to respond to local needs in their divisions, supporting projects or activities that benefit the communities they represent. Councillors can, if they wish, make grants to support projects or activities that benefit the communities they represent.</p>
Website	<a href="https://new.devon.gov.uk/democracy/councillors-nav/locality-budgets/">https://new.devon.gov.uk/democracy/councillors-nav/locality-budgets/</a>
Grant available	Normally up to a maximum of £1000

Application process	Any groups interested in applying to either of the funds should approach their County Councillor in the first instance. Once your County Councillor has decided to support your project then the <a href="#">Investing in Devon application form</a> must be completed for all projects. There are two parts to the application form, which should be fully completed by you and your local councillor. Forms must be submitted by e-mail.
Deadlines	Ongoing
Notes	Projects should include some other financial contribution(s) and/or local support.
Contact details	Any groups interested in applying to either of the funds should approach their County Councillor in the first instance: <a href="https://new.devon.gov.uk/democracy/councillor/">https://new.devon.gov.uk/democracy/councillor/</a> .

Funding details	<p><b>Greggs Foundation - SMALL Environmental Grants:</b> This new grant scheme for 2016 will fund projects that aim to make a difference to a local area with preference given to projects which involve or benefit people who are disadvantaged. The foundation is 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.</p> <p>Successful applicants should be able to demonstrate improvements against at least one of the Key Performance Targets to be successful for a grant:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• People have better access to/are more likely to use their local environment</li> <li>• People have improved their lives through participation in an environmental activity</li> <li>• The local environment is improved as a result of a grant</li> </ul>
Website	<a href="https://www.greggsfoundation.org.uk/small-environment-grants">https://www.greggsfoundation.org.uk/small-environment-grants</a>
Grant available	Up to £2,500
Application process	<a href="#">Online application only</a>
Deadlines	Not stated
Notes	<p>Any not for profit organisation can apply, preference will be given to small, locally based and community led organisations. Schools are also encouraged to apply and are given the same level of priority as small locally based organisations. <b>Applications are more likely to be successful if projects/organisations are based near Greggs shops.</b></p> <p>This is a new programme (2016) and during the six month pilot the criteria for projects is very open. This means there is likely to be a very high number of applications and an accordingly low success rate.</p>
Contact details	Telephone: 0191 2127626 or email: <a href="mailto:greggsfoundation@greggs.co.uk">greggsfoundation@greggs.co.uk</a>

Funding details	<p><b>The Postcode Local Trust:</b> Financial support for charities and good causes which help communities enhance their natural environment in a way that benefits the wider community. Applications for funding can be made for projects that encourage lasting benefits by bringing people together to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Improve local ecology and habitats:</li> <li>• Encourage bio-diversity; and</li> <li>• Benefit the wider environment.</li> </ul> <p>Priority is given to projects that are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Creative, far-reaching and will leave a long-term impact once completed.</li> <li>• Focused on improving the environment for the benefit of local communities and encourage conservation action at a local level.</li> </ul>
Website	<a href="http://www.postcodelocaltrust.org.uk/">http://www.postcodelocaltrust.org.uk/</a>
Grant available	Grants of up to <b>£2,000</b> are available to not-for-profit organisations that do not have a registered charity number. Registered charities can apply for grants of between <b>£500 and £20,000</b> .
Application process	Online application form only. And two application windows each year. Forms only go live on website when the funding round begins. Each funding round runs for approximately 30 days.
Deadlines	Applications will be accepted between: <b>1 September 2016 to 30 September 2016</b> .
Notes	The website has some useful tips to help with writing applications: <a href="http://www.postcodelocaltrust.org.uk/applying-for-a-grant/tips-and-hints.htm">http://www.postcodelocaltrust.org.uk/applying-for-a-grant/tips-and-hints.htm</a>
Contact details	Telephone 0131 555 7287 or email <a href="mailto:info@postcodelocaltrust.org.uk">info@postcodelocaltrust.org.uk</a>

Funding details	<b>The Woodward Charitable Trust:</b> Grants for environmental projects, especially with a strong educational element. The Trustees favour small-scale, locally based initiatives.
Website	<a href="http://www.woodwardcharitabletrust.org.uk/">http://www.woodwardcharitabletrust.org.uk/</a>
Grant available	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Small grants</b>, £100-£5,000 (around 100 grants made per year). Charities should note that only 11 grants for £3,000 or more were made in 2013/2014.</li> <li>• <b>Large grants</b>, over £5,000 (around 5 grant are made per year). <b>Large grants are only given to charities known to the Trustees.</b></li> </ul>
Application process	Trustees will only consider appeals made on their own <a href="#">application form</a> and every section must be completed including the Statement of Financial Activities. Applications must be kept to the <b>grant application forms one page</b> . All applications must include a detailed project budget.
Deadlines	Trustees review grant applications twice a year, usually in January and July. Please consult the <a href="#">diary page</a> for up-to-date deadlines for receipt of applications.
Notes	Trustees favour small-scale, locally based initiatives. Funding is primarily for one-off projects, but the Trustees are willing to consider funding ongoing running costs.
Contact details	Mrs Karin Hooper, The Woodward Charitable Trust, The Peak, 5 Wilton Road, London SW1V 1AP. Or email: <a href="mailto:contact@woodwardcharitabletrust.org.uk">contact@woodwardcharitabletrust.org.uk</a> or telephone: 020 7410 0330

Funding details	<p><b>Greggs Foundation – LARGE Environmental Grants:</b> New 2016 funding for projects that aim to improve people's lives by improving their environments. The grant programme is aimed at organisations with an idea to improve a local area so that it can improve people's lives. The programme aims to deliver demonstrable improvements to the environment. There would also be an educational aspect to the grants to help people learn about their impact on the world around them. All projects must benefit the environment. Preference will be given to projects that support disadvantaged people.</p> <p><b>Successful applicants should be able to demonstrate improvements against at least one of our Key Performance Targets:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The environment has improved as a result of a grant. These can be hard targets, ie, kg of carbon dioxide saved or softer targets that demonstrate environmental impact such as number of trees planted, amount of rubbish cleared etc</li> <li>• The lives of disadvantaged people have improved as a result of the grant. This can be expressed in outcomes, ie improved confidence, improved social skills, improved employability etc. Some thought should be given to monitoring of outcomes before applying for a grant.</li> <li>• People are educated to be more aware of their impact on the environment.</li> </ul>
Website	<a href="https://www.greggsfoundation.org.uk/small-environment-grants">https://www.greggsfoundation.org.uk/small-environment-grants</a>
Grant available	Grants of £2,500 to £10,000 can be awarded. Grants can be used as match funding up to a maximum project cost of £30,000.
Application process	<a href="#">Online application only</a>
Deadlines	Not stated
Notes	<p>Any not for profit organisation can apply, preference will be given to small, locally based and community led organisations. Schools are also encouraged to apply and are given the same level of priority as small locally based organisations.</p> <p>Applications are more likely to be successful if projects/organisations are based near Greggs shops.</p> <p>This is a new programme (2016) and during the six month pilot the criteria for projects is very open. This means there is likely to be a very high number of applications and an accordingly low success rate.</p>
Contact details	Telephone: 0191 2127626 or email: <a href="mailto:greggsfoundation@greggs.co.uk">greggsfoundation@greggs.co.uk</a>

Funding details	<b>The Alan Evans Memorial Trust:</b> Small grants for UK charitable organisations to fund projects for the permanent preservation of areas of natural beauty or historic interest, including buildings and projects involving animal or plant life.
Website	No website - background information on the Charity Commission website
Grant available	£1000 - £1500

Application process	Application is via an application form available on request from the Trust (see below)
Deadlines	Ongoing, apply at any time. Applications are considered at meetings held three times a year.
Notes	Applications should be made in writing, outlining the project, with a cost breakdown, information about the size of the community and the benefit of the project to the community. Applicants should also state what other organisations/charities have been approached for funds for the project.
Contact details	Alan Evans Memorial Trust, Withy King LLP, 34 Regent Circus, Swindon SN1 1PY. Telephone: 01793847777 or email: aevans@withyking.co.uk

Funding details	<b>The Naturesave Trust:</b> Supports environmental and conservationist groups in the UK. Grants are made to projects which specifically address environmental and / or conservationist improvement and or general 'green' issues.
Website	<a href="http://www.naturesave.co.uk/the-naturesave-trust/">http://www.naturesave.co.uk/the-naturesave-trust/</a>
Grant available	Small grants of £100 to £10,000. The average grant size is around £2,000.
Application process	Online or <a href="#">downloadable application form</a> .
Deadlines	There are no deadlines for applications. The Trustees aim to make a decision on application within six to eight weeks of receipt of a completed application form.
Notes	<b>Very simple application process (1 side of A4) and a very diverse range of projects have been funded in the past.</b> Funding is available for projects submitted by any organisation whether they are charities, voluntary organisations or businesses. The Trust prefers to provide start-up capital to small projects to get them going.
Contact details	Bee West, Trust Administrator: The Naturesave Trust 58 Fore Street, Totnes, Devon, TQ9 5RU. Telephone: 01803 864390. or email: <a href="mailto:mail@naturesave.co.uk">mail@naturesave.co.uk</a>

Funding details	<b>The Chestnut Fund:</b> 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. The grants fall into two categories:  <b>Start-up grants:</b> for groups who have no money when they are first set up and are available to groups in their first year of existence. The grant will enable them to begin practical work and will cover administrative expenses.  <b>Support grants:</b> These are for groups who have no money for tools, equipment and training. Preference will be given to resources selected from The Conservation Volunteers sources. This grant is available to all groups, regardless of how long they have been constituted.
Website	<a href="http://www.tcv.org.uk/community/join-community-network">http://www.tcv.org.uk/community/join-community-network</a>
Grant available	<b>Start-up grants:</b> £150 maximum <b>Support grants:</b> £350 maximum
Application process	Application Forms can be <a href="#">downloaded from the TCV website</a> or Obtained <a href="#">from your local TCV office</a>

Deadlines	Ongoing
Notes	Please note that in order to apply, the group must return the form to the local The Conservation Volunteers office for approval before it can be processed.
Contact details	The Conservation Volunteers, Sedum House, Mallard Way, Potteric Carr, Doncaster, DN4 8DB Tel: 01302 388834 Fax: 01302 311 531 Email: local-groups@tcv.org.uk

Funding details	<p><b>The NINEVEH Charitable Trust:</b> 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's Objectives promote:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The health, welfare and education of the general public</li> <li>• The study and appreciation of agriculture, horticulture, silviculture and land and estate management</li> <li>• The study and appreciation of ecology &amp; land conservation, and</li> <li>• The study and appreciation of forms of agricultural practice or land management that would encourage the preservation of the countryside.</li> </ul>
Website	<a href="http://www.ninevehtrust.org.uk/how-to-apply/">http://www.ninevehtrust.org.uk/how-to-apply/</a>
Grant available	Up to £25,000
Application process	<b>Grant Applications:</b> Can be in the form of a structured letter but be no longer than 2 pages (single sided). Must be in triplicate and include a stamped self-addressed envelope.
Deadlines	Ongoing
Notes	The Trusts objectives are broadly based and are interpreted them creatively as possible but projects that demonstrate outreach and amplification will be inherent to the proposals approved.
Contact details	Trust address: Park Farm, Frittenden Road, Biddenden, Ashford, Kent, TN27 8LG

Funding details	<p><b>Free Trees from The Woodland Trust:</b> Free tree packs for schools and communities offer the perfect opportunity to bring people together to plant trees - encouraging local wildlife, protecting our landscape against tree disease and creating beautiful wooded areas that people can enjoy for years to come. <b>In 2017 there are thousands of tree packs available for autumn.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Groups or organisations should be not-for-profit</li> <li>• The planting area should be accessible to the public so that it can be used and enjoyed by others. Exceptions are made for schools and in circumstances where free access may not be possible, such as on grounds belonging to health organisations, residential care homes or hospices.</li> </ul>
Website	<a href="https://www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/plant-trees/free-trees/">https://www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/plant-trees/free-trees/</a>
Grant available	Free trees!

Application process	Online application: <a href="https://www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/plant-trees/free-trees/">https://www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/plant-trees/free-trees/</a>
Deadlines	Apply online anytime. If successful packs are sent out in November or March, when the trees are dormant and perfect for planting.
Notes	Very easy online application process.
Contact details	<a href="mailto:communitytrees@woodlandtrust.org.uk">communitytrees@woodlandtrust.org.uk</a> or call <b>0330 333 3300</b> .

Funding details	<p><b>Tree Council Community Trees Fund:</b> This grant fund is open to community groups, both formal and ad hoc, within the United Kingdom. Eligible costs include the cost of the trees and any reasonable cost of necessary supports and aids to establishment (stakes, ties and guards, plus fertiliser, mulch etc). The project costs should total at least £100 in order for the application to be eligible for consideration.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Applications must be on behalf of a community group which must be a charity / not for profit organisation</li> <li>• Children under the age of 16 must be ACTIVELY involved in the planting process; Planting must take place on publicly accessible land, usually in public or charity ownership</li> <li>• The community group must be able to raise 25% of planting costs</li> <li>• Hedge plants and willow are not eligible for funding</li> <li>• Planting must take place during National Tree Week (or as soon as possible afterwards)</li> </ul> <p>Please also note that The Tree Council will not grant aid planting of hedges, bushes, shrubs or willows under this grant programme. All trees must be planted into the ground; trees in tubs are not eligible for funding.</p>
Website	<a href="http://www.treecouncil.org.uk/Grants/Community-Trees">http://www.treecouncil.org.uk/Grants/Community-Trees</a>
Grant available	£100 - £70
Application process	Simple application form. Download the Application Form and accompanying guidelines for the Community Trees Fund: <a href="http://www.treecouncil.org.uk/Grants/Community-Trees">http://www.treecouncil.org.uk/Grants/Community-Trees</a>
Deadlines	The deadline for applications is the 31st of March 2017.
Notes	Children under the age of 16 must be included in the planting project. Up to 4 fruit trees (but no more than that) can be funded on semi-vigorous, vigorous and very vigorous rootstocks. If you wish to plant more than 4 fruit trees, please apply to the <a href="#">Orchard Windfalls Fund</a> .
Contact details	Tel: 020 7828 9928 Email: <a href="mailto:info@treecouncil.org.uk">info@treecouncil.org.uk</a>



Funding details	<p><b>Viridor Waste - Small Grants Scheme:</b> The Small Grants scheme is for Community projects that request up to £20,000. We can support projects in the Funding Areas located within 10 miles of an active Viridor Landfill site. <b>Not all parts of the AONB qualify for funding. Use the postcode checker to see if your site location is within a funding area:</b> <a href="http://www.viridor-credits.co.uk/apply-for-funding/postcode-checker/">http://www.viridor-credits.co.uk/apply-for-funding/postcode-checker/</a></p> <p>Any organisation that is properly constituted and not-for-profit may apply for funding. Projects that fulfil the following objectives may be eligible for funding:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The protection of the environment, the provision, maintenance or improvement of public amenities and parks, which are open and accessible to the public.</li> <li>• The protection of the environment, the enhancement, protection and/or promotion of biological diversity of a species or habitat.</li> <li>• The protection of the environment, the maintenance, repair or restoration of a building of historic or architectural interest, and is open and accessible to the public.</li> </ul>
Website	<a href="http://www.viridor-credits.co.uk/apply-for-funding/small-grants-scheme/">http://www.viridor-credits.co.uk/apply-for-funding/small-grants-scheme/</a>
Grant available	Up to £20,000
Application process	Online application: <a href="https://viridor-credits.grantapps.net/small/init.pl">https://viridor-credits.grantapps.net/small/init.pl</a>
Deadlines	Vary depending on location.
Notes	A more complicated application process. Small grant projects are considered by local Steering Groups and must start drawing down funding within three months of the offer of funding and finish within six months. b
Contact details	Emily Frank - Applications& Administration Assistant Tel: 01823 476476 Email: <a href="mailto:enquiries@viridor-credits.co.uk">enquiries@viridor-credits.co.uk</a>

Funding details	<p><b>Patagonia Environmental Grant:</b></p> <p>Patagonia funds only environmental work. We are most interested in making grants to organisations that identify and work on the root causes of problems and that approach issues with a commitment to long-term change. Because we believe that the most direct path to real change is through building grassroots momentum, our funding focuses on organisations that create a strong base of citizen support. We fund work that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• is action-oriented</li> <li>• builds public involvement and support</li> <li>• is strategic</li> <li>• focuses on root causes</li> <li>• accomplishes specific goals and objectives</li> </ul>
Website	<a href="http://www.patagonia.com/grant-guidelines.html">http://www.patagonia.com/grant-guidelines.html</a>
Grant available	Typical grant size ranges between \$2,500 - \$15,000 (£2,000-£12,000)
Application process	Online application: <a href="http://www.patagonia.com/grant-guidelines.html">http://www.patagonia.com/grant-guidelines.html</a>



Deadlines	<p>There are two annual deadlines:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>April 30</b> (all applications received in April will receive a response by the end of August)</li> <li>• <b>August 31</b> (all applications received in August will receive a response by the end of January)</li> </ul>
Notes	<p>A reasonably straightforward online application process. Accept one proposal per group, per financial year (May 1st - April 30th).</p>
Contact details	<p>See website</p>