

Funding Opportunities for the West Midlands

- *Please note, tight deadline grants are still included in case of 'ready to go' projects.*
- *Region-specific grants located first in newsletter. England and UK-wide located later.*
- *Please scroll right down for funds with no deadlines or repeats from previous month.*
 - *None of the funds listed are specifically endorsed by Natural England.*
- *Please tell me about any funding successes following my newsletter suggestions!*

Chartered Institute of Horticulture: Bursaries and grants

Directory of grants and bursaries available from organisations for horticultural projects

UK Community Foundations: Please check these for locally based Community Foundations who can offer various grants and support:

- Worcestershire Community Foundation
- Herefordshire Community Foundation
- Heart of England Community Foundation (Coventry, Warwickshire, Solihull, Birmingham & The Black Country)

Birmingham and Black Country Communities Fund (Birmingham & the Black Country)

The Birmingham and Black Country Communities Fund has now reopened! The fund has grants up to £3,000 and aims to support people in Birmingham and the Black Country. Applications must meet one of the following aims:

- Promote health and wellbeing
- Tackling disadvantage
- Support local solutions to meet local needs
- Promote community cohesion
- Develop sustainable and supporting communities

The Barrow Cadbury Trust Grants Programme (Birmingham and the Black Country)

Committed to supporting vulnerable and marginalised people in society. The Trust promotes social justice through grant making, research, influencing public opinion and policy and supporting local communities. Their work is divided into three programme areas: Criminal Justice - building evidence of effective interventions, primarily for young adults and women, at all stages of the criminal justice process; Migration - promoting an immigration system that is fair to both migrants and established residents; Economic Justice - supporting effective approaches to reducing economic and social injustice and assisting in building resilient communities. There is a particular focus on projects located in Birmingham and the Black Country. **Applications can be submitted at any time.**

Coventry, Solihull & Warwickshire (CSW) Communities Fund

The **Coventry, Solihull & Warwickshire Communities Fund** grants are awarded from the earnings of the Foundation's own endowment fund. There are grants of up to £3,000 available to support people in Coventry, Solihull and Warwickshire. Applications must meet one of the following aims:

- Promote health & wellbeing
- Tackling disadvantage
- Support local solutions to meet local needs
- Promote community cohesion
- Develop sustainable & supporting communities

Natural Networks Programme (Malvern Hills, Wychavon or Wyre Forest)

Offering grants and advice to projects which aim to create/restore wildlife-rich habitats. It is a partnership between Worcestershire County Council and Worcestershire Wildlife Trust, offering free professional Biodiversity surveys carried out by the Trust who will assess your project site and make recommendations on how to create or enhance your land to maximise habitats for wildlife. Grants of £1,000 - £15,000 are available (up to 70% of the total project will be available to help you carry out recommendations in the survey).

- Private sector organisations will be expected to match fund at least 50% of the project
- Public or voluntary sector organisations will be expected to match fund at least 30% of the project

Applicants need to email naturalnetworks@worcestershire.gov.uk to request a link to the registration application portal.

Herefordshire Community Foundation - CPRE (Herefordshire)

The Herefordshire Community Foundation exists to benefit disadvantaged communities by making grants to support relevant charitable or voluntary organisations, which make a difference to their local communities. Through the CPRE programme, the foundation provides funding to organisations working to preserve and support the tranquility of Herefordshire's countryside. **Applications can be submitted at any time.**

Crowdfund Shropshire (Shropshire)

Crowdfund Shropshire, the new civic fundraising platform where community groups can get their projects funded by public and grant funding, is opening in the next month. Projects can bid for up to can pitch for up to £10,000 from the Shared Prosperity Community Fund and up to £20,000 from the Green Spaces and Active Travel Fund. Currently 5 projects crowdfunding at the moment. They include Rural Art Hub, Walking in Wem, Multicultural Children's Day, Little Stars in the Community and Get Crafty With Words. [Check out their projects here](#) for inspiration and donate or spread the word to help them reach their goals

Community Resource - Telford and Shropshire Support Fund (Telford and Shropshire)

Community Resource (previously Shropshire RCC) is committed to making life better for people and communities facing challenges. Through the Telford and Shropshire Support Fund the foundation aims to support groups to remain active and viable and recognises that organisations may be struggling due to a loss of income, a reduction in statutory and grant funding or unexpected additional costs to maintain operations. Funding is available for Staff or volunteer costs; An organisation that has seen a increase in operating costs e.g insurance ; Daily operating costs e.g telephones, printers; Accountancy/bookkeeping costs; Staff training costs. **All funding application windows end either 25th August or 31st August.**

Children's Summer Activities (Telford, Shropshire and Staffordshire)

Up to £1,000 to help local groups deliver free, fun and enriching summer activities for children (5 to 16), young people, and families across Telford, Shropshire and Staffordshire. Your activity must take place in a community where Wrekin and Housing Plus Group have homes and be open to and promoted to their tenants. **No deadline given.**

Staffordshire Community Foundation - Stafford Borough Council Small Grants (Stafford)

Through the Stafford Borough Council Small Grants programme the foundation provides grants of up to £1,000 to organisations who provide facilities or services for people in the geographical area covered by Stafford Borough Council. All projects must meet one of the following criteria; Benefit local residents; Bring about a lasting benefit to the organisations members or the wider community; Help to increase the organisations sustainability or reach. **The closing date is 29th August 2025.**

Staffordshire Community Foundation - The Hilton Fund (South Staffordshire)

The Staffordshire Community Foundation exists to benefit disadvantaged communities by making grants to support relevant charitable or voluntary organisations, which make a difference to their local communities. Through the Hilton Fund the foundation provides grants of up to £2,000 to organisations in South Staffordshire with projects that meet one of the following criteria; Increase or enhance local services; Provide local social or leisure activities; Provide a local service that might otherwise be unavailable; Relieve poverty or disadvantage for local people. **The closing date for applications is 30th September 2025.**

National Forest Company - Small Grants Fund (Leicestershire, Derbyshire, Staffordshire)

Through the National Forest Small Grants Scheme funding is available to support projects that contribute to the aims and objectives of the National Forest. Those who operate within the Forest area can apply for grants to support a range of projects and activities. **Applications can be submitted at any time.**

The Saintbury Trust (West Midlands, with focus on Birmingham and Worcester)

Arts, heritage, the environment and helping those with disabilities. £1,000 - £5,000. Larger grants tend to be awarded to charities of which the trustees have special knowledge or in the work of which they have a particular interest. **Ongoing**

West Midlands Health Innovation Fund

Applications are now open for the new West Midlands Health Innovation Fund, delivered by BVSC with WMCA and the NHS. Grants of £10,000–£30,000 are available for voluntary, community, faith and social enterprise organisations.

The fund will support projects that:

- Tackle health inequalities across the region
- Test new and innovative approaches to improving health and wellbeing
- Strengthen the role of the VCFSE sector in delivering health outcomes
- Build partnerships between communities and health services

Applications close 12pm, Monday 15 September 2025.

npower Business Solutions Foundation (West Midlands)

The npower Business Solutions Foundation aims to support not-for-profit organisations and educational institutions located within a 50-mile radius of their Solihull (B91 3ES) and Leeds offices in creating sustainable communities. The foundation offers grants of up to £100,000 for projects focused on decarbonisation, responsible business growth, social innovation, and local skills/employment promotion. Projects that help to improve the environment, forge stronger community bonds, encourage responsible business and improve places and spaces. **Applications can be submitted at any time.**

Forestry Commission - Tree Health Pilot Scheme (focus on West Mids)

The Tree Health Pilot Scheme is testing ways to slow the spread of pests and diseases affecting trees in certain regions of England. Eligible trees include larch, spruce, sweet chestnut, oak, and ash affected by various diseases. The grants cover activities such as woodland management and tree maintenance. To be able to participate, the woodland needs to be located in North West England, the West Midlands or the South East and London. Applications can be made by individuals or groups. **Applications can be submitted at any time.**

Severn Trent Community Fund (East Midlands, West Midlands, South West)

New project funding

- Funding for brand new projects within the Severn Trent region that have genuine

community need and a real impact on improving community wellbeing through People, Place and Environment themes.

- Grants of £2,000-£20,000 and £20,000-£100,000.
- Full criteria and details can be found here: www.stwater.co.uk/newprojectfunding
- Overseen by an independent Community Fund Customer Panel who review applications, so ultimately it's up to customers to decide where our money goes.

31st August deadline for this round.

UK/England Wide:

Biffa Award Main Grants Scheme (England, Wales and Northern Ireland)

Under this scheme, Biffa look to award grants to projects that provide or improve biodiversity, nature recovery, community spaces, cultural facilities, and places for outdoor recreation. The type of activities that could be funded could be to improve community buildings; site-based projects to protect and enhance a species or habitat; improving an open space such as a park, play area or woodland that needs transforming to benefit local people of all ages. Between £10,000 and £75,000 is available for projects of less than £200,000. Ten percent of the award needs to be third party sourced. **Applications can be submitted at any time**

Rewilding Innovation Fund Opens for Applications (UK)

The fund offers grants of up to £15,000 to support innovative rewilding projects across Britain. The fund accepts applications from a range of organisations. Projects must encompass a minimum of 40 hectares of contiguous land. Eligible projects can cover a wide range of activities, from community engagement and feasibility studies to technological innovations and strategic planning. The goal is to remove barriers to rewilding and encourage creative, impactful approaches to ecological restoration that benefit nature, climate, and local communities. Applicants need to be part of the Rewilding Britain's Rewilding Network (may join at the point of application). **Closing date 29th August 2025.**

Inman Charity (UK)

Grants totalling £250,000 per year are available to registered charities in the UK for projects with a social welfare focus and those working with disadvantaged people. The Directors are particularly interested in supporting the following areas of charitable work: Medical research; care of the elderly; general welfare; hospices; the deaf and blind; care of the physically & mentally disabled; and the Armed Forces. **The closing date for applications is 31st August 2025.**

Woodland Trust - Free Trees (UK)

Free tree packs to give away to schools, community and youth groups, available for planting on one publicly accessible site. First come first serve basis. All applicants need to do is find a suitable site and supply the volunteer planters and tree protection. Tree packs for schools and communities offer the perfect opportunity to bring people together to plant trees - encouraging local wildlife, protecting our landscape against tree disease and creating beautiful wooded areas that people can enjoy for years to come. **Applications will close on 28 August.**

Woodroffe Benton Foundation (UK)

Supporting work that falls into the following categories: tackle poverty, provide care for the elderly, promote education and support environmental projects. Applications are welcome from UK charitable organisations for funding of between £500 and £2,500. The trustees prefer to contribute to core operating costs rather than a specific project. Applications are considered at quarterly meetings in January, April, July and October. **The closing date for applications is 31st August 2025.**

The Kelly Family Charitable Trust (UK)

The Trust is interested in funding charities whose activities involve the whole family in initiatives that encourage and nurture a supportive structure within the family unit, and whose aims include the development of strong and supportive family bonds by helping all elements of the family unit to grow together and support each other. Applications are also welcomed from sports and health- related charities whose activities meet the trust's criteria. Grants of between £1,000 and £5,000 are available, but higher grants may be considered. **The closing date is 1st September 2025.**

Enovert Community Trust (UK)

An Environmental body which supports community and environmental projects. Providing funding to a broad range of projects that have a positive impact on local communities. The Trust is committed to supporting community and environmental projects across the UK. These include improving community halls, the creation of new play areas and skate parks, and restoring green spaces. Fundraising by applicants is looked upon favourably by the Trustees. Applicants will need to secure a 10% third party contribution which will be payable to Enovert Limited prior to the project commencing. **Closing date 5th September 2025.**

The Skinners' Charity Foundation - Arts, Heritage & Communities (UK)

Funds arts, heritage, and community projects, primarily in London and Kent. These can range from one-off events, through to multi-year projects. Arts and heritage projects include local projects which help communities conserve and restore their landmarks, landscape, traditions and culture. Performing and visual arts work include projects across the arts – from performance and drama to music and art. Community projects can be broader, bringing together and supporting local people, but must still include an arts or heritage element. **Closing date 5th September 2025.**

British Ecological Society Outreach Grants (UK)

Individuals and organisations such as schools, museums, libraries and community groups can apply to the British Ecological Society for grants of up to £2,000 to promote ecological science to a wide audience. The funding is available for projects that increase public understanding of, and engagement with, ecology; stimulate discussion about ecology and its implications for society; inspire and enthuse people of all ages about the science of ecology, especially those not previously interested; and develop skills in communicating the science of ecology. Projects aimed solely at delivering curriculum to school children will not be considered. **Closing date 8th September 2025.**

The Cruach Trust (UK)

The Trust has a preference for supporting gardeners, retired gardeners and for preserving gardens throughout the United Kingdom. Previous grants have been awarded to support horticultural apprenticeships; gardens, wildlife and the natural environment; music, the arts and cultural charities; medical research and support and to organisations working with children, the elderly and vulnerable. **The closing date for applications is 12th September 2025.**

The Matthew Good Foundation - Grants for Good (UK)

Small charities, not-for-profit groups and social entrepreneurs who are passionate about making a difference to people, their community or the environment. The Fund will share £15,000 between 5 shortlisted projects every 3 months. 1st place project £5,000, second place £3,500, third place £2,500 with fourth and fifth place both receiving £2,000. As well as established projects and charities, the Foundation wants to hear from people with innovative ideas that need some funding to get their projects up and running. **The closing date for applications is 15th September 2025.**

#iwill Fund 2025

The National Lottery Community Fund is launching the #iwill Fund 2025, aiming to back projects that empower young people (up to 20, or up to 25 with additional support needs) to lead purposeful social action within their communities. The programme has a total of £3 million available and expects to fund 4–6 innovative projects across England. Key details:

- Who can apply: Funders, VCFSEs, schools, statutory bodies, and more.
- Grant size: No set cap—but you must provide match funding, with a minimum match of £200,000 (cash or in-kind).

Deadline: Submit your expression of interest by 24 September 2025

Hays Travel Foundation (UK)

Hays Travel Foundation was created in 2015. The foundation works with organisations that support people, who for one reason or another need help to achieve their potential. The foundations focus is on the following objectives: Education; Poverty; Health; Art's and Culture; Sport. Support is provided to registered charities working with young people under the age of 25 in an area where Hays Travel operates. **The closing date for applications is 28th September 2025.**

Angus Irvine Playing Fields Fund (UK)

Providing grants to local community groups, sports clubs and charities. Applications can be made for grants towards some or all of the following: The development and improvement of playing fields and other facilities; the development and training of volunteers including the provision of qualifications; the purchase of specialist disability equipment; the development of long-term sustainability, for example marketing and finance expertise; The organising, coaching and other key operational costs of running sports activities. Grants will typically be in the range from £2.5k - £5k although a larger grant may be possible in some circumstances. **The closing date for applications is 30th September 2025.**

Calisen Impact Charitable Trust (UK)

Funding projects that have positive environmental, social or wellbeing outcomes. The aim is to drive economic and social development within communities by funding initiatives which focus on sustainable energy solutions, and promote inclusive, safe, and diverse educational and work environments. The trust has an interest in supporting communities in the North West where Calisen operates, but funding is available for registered charities across the UK. **Closing date 30th Sept 2025.**

Matrix Chambers - Matrix Causes Fund (UK)

Funding for registered charities supporting the needs of vulnerable people. One-off grants of up to £5,000, or grants of up to £3,000 a year for 3 years, are available to support organisations that promote access to justice (particularly for people trying to get support to meet their basic personal needs), equality of opportunity, or a sustainable environment. Funding core activities that support vulnerable persons such as prisoners, asylum seekers, people with mental health difficulties, people (particularly children) with disabilities, or women in refuges. **Closing date is 30th September 2025.**

Armed Forces Covenant Fund Trust - Hidden Voices Programme 2024/25 (UK)

Supports mental health and wellbeing for seldom heard individuals within Armed Forces communities, focusing on prevention and early intervention. The programme offers grants up to £20,000 for projects lasting up to 12 months. It aims to deliver accessible mental health support by addressing the unique needs of marginalised groups through collaborative partnerships and tailored interventions. **The closing date for applications is 1st October 2025.**

William Adlington Cadbury Charitable Trust (West Midlands)

The Trust makes grants to charitable organisations primarily in Birmingham and the West Midlands although a small number of grants are also available for the UK as a whole, Ireland and for international work. In Birmingham and the West Midlands, grants fall into the following categories: Community Action, Vulnerable Groups, Advice Mediation and Counselling, Education and Training, Environment and Conservation, Medical and Healthcare, The Arts and Penal affairs. Grants for under £2,000 are assessed on a monthly basis whilst larger grants (normally between £10,000 and £20,000) are awarded at the Trustees' Meetings held twice annually, normally in May and November. **The closing date for applications is 20th October 2025.**

The Tree Council - Trees Outside Woodland Fund (England)

Aims to establish trees outside of woodlands to create or enhance green spaces using a range of tree types and planting methods across England. It supports the government's goal to increase England's overall tree canopy cover to 16.5% by 2050. The fund is open to local authorities and registered charities in England. **Closing date 31st October 2025**

The Tree Council - Branching Out Fund (UK)

The Tree Council's Branching Out Fund provides grants of £250 to £2,500 to enable community groups, schools, Tree Warden Networks, residents associations and other groups and organisations to carry out tree planting projects. The aim is to enable the planting of hundreds of thousands of trees by community groups across the UK. **The closing date is 14th November 2025.**

National Lottery Community Fund – Environment Stream (England)

The NLCF has opened a bespoke environment stream of their **Awards for All** grant scheme, which is their quick way of applying for funding of £300 to £20,000 for up to 2 years. "the scale and speed of the climate and nature emergencies means we need to ramp up the amount we support and enable grassroots organisations and local communities to take part in positive environmental action. By creating a dedicated stream with bespoke guidance and criteria we are looking to learn if this helps us broaden our reach. We plan to keep the strand open until 17 December".

- *help people connect with and care for nature in their area*
- *make a positive difference to the environment.*

Deadline for applications is on the 17th December 2025.

National Garden Scheme – Community Garden Grants 2026

Grants of between £1,500 and £5,000 are available. The Community Gardens Grants scheme was set up in 2011 by the National Garden Scheme and managed in partnership with the Royal Horticultural Society. The funding is for gardening projects carried out within local communities in England, Wales or Northern Ireland. **Applications for 2026 Community Garden Grants will OPEN on Monday 15 September, 2025.** In the meantime please check the guidelines to see if your project will be eligible.

Co-op Local Community Fund

Next funding round starting in October 2025. They will be looking to support projects that enable people to access food, create opportunities for young people, improve people's mental wellbeing, promote community cohesion and build sustainable futures. [Local Community Fund - Co-op](#)

England Woodland Creation Offer (England)

England Woodland Creation Offer is one of a suite of Forestry Commission initiatives to support woodland creation and tree planting across England. Landowners, land managers and public bodies can apply to the England Woodland Creation Offer for support to create new woodland, including through natural colonisation, on areas as small as 1 hectare. The grant will cover standard capital costs for tree planting (up to a per hectare cap), as well as rewarding farmers and landowners for providing public and/or wider environmental benefits. Closing date **30th June 2026**.

The Garfield Weston Foundation – 3 funding strands (UK)

- 1) Capital projects
- 2) Operating & Core Costs
- 3) Projects & Specific Activity.

We fund small local organisations and large national institutions. Our grants range from £1,000 to several million pounds, depending on each charity's size and scope of work. Our grants can be for your organisation's running costs, for a specific activity or for capital projects. We are flexible and fund what charities need the most. These include welfare, youth, community, environment, education, health, arts, heritage and faith. **Applications can be submitted at any time.**

The Dischma Charitable Trust (England & Wales)

The Dischma Charitable Trust provides grants to organisations in England and Wales that require funding for projects that fall into the following categories: Education/training; The Advancement Of Health Or Saving Of Lives; Disability; The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty; Overseas Aid/famine Relief; Arts/culture/heritage/science; Animals; Environment/conservation/heritage. **Applications can be submitted at any time.**

Aviva Community Fund (UK)

Small charities, schools and community interest groups with innovative ideas that benefit their community can apply for funding of up to £50,000 for projects that build more connected, more resilient communities; and give people the tools to become more financially independent. The funding is being made available through the newly re-launched Aviva Community Fund. **Applications can be submitted at any time.**

The Altajir Trust (UK)

The Altajir Trust supports exhibitions, publications, educational activities and other programmes related to Islamic culture and Muslim - Christian relations. The Trust offers grants for; assistance to outreach and community education in the UK; assistance to museum, libraries and galleries; support to societies in conflict; publications and lectures; conservation; and conferences. The Trust also provides a limited number of scholarships for graduates and in some cases undergraduates from Arab countries to study at British universities. **Applications can be submitted at any time.**

Rhododendron Trust (UK)

The Rhododendron Trust makes grants of £1,000 to £2,000 to registered charities supporting the disadvantaged in the developing world and the UK and to those supporting the arts and wildlife. Smaller Charities are prioritised. In the UK, support is given to charities working with those disadvantaged by disability or mental illness; prisoners and ex-offenders; drug addiction; homelessness; carers; the elderly; disadvantaged children. Arts and Nature funding is mainly through the National Churches Trust and Fauna and Flora International, however proposals for small theatre and music projects, for the protection of cultural and natural heritage or environmental sustainability are accepted. **Applications can be submitted at any time**

Charles Hayward Foundation - Older Peoples Programme (UK)

Funds small UK charities running projects that improve the physical and emotional health of older people. Up to £7,000 are available to support programmes that reduce isolation and depression among older people, including informal day care, social, physical, and recreational activities, practical help for those living at home, and emotional and practical support for individuals with dementia and their carers. Small Grants programme. **Applications can be submitted at any time.**

YAPP Charitable Trust (England and Wales)

The Trust makes revenue grants to small registered charities whose work focuses on one of the Trust's priority groups. These are; elderly people, children and young people aged 5 - 25, people with physical impairments; learning difficulties or mental health challenges;; social welfare - people trying to overcome life-limiting problems of a social, rather than medical, origin (such as addiction, relationship difficulties, abuse, offending); and education and learning (with a particular interest in people who are educationally disadvantaged, whether adults or children). Grants are given for running costs for up to three years. Grants are normally for a maximum of £3,000 per year.

Applications can be submitted at any time.

Westhill Endowment Grant (UK)

Westhill support projects with strong underlying Christian Values that transform peoples lives, foster empathy between communities and build bridges between people of diverse backgrounds and cultures. Grants have been made to a very wide range of successful projects in local communities in churches and cathedrals, hospitals and hospices; and in higher and a wide range of further educational institutions both in the UK and overseas. Most grants range between £500 and £20,000. Larger sums for projects running over two years are considered but matching funding is sometimes advised. Applications can be submitted at any time and these are assessed on a quarterly basis.

Applications can be submitted at any time.

The Albert Gubay Charitable Foundation - (England)

Aims to strengthen communities in need by making grants to support registered charities which make a difference within their local areas. Its General Fund supports projects aligning with a range of core priorities - from supporting ex-offenders, victims of domestic abuse/modern slavery, homelessness, care leavers, and the elderly, to intellectual disability support, medical research, disability inclusive sports, terminal illness care, and worship/community outreach. Grants are awarded during Trustees' quarterly meetings. **Applications can be submitted at any time**

Marsh Christian Trust Grant (UK)

The Trust provides grants to registered charities working in the fields of social welfare, literature arts and heritage, environmental and animal welfare, education and training. Grants range from £300 to £2,000. Eligible organisations must be UK-based registered charities experienced in their field of work

in any of the above mentioned areas, charities which have been established for more than one financial year and who can provide a full set of their most recent reports and accounts, or the equivalent of, if their annual income is under £25,000. The nature of our funding is to support established charities and not to provide start-up costs. Applications are considered on the basis of the organisation's financial position, performance against charitable aims and objectives and the ratio of voluntary income against fundraising expenses. The Trust wishes to engage in long term support, with money given on an annual basis and grants are made towards core funding and not for special projects or sponsorship proposals. **Applications may be submitted at any time.**

The Health Lottery Foundation – opening to applications later in 2025.

Sign up to the mailing list if you would like to be kept informed about funding opportunities. If you are a voluntary organisation and you are working to improve the health and wellbeing of people in your community you should be able to apply. The type of projects that improve health and wellbeing outcomes are more varied than we can imagine. 5 areas we are still interested in supporting; Chronic disease, Disability inequity, Healthcare IT, Health disparity, Preventative care.

Social Investment Business - Community Builders Fund (England, Scotland & Wales)

The Community Builders Fund, delivered by Social Investment Business, offers loans ranging from £100,000 to £1.5 million to support the growth and long-term resilience of organisations working to improve people's lives or the environment they live in. Loans are repayable over six years at a fixed rate of 7.9% per annum. There is the potential for up to 12 months of interest-only payments, with no early repayment charges. **Applications can be submitted at any time.**

The CLA Charitable Trust (England & Wales)

Funds charities and not-for-profit organisations in England and Wales to support projects that help disabled or disadvantaged people access the benefits of nature and the countryside. Trust awards grants of up to £5,000 to support projects that improve the physical and mental health and wellbeing of people who are disabled or disadvantaged by helping them to visit and participate in recreational and educational opportunities in the countryside. Particularly projects for children and young people who are disadvantaged financially, physically, mentally, or from areas of deprivation. Projects, capital works and running costs. **Applications can be submitted at any time.**

HDH Wills - The Martin Wills Wildlife Maintenance grant (England, Scotland & Wales)

The Trust is an independent grant-making charity that supports general, environmental and wildlife charities. Providing grants of between £1,000 and £2,000 to support the conservation and maintenance for the benefit of the public of the natural environment and its indigenous woodland flora and fauna with particular reference to the conservation and maintenance of the character and amenity of rural areas. **Applications can be submitted at any time.**

The Dulverton Trust - Conservation Grant (UK)

The Dulverton Trust is an independent grant-making charity that supports UK charities and Charitable incorporated Organisations tackling a range of social issues, protecting the natural world, and preserving heritage crafts. Projects through Youth Opportunities strand too. Conservation funding strand- supports a small number of charities working to support the general conservation and preservation of wildlife habitats; protect, plant, and sympathetically manage trees and native woodlands. **Applications can be submitted at any time.**

The Allen Lane Foundation - People with Mental Health Problems (UK)

A focus on funding unpopular causes. The overall aims of the Foundation are to make a lasting difference to people's lives; reduce isolation, stigma and discrimination; and to encourage or enable unpopular groups to share in the life of the whole community. The Foundation aims to fund work benefitting people affected by mental health problems – lessening their isolation and feelings of stigma, improving wellbeing and promoting recovery, and enabling people to feel included in their local communities. The Foundation funds organisations that provide general services and activities to people with mental health conditions; as well as groups working with people affected by specific or particular issues – such as bipolar disorder, or depression, or self-harm, or eating disorders for example. **Applications can be submitted at any time.**

Wakeham Trust (UK)

The Wakeham Trust is a grant making organisation that support organisations and registered charities as well as small community and voluntary groups within the UK that want to improve their communities. The Trust is particularly interested in supporting projects that are small scale and would find it hard to get funding from big trusts; or are currently unfashionable or unpopular amongst mainstream funders, but are making a real contribution. The Trust is particularly looking to support projects with funding between £125 and £2,500. **Applications can be submitted at any time.**

Funds with no application deadline, carried over from previous month.

Rayne Foundation Grants Programme (UK)

The Rayne Foundation offers grants to tackle entrenched social issues through the arts, health, wellbeing, and education. The foundation has a particular focus on connecting communities, building bridges between marginalised groups and mainstream society, and enabling individuals to reach their full potential. The annual grant making programme is in the region of £1.5 million and grants typically fall in the range of £10,000 to £20,000 per annum for up to three years. Funding is available both for capital and revenue expenditure. **Applications can be submitted at any time.**

National Community Lottery Fund: Reaching Communities Fund

The Reaching Communities programme has new priorities (since 1 April) which will help the funder to deliver its missions and create fairer, stronger, more resilient futures for communities - projects that: support places, people or communities experiencing poverty, disadvantage or discrimination; and support people and communities to shape the decisions that affect their lives. [Read more](#)

Bernard Sunley Foundation - Health Grants (England and Wales)

Aims to improve quality of life in England and Wales—especially for young, disadvantaged, and older people—by funding capital projects through its Health strand. Supports building works, new transport, and outdoor spaces for care homes, hospices, and similar facilities. Prioritises charities delivering excellent care. Offers small (£5,000 and under), medium (up to £20,000), and large (£20,000+) capital grants. **Applications are accepted year-round**; revenue costs are not funded.

The Kirby Laing Foundation (UK)

Supports projects in Evangelical Christian faith, science and engineering education, youth development, dementia and stroke research, social/medical welfare, heritage preservation, arts access for young people, and overseas development. Offers small reactive grants (open to applications) and larger invitation-only grants. Most funding is for one-off capital needs or clearly defined projects not covered by statutory sources. **Applications accepted year-round.**

Alpkitt Foundation Funding Opportunity (England)

Our trustees review applications every two months, offering small grants (£50-£500) to individuals, community groups, schools, and organisations. We fund projects that encourage outdoor activity, support environmental initiatives, promote wellbeing, and enhance outdoor education. Apply at least 3 months before your project starts. Multiple applications are welcome, provided they meet our funding criteria. We support:

- Outdoor participation & education (e.g., First Aid, Mountain Leader Training)
- Conservation & environmental projects
- Diversity, inclusion, and wellbeing initiatives

We do not fund holidays, charity challenges, or retrospective applications. **Apply at any time.**

The Newby Trust - Social Welfare (UK)

The Newby Trust funds local, regional or national charities registered and operating in the UK within the broad categories of education, health and social welfare. Through the Social Welfare programme the Trust provides grants of up to £10,000 to improve people's quality of life in disadvantaged communities. Grants of between £2,000 and £10,000 are available. Provide small grants for short-term emergency relief, improve social support for disadvantaged groups and support cultural & physical activities to improve wellbeing. **Applications can be submitted any time.**

Parkinson's UK - Physical Activity Grants Programme (UK)

Helps fund community groups and organisations to offer more opportunities for people with Parkinson's to engage in physical activity. Grants of up to £3,000 are available to support new activities that encourage people affected by Parkinson's to participate in physical activity and sport or increase their participation in these areas. This could be anything fun that encourages people, particularly those from isolated and ethnic communities, to get moving such as a walking group, a dance class, or playing table tennis. **Applications can be submitted at any time.**

Sport England - Movement Fund (England)

The Movement Fund by Sport England provides crowdfunding pledges, grants, and support for projects that aim to increase physical activity. Eligible projects can receive up to £15,000 to provide physical activity opportunities for the people and communities who need it the most. The grants can be used to cover a wide range of costs and items that will help deliver positive change, particularly for those facing barriers to activity. **Applications can be submitted at any time.**

Persimmon Community Champions (England, Scotland and Wales)

Persimmon Homes Charity Foundation is providing grant funding of up to £1000 to registered charities, clubs, schools and other organisations which have already raised vital funds themselves towards projects to enhance their local community. The type of projects supported to date have included support for foodbanks; projects within schools; and sports projects; etc. **Applications can be submitted at any time.**

Funding for Projects that Promote Better Understanding of the Environment and Countryside (UK)

UK based schools and not for profit organisations can apply for funding to the Nineveh Charitable Trust for a broad range of projects and activities that promote a better understanding of the environment and countryside, whilst facilitating improved access, education and research. Whilst the Trust does not specify a minimum or maximum grant amount that can be applied for, an analysis of previous grants would suggest a maximum of £5,000 per year for up to three years. Previous projects supported include Castlemilk Day Nursery which received a grant of £5,000 to build a multi-function shelter with provision for special needs teaching; and St Joseph's Specialist School & College, which received a grant of £4,000 towards a community garden expansion. **Applications can be submitted at any time.**

England's Community Forests: Trees for Climate grants (England)

Trees for Climate is a multi-million pound woodland creation programme. Trees for Climate is delivered by the 13 Community Forests across England, who have extensive experience in supporting landowners to establish and manage woodlands. Trees for Climate grant funding can cover the costs of woodland creation, fencing, paths and other infrastructure, and ongoing maintenance for up to 15 years. Design, planning and planting support from professional woodland advisors is also available. **Applications can be submitted at any time.**

Bernard Sunley Foundation Funding for Projects that Raise People's Quality of Life (England & Wales)

The Bernard Sunley Foundation aims to raise the quality of life in England and Wales, particularly for the young, disadvantaged and older people. Through the Health funding strand, the Foundation supports building and refurbishment projects, specialist new transport and the creation of outdoor or recreational spaces for care homes, hospices, day centres and other facilities that provide relief and sanctuary for patients, their families and those with special needs. The emphasis is on helping charities that are providing an excellent standard of care and support within their communities. There are large grants of £20,000 and above; medium grants of up to £20,000 and small grants of £5,000 and under. Funding is only available for capital items. Revenue costs are not funded.

Applications can be made at any time.

The Stobart Group Sustainability Fund (UK)

Applications need to be of a green, ecological or sustainability nature with the project benefiting the environment. For not-for-profit organisations, community groups, and educational facilities, such as schools and colleges, in transforming their local communities through projects that:

- tackle climate change
- reduce carbon emissions
- protect and enhance the environment

The fund aims to help educate communities on how they can make a difference by supporting diverse projects and initiatives making a positive change. Organisations are invited to specify the level of funding they require in their application. **No application deadline is given.**

Trusthouse Charitable Foundation (UK)

Grant making foundation that give grants to small and medium sized local organisations in the UK with a demonstrable track record of success working to address local issues in communities of extreme urban deprivation and deprived rural districts. Small grants programme provides funding of between £2,000 and £10,000 to charitable organisations with an income of less than £250,000 for projects that focus on Community Support. E.g. Community Services; Community Centres; Alternative Education; Training, mentoring, employment and volunteering opportunities; Youth; Counselling; Family Support Services; Substance Misuse. **Applications can be submitted at any time.**

Swire Charitable Trust (UK)

The Swire Charitable Trust makes grants to charities supporting some of the UK's most vulnerable people to overcome barriers and realise their potential, and to charities who are protecting the environment and heritage. **Applications can be submitted at any time.**

John Ellerman Foundation - Environment: People and Planet (UK)

Grants to charities that work to promote a healthier environment for both people and nature. The scheme prioritises projects that enhance ocean health through stronger marine protected areas and on land and in freshwater through sustainable management, habitat restoration, and landscape-scale conservation. The scheme also aims to address the impact of human activities like climate change and pollution on air, land, and water. Charities must have an annual income of between £100,000 and £10,000,000. **Applications can be submitted at any time.**

HS2 Community and Environment Fund (England)

The HS2 Community and Environment Fund (CEF) has been established to offset the disruption caused to local communities throughout the construction phase of HS2. The aim of the CEF is to award grants of up to £75,000 to projects that will benefit communities along the route. Supported projects could include, for example: Pedestrian, equestrian or cycle access; landscape and nature conservation / enhancement; enhancement / replacement of sports and recreational facilities; refurbishment / re-use of historic buildings and monuments. Capital and revenue costs can be funded.

Applications can be submitted at any time.

National Lottery Heritage Grants

Guidance and application forms to apply for a **National Lottery Heritage Grant** under their new **10-year strategy, Heritage 2033** have now launched on their website. Organisations can apply at any time for grants £10,000 - £250,000. To get feedback and advice before starting an application, applicants can submit a **Project Enquiry**. Organisations can also apply for grants £250,000 - £10million, but must first submit an **Expression of Interest** and, if successful, will be invited to apply. 4 **investment principles** guide all grant decision making and must take all principles into account:

- saving heritage
- protecting the environment
- inclusion, access and participation
- organisational sustainability

National Lottery Grant Schemes - The National Lottery has two regular community grant schemes which are ongoing (**no firm deadline**).

- **Awards for All**: Offers grants between £300 and £20,000 for up to 2 years.
- **Reaching Communities**: Offer grants from £20,001 for up to 5 years.

Both programmes fund projects or organisations that will do at least one of these things:

- bring people together to build strong relationships in and across communities.
- improve the places and spaces that matter to communities.
- help more people to reach their potential, by supporting them at the earliest possible stage.