



The information provided in the Funding Update is only intended as a guide.
Please contact the funders directly to check for eligibility to the funds.

Throughout this update you will find links to external websites. Although we make every effort to ensure these links are accurate, up to date and relevant, Natural Resources Wales cannot take responsibility for external pages.

Latest Funding and Sector News....

EU Referendum

In light of the UK voting to leave the EU, there is a current period of uncertainty concerning the commitment of funding allocated to the UK for the 2014-2020 programme period. At the time of this update being published all of the EU programmes operating in Wales are continuing to communicate a 'business as usual' message to organisations which are currently running an EU funded project or are intending to apply for EU funding. Wales Council for Voluntary Action (WCVA) has a dedicated [EU Referendum page](#) on their website. There is an FAQ section where various related questions and answers have been published. If you have any further questions you may email the WCVA 3-SET team at 3set@wcva.org.uk.

New report provides authoritative scientific assessment of climate change risks to UK

A new independent evidence report to Government has been published by the Adaptation Sub-Committee of the UK Committee on Climate Change. It sets out the most urgent risks and opportunities arising for the UK from climate change to help inform the next UK Climate Change Risk Assessment due in January 2017. Identified risks include flooding and coastal change risks to communities, businesses and infrastructure, risks to domestic and international food production and trade and risks of new and emerging pests and diseases. The Evidence Report, consisting of eight individual chapters, has been written by expert lead authors supported by co-authors with particular specialties. A summary of key findings and priorities for the next 5 years is also available.

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 a new [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 over-looked 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](#).

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](#).

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

Woodland Trust Tree Planting Packs

The Woodland Trust is the UK's leading conservation charity dedicated to the protection of the UK's native woodland heritage. The Trust campaigns to protect ancient woods, improve woodland biodiversity, increase native woodland cover and increase understanding and enjoyment of woods. The Trust has a range of tree packs to suit schools, youth groups and communities. The Trust believes that trees enhance the places where people live, learn, work, rest and play; help to improve health and well-being; attract wildlife; and create spaces for leisure and recreation. Tree packs are available in three sizes and will be young saplings about 20 - 40cm high, sourced and grown in the UK. The trees cannot be planted in private gardens or land with no public benefit. **Deadline 6 January 2017.**

What's New?

Arloesi Gwynedd Wledig - The LEADER Programme in Gwynedd 2015 – 2020

A Programme to support activities in Gwynedd between 2015 and 2020 within the themes of adding value to local identity and natural and cultural resources; facilitating pre commercial development, business partnerships and short supply chains; exploring new ways of providing non statutory services; renewable energy at a community level; and exploitation of digital technology. LEADER can provide the support required to trial an activity over a defined period. This can include expenditure such as leasing equipment, renting property, purchasing small capital items and supporting specialist support. Ongoing support will also be provided by project officers throughout the project. All costs will be incurred directly by the LEADER programme and no grants are awarded. For further information on how to obtain this grant locally, please contact leader@arloesigwyneddwledig.com.

Arwain Sir Benfro LEADER Programme – Pembrokeshire

Financial assistance is available to local people, business and communities to support the regeneration of rural Pembrokeshire through innovative projects that facilitate, investigate, identify, test and pilot new ways of addressing the priorities listed within the LEADER themes. The programme can provide financial support of up to 70% of the total project costs. There are no maximum funding levels. Applicants with an idea for an innovative project which is new to their area should contact a project officer at PLANED to discuss their project ideas. Projects which are considered eligible will be invited to make a written Expression of Interest (EOI) for consideration by the Local Action Group. The LAG will consider project proposals on a quarterly basis throughout the lifetime of the programme. For further information on how to obtain this grant locally, please contact leader@planed.org.uk

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**

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 recognise projects across the world providing practical and innovative solutions to current housing needs and problems. The Building and Social Housing Foundation (BSHF), which administers the World Habitat Awards, is an independent charitable research organisation that promotes

sustainable development and innovation in housing through collaborative research and knowledge transfer. The Awards recognise projects that provide practical and innovative solutions to current housing needs that fulfil three main criteria: demonstrate sustainability in the solution; can be transferred or adapted for use as appropriate; and bring other benefits such as energy/water saving or social inclusion. 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. Deadline: **21 April 2017**

Coastal Communities Fund

The Coastal Communities Fund (CCF) was established by the UK Treasury and grants were available to fund projects that boost the economic prospects of coastal communities across the UK. The fund is delivered by the Big Lottery Fund behalf of UK Government and devolved administrations (Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland). The fund is designed to support the economic development of coastal communities by promoting sustainable economic growth and jobs. Consideration is taken of how plans for economic growth addresses the local needs and priorities, the amount of jobs that will be created and their long-term sustainability. Applicants are expected to show their project will contribute to the CCF programme outcome. The Fund is now open for applications until **29 September 2016**.

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

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.

Gordon Fraser Charitable Trust

The Trustees have complete discretion as to the type of charitable work supported, however the Trust has focussed on supporting projects relating to young people, people with disabilities, the environment and the arts over the last few years. Funding is at the discretion of the Trustees. At present donations totalling some £140,000 are made to about 100 charities each year. Applications may be submitted at any time and will be considered quarterly in January, April, July and October.

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.

Groundwork - One Stop Carriers for Causes Grants

Grants are available to local non-profit organisations and groups for projects within two miles of a One Stop store in Great Britain that benefit local communities by helping to improve lives and local places. The One Stop's 'Carriers for Causes' grants programme is funded through the money raised from the 5p bag charge in One Stop stores in England, Wales and Scotland. Projects need to meet at least one of the decided outcomes; including improving health or well being, and / or protecting or improving the local environment. The maximum grant available is £1,000. Applications are shortlisted on a quarterly basis for panel decision which will take place every three months.

Heritage Lottery Fund – Resilient Heritage

A new scheme from HLF, which offers grants of up to £250,000 to organisations which want 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
- Natural and designed landscapes and gardens

Applications for funding under £100,000 are not required to make a cash contribution; applications above £100,000 will need to make a 5% contribution towards the project cost. Applications can be made at any time.

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.

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

PURE One Destination Carbon Fund

Low interest loans are available to enable not-for-profit organisations in the UK to install a renewable energy technology. British Airways recognise that community renewable energy projects not only reduce carbon emissions but can deliver many other benefits, such as reducing operating costs, educating people about climate change and generating an income, as well as helping the UK to meet its carbon reduction targets. The Fund aims to cover the upfront cost of installing renewable energy technologies so that not-for-profit organisations can take advantage of these benefits. PURE will normally make loans of between £10,000 and £250,000 for between 10-60% of project costs. Interest rates typically start at 6% and are determined by PURE on a project by project basis. Please take a look at the website for more information about the [Community Energy 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.](#)

Rufford Foundation Small Grants

The Foundation provides grant funding to small groups and individuals in England and Wales involved in nature/biodiversity conservation projects in the developing world. The Foundation offers five different types of grant ranging from £5000 - £25000. Rufford Small Grants are designed to support small projects or pilot projects, rather than providing a small amount of funding for a large-scale project.

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.

Samuel William Farmer Charitable Trust

The scheme is intended to support organisations undertaking projects within themes such as wildlife and conservation. Funding is at the discretion of the Trustees. Previous grants have been for between £1,000 and £27,600. The Samuel William Farmer Trust has no web presence or email address. Applicants can apply at any time and the Trustees meet twice a year. Applicants should contact the Samuel William Farmer Trust for further information on 01380 813299.

Stanley Smith (UK) Horticultural Trust

The Stanley Smith (UK) Horticultural Trust was established in 1970 to further the advancement of horticulture. Grants are available for projects in support of horticultural research, the creation, preservation and maintenance of public gardens, publication of books on horticulture, study visits, plant collecting expeditions and training schemes for gardeners. The objectives of the Trust are: to promote horticulture, to promote the conservation of the physical and natural environment by promoting biological diversity, to promote the creation, development, preservation and maintenance of gardens (preference will normally, but not exclusively, be given to gardens accessible to the public), and the advancement of horticultural education. Grants are awarded twice a year, in April and October. Applications should be submitted well before the deadline dates of 15 February and 15 August each year.

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@withyking.co.uk

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

Amgen Environmental Body

Funding for community-based projects within the Cynon Valley which provide or maintain public amenities or parks; or which restore or repair buildings for religious worship or of architectural or historic interest. Projects must be within 10 Miles from Bryn Pica Landfill site, Aberdare. Previous projects have been awarded grants ranging from £3,000 to over £200,000; however, no minimum or maximum grant levels are stipulated. From 1 April 2016 the additional 10% match funding will no longer be able to be funded by anyone other than the landfill operator. The applicant organisation must not be controlled, directly or indirectly, by a local authority or a landfill operator registered for landfill tax.

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. For further information email: office@bernardsunley.org

Bodfach Trust

The Bodfach Trust is a family trust based in Montgomeryshire, mid-Wales. The trust makes grants to charities in Mid-Wales and the Welsh borders and is also often actively involved in their work. Grants of up to £500 are available for activities related to affordable housing, care for the elderly, helping young people, preservation of old buildings, and supporting green spaces and public parks. Applications are to be made by **30 September 2016**.

Brecon Beacons Trust

The Trust is a charitable company established to enable local communities and voluntary organisations, living and operating within the area of the Brecon Beacons National Park, to positively conserve and enhance their local environments so as to contribute to the overall quality of life for people who live, work in or visit the Park. Applications for funding can be submitted from appropriately constituted voluntary, charitable and community groups at any time. Trustees meet every two months to consider applications received. The minimum grant amount is £500 to a maximum of £30,000 in any one year.

Bromley Trust

Grants for UK registered charities for work in the following areas: human rights; prison reform; and the environment. The trust aims to (amongst other objectives) oppose the extinction of the world's fauna and flora and the destruction of the environment for wildlife and for mankind worldwide. The trust particularly looks to support local conservation projects and organisations that work with single-species. Grant applications can be submitted anytime and funding is at the discretion of the trustees. For further information email: info@thebromleytrust.org.uk

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.

Chestnut Fund

The Chestnut Fund is an independent charity that makes grants to encourage and enable community groups to carry out conservation activities. The grants are administered by The Conservation Volunteers (TCV). The grants fall into two categories: Start-up grants of up to £150 for initial costs, such as insurance, and Support Grants of up to up to £350 towards tools or

training. Applications can be made at any time and the Grants Committee meets every 6 weeks to try and give a prompt response.

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, to provide facilities for the disabled to take part in country sports and recreation, and training in agriculture and horticulture. It also promotes education in the countryside for disadvantaged children and young people. 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

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, food and health, 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

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.

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

D'Oyly Carte Charitable Trust

The D'Oyly Carte Charitable Trust funds UK charities for advancement of the arts, health and environmental protection. The focus for 2015-18 is accessibility of the arts for young people, provision of art 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. From April 2015 all grant applications should be made online 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 1999, the Foundation now awards grants of over £2 million each year to charities and community groups on behalf of our donors within the following areas; educating and young people, communities, health, culture and environment. The Foundation's philanthropy advice and grant-making services are quality assured through a programme endorsed by the Charity Commission. The Foundation is able to award grants on behalf of donors from £500 to £150,000. Big Lottery Fund has set challenge funding, meaning the next £1 million of donations will be matched. The Dulverton Trust is keen to support the general conservation and protection of wildlife habitats in Wales.

Ernest Cook Trust

The Trust offers a wide-ranging programme of land-based learning for children and young people. Work which encourages or ensures 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

The Esmée Fairbairn Foundation is a major grant giver. Its main grants programme seeks to fund, among other things, projects with a particular focus on the natural environment. The funding priorities for the natural environment are: Connecting people with nature; Large-scale conservation of natural environments on land and at sea; countering the effects of damaging human activities and increasing understanding of lesser known plants, animals and organisms. Grants support organisations' 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). 2014 grants ranged from £6k to £1.25m (median average of £90,000), with support lasting 1 - 5 years (47% 3 years). There are no deadlines or restrictions on re-applying.

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. Email applications should be sent to rps@thefebuaryfoundation.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 1st March, 1st June and 1st 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 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 the communities near to its car production plants. For Wales this means the area in 'close proximity' to the facility in Bridgend. The Trust pays special attention to projects focusing on education, environment, children, disabled people and youth activities.

Small grants: £250, available four times a year (March, June, September & November).

Large grants: £250-£3,000, considered twice a year

Four Winds Trust

The Four Winds Trust Grant is available to voluntary organisations undertaking countryside conservation projects in the UK. Various activities are supported, including the preservation of the open country and rural amenities. Funding is at the discretion of Trustees, but previous grants awarded range from £500 to £1,500. Applications should be made in writing and the next **deadline is 31st January 2017**. For further information please contact: fourwindstrust@hotmail.co.uk

Foyle Foundation

The Foundation is an independent grant-making trust that awards grants to UK community charities across a wide range of activities; since 2001 it has distributed £63.2M. Following a strategic review, the Foundation merged with its sister charity The Batty Charitable Trust in 2009 and revised its objectives. The Foundation now supports charities in three main areas: Main Grants Scheme (Arts and Learning), The Foyle School Library Scheme and Small Grants Scheme. The Small Grants Scheme offers grants of between £1,000 and £10,000 to charities which can demonstrate that such a grant will make a significant difference to their work. Applications are welcomed from charities that have an annual turnover of less than £100,000 per annum. 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 as competition for funding is intense.

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. The theme for 2016 is the needs of rural communities.

Garfield Weston Foundation

The Foundation is a large UK based general grant-giving charity; their one-off grant awards totalled over £58 million in the last year. Trustees are especially keen to see applications for core and project costs from charities delivering services directly to beneficiaries: especially in the welfare, youth and community fields, and also in regions of economic disadvantage. There are no set grant amount parameters. For main grants (under £100,000) there is a one stage application process with an open call. For major grants (over £100,000) there is a more detailed process, beginning with an initial proposal letter being submitted.

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

Greggs Foundation – Environmental Grants

Greggs the bakers has set up a grants scheme used from the proceeds of the 5p levy on carrier bags. This environmentally focused grants scheme aims to make a difference to people in need at the heart of their local communities, by improving the environment in which they live. Small grants of up to £2,000 are available. This programme is a pilot and the outcomes will be reviewed at the end of six months to ensure the programme achieves the desired level of impact. The fund is now open for applications and the current deadline is: **30 September 2016**

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.

Gwynt y Môr Community Fund

This community fund is available to coastal communities in Conwy, Denbighshire and Flintshire. Gwynt y Môr is the world's second largest operating offshore windfarm and is a £2bn partnership between RWE Innogy, Stadtwerke Munchen GmbH and Siemens. The fund is administered by a consortium of county voluntary councils led by CVSC.

It will be able to fund both capital and revenue projects that focus on the three themes of the fund:

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

Gwynt y Môr Community Fund is not accepting new applications for the time being. The fund will reopen in a few months but if you have an over £10k application in progress, you will still be able to submit your Part 2 form within 12 months of the confirmation letter.

HDH Wills 1965 Charitable Trust

The HDH Wills 1965 Charitable Trust offers support to registered charities that are concerned with the preservation of wildlife and the environment. The Trust has two main funds: the General Fund: (£100 - £1,000) which supports general charitable activities across a range of issues and the Martin Wills Fund: (£2,000 and £25,000) which supports activities pertaining to environmental and wildlife issues. The General Fund seeks to support smaller charities which may benefit more from support. Exceptionally grants of £50,000 have been made. Grants may be made towards revenue, capital or project expenditure. Grants are made on a rolling basis and so there are no deadlines for applications.

Idlewild Trust

The Trust awards grants to registered charities concerned with the encouragement of excellence in the performing and fine arts and the preservation for the benefit of the public of buildings and items of historical interest or national importance. Occasional support is given for conservation of the natural environment. Grants are in the region of £1,000 to £2,000. The next deadline is **16 February 2017** (Trustees' meeting May 2017).

Imagine Foundation

IF is a grant-making foundation which aims to support charities and projects that are particularly focused on building communities and empowering participants to reach their potential. Because of the relational approach that the Trust takes in building its partnerships, it actively seeks projects to support, using their network of contacts. However, if a project is a strong fit with the Trust's primary objectives then uninvited applications will be considered. No minimum or maximum level of grant is specified. Applications can be submitted by email in March, June or October.

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.

Jephcott Charitable Trust

The Trust awards grants to registered charities and constituted groups in the UK. 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 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.

John Spedan Lewis Foundation

This foundation offers grants to registered charities working in the UK. The scheme supports organisations undertaking environmental education and conservation projects. The foundation has a particular interest in applications from projects which focus around entomology, horticulture and ornithology. Grants are decided by the trustees and 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 Futures

The Trust is deeply concerned about climate change and its effects, and believes that addressing this issue will require long-term political, economic and social change. Within this area of interest, the Trust makes grants to a range of organisations and to individuals. The overall focus of the sustainable future funding priority is on developing and promoting sustainable, low-carbon alternatives through support for projects that; explore 'better economics', address 'consumerism' and support marginalised groups and young activists to have a 'voice'. JRCT usually makes around 100-120 grants per year, with a total value of around £6m, giving a nominal average grant of £50,000. The Trust only accepts applications submitted online and the next deadlines are:

28 November 2016 (Decision 20 March 2017)

Lennox and Wyfold Foundation

The foundation is a charitable company and was established in 2000. It supports a wide variety of charitable causes including projects which fall into the environment category. Grants are generally between £5,000 and £10,000 and are available to registered charities in England and Wales. Applications are welcome at any time of the year and are assessed annually. Correspondence should be sent to: Martin Betts Lennox and Wyfold Foundation, RF Trustee Co. Limited, 15 Suffolk Street, London, SW1Y 4HG

Lloyds Bank Foundation

The Foundation (formerly the Lloyds TSB Foundation) funds local, regional and national charities working to support people experiencing multiple disadvantages to make positive and lasting changes at critical points in their lives. There are 2 programmes. Invest offers long term funding of core or delivery costs with grants of £10,000 to £25,000 per year for 2 to 6 years. Enable offers grants for specific organisational development with grants of up to £15,000 are available for 1 to 2 years.

Lord Barnby's Foundation

The Foundation offers grants of £1,000 to £5,000 to charitable organisations and religious establishments 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 PO Box 71, Plymstock, Plymouth, Devon PL8 2YP

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 35 countries and during 2015 raised £5.5 million for grassroots campaigns and supported 1150 groups globally. Support ranges from a few hundred pounds to a maximum of £10,000 per project. The average grant is around £4,000.

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. Application deadline – **27 October 2016**

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 £50,000 in awards. Groups apply for funding on the online application form, giving details of funds already raised and how much you would like to be awarded from the community champions scheme. The Persimmon Community Champions scheme is open for applications on a rolling basis.

The 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](#).

North Hoyle Windfarm Fund

The North Hoyle Offshore Wind Farm fund will invest over £1.5 million into local community activities and projects over the lifetime of the wind farm. This fund benefits the communities of Rhyl, Prestatyn and Meliden. The North Hoyle Community Fund is administered by the Rhyl, Prestatyn & Meliden Community Partnerships. All applications are received and considered locally. For the Rhyl area these are considered by the Rhyl Community Partnership. The Prestatyn and Meliden areas are considered by the Prestatyn and Meliden Community Partnership. Projects must address one of the themes identified in the area plans for Prestatyn and Meliden and Rhyl. Grants are generally awarded to a maximum of £5,000 and are available on a rolling application basis. Applications for projects of a capital nature are welcomed from formally constituted voluntary and community groups that operate in Prestatyn, Meliden or Rhyl. The fund opens from 1 July - 31 August each year. Meliden (PMcommunitypartnership@outlook.com) or Rhyl (rhylcommunitypartnership@outlook.com)

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 or submitted by post or email. The trustees meet twice a year in April and October to consider applications and to award grants. The next meeting of trustees will be held in October 2016.

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.

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 \$12,000 USD with deadlines at the end of April and August. It will not fund conferences or green building projects.

People's Postcode Trust

People's Postcode Trust provides short-term, designated funding for projects that focus on the prevention of poverty, support healthy living initiatives and uphold human rights for the most vulnerable. It will also consider projects which help different communities come together for the benefit of their local area. [Postcode Local Trust](#) provides support to community-based, environmental projects which benefit wildlife, enhance biodiversity, or renovate/create new green habitats. Postcode Local Trust will also consider sustainable energy projects benefitting local areas. Registered charities can apply from £500 - £10,000 whilst other organisations may apply for up to £2,000. The application forms will be available from **1- 30 September 2016**.

Applicants will hear back within 10 weeks of the closing date on the outcome of their application.

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 2016 to be considered at a meeting on 29 November. The Internship grant, new for 2016, 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 2017.

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Peter de Haan Charitable Trust

The Trust aims to improve the quality of life for people and communities in the UK through its work with arts, environmental and social welfare organisations. Its Environment grants programme has 4 themes: peatland restoration; skills, development and training; advocacy; and technical support. Trustees are keen to support substantial projects of more than £50,000 per year. The next deadline is **30 November 2016**.

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 pa@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 Milhaven 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. The application form can be downloaded via the weblink.

The Santander Foundation

The Santander Foundation has two grants programmes to help disadvantaged people in the UK: Community Plus provides grants of up to £5,000. The scheme is open to small local UK charities or local projects of national charities with funding available to cover salaries, equipment or materials. Learn & Grow offers grants of up to £10,000 to fund activities which help disadvantaged people to improve skills, build confidence or employability. The process aims to be light-touch with no deadlines and monthly consideration of applications. Charities in the flood hit areas of the UK are invited to apply for a Community Plus grant to help support recovery projects.

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 £500 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.

Social Investment Cymru - loan finance via 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.

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.

Volunteering Wales Grants

WCVA manages a grant programme aimed at increasing the levels and quality of volunteering done in Wales. From 2016-17, this replaces the Volunteering in Wales Grant Fund and the GwirVol Grants Fund. Priorities for the grants fund will include tackling poverty, under-represented groups and young people. All applications will need to be made through the e-tender Wales system. The grants will be officially launched at the WCVA Volunteering Conference in July and applications will be open **from September 2016** for projects to start on 1st April 2017.

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

This scheme allows customers of each branch to share £1,000 (or £500 in convenience shops) between three local good causes each month – such as welfare organisations, community groups, schools or local divisions of national charities. Since its launch in 2008, Waitrose has donated more than £25million to support more than 72,000 local charities, good causes and regional branches of national charities that are self funding and have their own bank account. Under the scheme, customers nominate organisations, with the final decision made by PartnerVoice forums (Waitrose's local democratic bodies). Waitrose.com also allows online shoppers to share a donation of £25,000 between 3 national causes. Applications from national charities for this online scheme are welcome.

We Love Yew Heritage Interpretation Fund

We Love Yew offers small grants of £150 to help communities to articulate and celebrate their yew tree heritage in projects that can be completed within 4 months of receiving the grant and by December 2016. Applications can be submitted at any time.

We Love Yew Maintenance Fund

Small grants of up to £400 are available to support those responsible for mature yew trees and to protect our national yew heritage. The grants can help cover the costs of essential maintenance work and inspections of yew trees on land owned by a non-profit organisation, church or Parish Council. Projects must be completed within 4 months of receiving the grant and before December 2016.

Wilkinsons – Helping Hands

Helping Hands is a community initiative from the high street trader Wilkinsons, where each local store has a budget to distribute to projects and schemes within the store's local community. Application forms are available from your local store or online and requests are reviewed on a monthly basis.

The Woodroffe Benton Foundation

The Woodroffe Benton Foundation is an independent grant making foundation. Small grants of £250 – £2,000 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.

The Woodward Trust

The Woodward Trust favours small-scale, locally based initiatives, focussing on a number of areas including environmental projects, especially with a strong educational element. The grants fall into three categories: Small grants - £100-£5,000 (around 100 grants made per year), Large grants - over £5,000 (around 5 grants are made per year to charities known to the Trustees) and Children's summer playscheme grants £500-£1,000 (about 50-70 grants made per year). Prospective

applicants should be aware that less than 15% of the applications received are successful. Trustees prefer to fund charities with an income of less than £300,000. The majority of grants made are for one-off projects although some grants fund salaries and running costs.

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 up to £400,000 (including match funding) that assist economically inactive and long term unemployed people in gaining 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.

Aggregate Levy Fund for Wales

The Aggregate Levy Fund for Wales provides grants for capital projects located in communities significantly affected by current aggregate extraction (quarrying). For the purposes of the Fund aggregate is defined as hard rock, sand, gravel and shale. The Fund is administered by Welsh Government. For more information contact: Planning Directorate, Welsh Government, Cathays Park, Cardiff CF10 3NQ or telephone 029 2082 3261 or email planning.directorate@wales.gsi.gov.uk

Bridgend Thriving Rural Communities Scheme

The Thriving Rural Communities Scheme offers a brand new source of support for like-minded community groups or those operating within key sectors in rural Bridgend to collaborate on innovative approaches to respond to current needs. Support is available for projects that will bring positive change to the economic wellbeing and quality of life for those living, working and visiting in the area. The Thriving Rural Communities Scheme can fund projects ranging from £1,000 to £100,000 to help improve and regenerate the rural communities of Bridgend County Borough.

The scheme is open for expressions of interest and applications from consortiums are welcomed and in particular, from groups of organisations or community groups wishing to collaborate.

This project has received funding through the Welsh Government Rural Communities - Rural Development Programme 2014-2020, which is funded by the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development and the Welsh Government.

Cadw Grants

Cadw operates a grant programme to contribute towards the costs of repairing and restoring historic assets (usually no more than 30% of eligible works). Priority is given to projects involving assets at risk and / or have sustainable outputs e.g. provision of public access, training, educational activities, regeneration/reuse of a building. Grants are available for the repair and restoration of historic buildings which have particularly important architectural or historic interest and for works to scheduled ancient monuments. Cadw often works in partnership with other funders to ensure the protection of the historic environment of Wales.

Community Facilities Programme

The Community Facilities Programme is a Wales-wide capital grant fund that replaced the former Community Facilities and Activities Programme (CFAP) in 2014. It offers grants of up to £500,000 to provide or improve community facilities which in turn provide vital community services to prevent or tackle poverty and its effects. Applications must be community-led and developed in partnership with community, public and private sector partners. The co-location of organisations providing a

range of services to aid community sustainability is encouraged. Please email your completed expressions of interest to: communityfacilitiesproghelp@wales.gsi.gov.uk Applications can be submitted at any time.

Glastir Woodland Creation: Expression of Interest

The Cabinet Secretary for the Environment and Rural Affairs has agreed to a further Expression of Interest window for Glastir Woodland Creation. **It will open on 30th August 2016 and will close at midnight on 14th October 2016.**

Horizon 2020

Horizon 2020 is the EU's new 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 themes are then broken down into topics. There are various single-stage and 2-stage calls currently open. Welsh Government provides an advice and support service to Welsh organisations looking for funding from the EU. For further information contact the Horizon 2020 unit: Horizon2020@Wales.gsi.gov.uk

Horizon 2020 - Societal Challenges - Climate Action, Environment, Resource Efficiency and Raw Materials

The objective of the Societal Challenge 'Climate action, environment, resource efficiency and raw materials' topic is to achieve a resource – and water – efficient and climate change resilient economy and society, the protection and sustainable management of natural resources and ecosystems, and a sustainable supply and use of raw materials, in order to meet the needs of a growing global population within the sustainable limits of the planet's natural resources and ecosystems.

CALL – H2020-SC5-2016-2017 - Greening the Economy

This Call has an overall objective of taking a systemic approach to moving towards a more resource efficient, greener and more competitive economy, and addresses the priority areas of climate services, moving towards a low-carbon Europe, nature-based solutions for territorial resilience, water, raw materials, Earth observation and cultural heritage for sustainable growth. There are a number of calls which focus on 'greening the economy' each call will address a specific challenge. The programme of works can be downloaded from [here](#); deadlines can be found in the download but are subject to change. In November 2016 a call is scheduled to open.

In addition to the call H2020-SC5-2016-2017 'Greening the economy', activities relating to climate action, environment, resource efficiency and raw materials are also found in the calls:

H2020-IND-CE-2016/17 'Industry 2020 in the Circular Economy' (on eco-innovation),

H2020-SCC-2016/17 'Smart and Sustainable Cities' (on sustainable cities through nature-based solutions),

H2020-BG-2016-2017 'Blue growth – demonstrating an ocean of opportunities' (on the Arctic),

H2020-SFS-2016-2017 'Sustainable Food Security – Resilient and resource-efficient value chains' (on Earth Observation for Africa),

H2020-LCE-2016-2017 'Competitive low-carbon energy' (on applied geo-sciences) and in the SME Instrument call H2020-SMEInst-2016-2017.

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 Competitiveness
- 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.

Current open call deadlines are:

Traditional Projects – 7 – 15 September (staggered by priority area)

Environmental Preparatory projects – 20 September 2016

Integrated projects – Phase 1 (concept note) 26 September 2016, Phase II (full proposal) 15 March 2017

Technical Assistance projects – 15 September 2016

[Full details of the open calls can be found here](#)

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

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. For more information about the LCF in Wales and any announcements about the 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.

Cory Environmental Trust Britain

The Trustees of the CETB are inviting applications for projects that will have as big an impact on the communities within ten miles of one of its landfill sites as possible. Applications must fall within the regulations of the Landfill Communities Fund. Projects may include maintaining a local amenity or protecting the local environment and its biodiversity. More guidance about the types of projects that can be funded (up to £50,000) can be found at the CETB website along with the downloadable application form and guidance. The deadline for applications in 2016 is **9 December**.

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 £67 million, enabling it to award 2070 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. Next application deadline: **28 September 2016**.

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

The Re:fit Cymru programme will provide professional support to Welsh public sector organisations to help them identify, develop and implement energy and water efficiency project schemes that will secure substantial financial cost savings, improve the energy performance of their buildings and reduce their CO2 footprint.

Re:fit Cymru will provide support through:

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

Re:fit Cymru will subsidise 90% of the cost for these services having secured grant funding from the European Local Energy Assistance (ELENA) administered by the European Investment Bank (EIB), and the Welsh Government can offer zero percent interest finance to implement these energy efficiency projects. For more information please contact howel.jones@local.gov.uk

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:

Scheme	Deadline	Information
Food Business Investment Scheme	No current round open	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	Expression of Interest window open from the 5th September 2016.	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	No current round open	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: 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	Expression of Interest window open from the 5th September 2016.	The Sustainable Production Grant (SPG) scheme is a capital grant support package aimed at farmers in Wales. 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.
Timber Business Investment Scheme	No current round open	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. 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.

Co-operation and Supply Chain Development	No current round open	Support for co-operation activities across the agriculture, food and forestry sectors. 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.
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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.

BIG Lottery Fund

Big Lottery Fund (BIG) is the largest of all the Lottery funding distributors and is responsible for distributing 40 per cent of the Lottery good causes money. BIG supports community groups and projects that improve health, education and the environment. In Wales there are a range of programmes, the most relevant of which are described below.

Awards for All (Wales)

Awards for All provides a quick and easy way to get small National Lottery grants of between £500 and £5,000 for projects which aim to help improve local communities and the lives of people most in need. It is open to community groups, not for profit groups, Community or Town Councils, Health bodies and schools. The programme encourages a wide-range of community, health, educational and environmental projects that enable and extend access to community activity, increase skills and creativity or generally improve the quality of life of people in their area. Applications can be made at any time.

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.

Start Up Grants

£3,000 - £10,000 - Aimed at helping to create new organisations to look after heritage or engage people with it or to support existing groups taking on new responsibilities for heritage. Applications may be made at any time.

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.

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.

Transition Fund

£10,000 to £100,000 - Transition funding is available to UK organisations that want to achieve significant strategic change in order to become more resilient and sustain improved management of heritage for the long term. This can be through acquiring new skills or knowledge, or new models of governance, leadership, business and income-generation. To be eligible you must be an organisation, or an active partner in a collaborating group of organisations, that HLF is currently funding or has funded in the past.

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.

Grants for Places of Worship (Wales)

From £10,000 to £250,000 - Funding is available for urgent, high level repair work to listed places of worship and as part of this will also fund improvements to facilities and work that helps more people get involved with these buildings. The scheme is managed separately in each of the four countries of the UK.

Townscape Heritage Initiative

£100,000 to £2 million - The Townscape Heritage programme helps communities' regenerate deprived towns and cities across the UK by improving their built historic environment.

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. Annual deadline of 31 May.

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. The next deadline is 1 September 2016.

Heritage Enterprise

£100,000 to £5 million - Heritage Enterprise can help communities repair derelict historic places, giving them productive new uses. By funding the repair costs and making these buildings commercially viable, the fund aims to breathe new life into vacant sites and to enable not-for-profit organisations to work with private partners to generate economic growth, and create jobs and opportunities in those places that need it most.

People and Places Programme

People and Places will fund projects that enable people to work together for strong communities, social justice and better rural and urban environments in Wales. The aim is to empower local people to make their communities better places to live. Grants of between £5,000 and £1 million are available to voluntary, community or public sector organisations either working separately or

together. Schools and community councils can also apply provided the project is additional to services that have been paid for by taxes. Applications can be submitted at any time.

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.

What's on offer?

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!

Get in touch:

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

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

Each B&Q store operates a community-reuse scheme through which local schools, other educational institutions and community groups can benefit from donations of unsellable products and materials for re-use.

Opportunities with 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

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** which 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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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 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.

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.