

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 us about any funding successes following our 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)
- Community Foundation for Staffordshire (30th March deadline) and Shropshire

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

Veolia and Solihull Council: Solihull Community Environment Fund (Solihull)

The Solihull Community Environment Fund awards grants of up to £2,000 for projects that benefit the environment and local community. These could be projects that improve the environment through planting wildflowers and/or trees; using green space to support biodiversity or create a sustainable garden; litter picking and more. Funding can be awarded for a variety of projects and activities including promotion and marketing, education and awareness raising, practical equipment and project running costs. **Application deadline: Friday, 9th May 2025**

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

Tipton Education Fund (Tipton)

The Tipton Education Fund was established to raise the educational attainment of Tipton. Through this fund, we aim to support projects which meet one of the following themes:

- Overcome barriers to learning e.g. using art, drama, sport or music as an engagement tool,
 - Raising aspirations of children and young people,
 - Supporting family learning and encouraging healthy living,
 - Encouraging and supporting children to read outside of the school day,
 - Providing enrichment opportunities for children, young people and families that they wouldn't otherwise have access to. For example, learning how to cook together, arts, gardening etc.
- Small grants of up to £3,000 and large grants of up to £10,000 per annum are available.

Natural Networks Programme (Worcester City only)

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 tranquillity 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 goal.

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.**

Staffordshire Community Foundation - The J&O Lloyd Community Grants Fund (East 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 J&O Lloyd Community Grants Fund the foundation provides grants of up to £10,000 to organisations who provide benefit to a community within the East Staffordshire borough. Preference will be given to applications working in one of the following fields; Heritage; Arts & Leisure; Built & Natural Environment; Social & Community Isolation. **The closing date for applications is 8th April 2025.**

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**

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.**

Roger & Douglas Turner Charitable Trust (Birmingham, Black Country, Herefs and Worcs)

Registered charities focusing on: Children & Young People, Disabled & Health, Environment & Heritage, Arts, Work in the Community & the Elderly, Social Support and Hospices. Will fund core or a project/capital appeal. Most grants are generally between £1,000 and £5,000. Larger grants may be considered for regular beneficiaries and capital projects. Apply at any time. Three meetings a year. **In 2025, deadlines are 27 Jun and 14 Nov.**

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

Voluntary or community organisations in the Severn Trent Water region are eligible to apply to the £10 million Severn Trent Community Fund for funding to increase community wellbeing. This includes support for projects that help people to lead a healthier life and gain new skills; help to create better places to live in and use; and Projects that will help look after the natural environment, give people greater access to that environment or help look after water. Three sizes of grant available: £2,000 to £10,000 / £10,001 to £75,000 / £75,001 to £250,000

Who Can Apply: Charities / Organisations with a charitable purpose (not for profit status) / Publicly funded schools / Local authorities / Parish councils / Sports clubs

The proposed project must be located in the Severn Trent region and the community it is benefiting must be Severn Trent customers. **Open to applications at any time.**

UK/England wide:

Bernard Sunley Foundation - Health Grants (England and Wales)

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. The Foundations offers three levels of grants. These are: Large grants of £20,000 and above. / Medium grants of up to £20,000. / Small grants of £5,000 and under. Large and medium grants are considered and agreed upon at Trustees' meetings. Small grants are agreed by Trustees on a monthly basis and form the majority of grants awarded. Funding is only available for capital items. Revenue costs are not funded. **Applications can be submitted at any time.**

Warburton Foundation Community Grants Scheme (England, Scotland, Wales)

Provides grants of up to £400 for projects that have a direct and tangible social impact on families and solve significant social issues in local communities. To support a range of activities which improve Health, Place or Skills for families in their community:

- Health: supporting families to care for each other and lead healthier lives
- Place: supporting families to flourish in communities that are safer, greener and more inclusive
- Skills: supporting families to gain useful skills for life and work

Applications are considered every quarter. **Applications deadline 5th May 2025.**

Enovert Community Trust (UK)

The Trust is committed to supporting community and environmental projects across the UK within 10 miles of an Enovert site. 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. **The closing date for applications is 23rd May 2025.**

People's Trust for Endangered Species - Worldwide Grant (UK)

The PTES worldwide grants programme offers conservation insight grants of £3,000 to £10,000 per year for up to two years to projects focussing on endangered species. Grants will be awarded to projects that seek to either: Find critical scientific evidence that will facilitate the conservation of a species; provide the answer to a key conservation question; or undertake the implementation of a key local action resulting in significant, positive impact for an endangered species. Applicants must already be working and established in the UK, overseas UK territory or any country classified by the World Bank as not high income. Applications for work with bird species are not accepted. **The closing date for applications is 29th May 2025.**

Turning Point Community Innovation Fund Grants to Promote Wellbeing & Reduce Social Isolation (England)

Charities, community groups and social enterprises in England can apply for up to £2,500 in seed funding to support initiatives aimed at reducing social isolation and enhancing wellbeing for vulnerable people in their local areas. Eligible activities should focus on promoting physical activity, fostering social connections, learning new skills, encouraging volunteering, and practicing mindfulness. Previously funded projects include a community crafting club, a sensory garden, a pottery course, and a storytelling club for men recovering from addiction. Groups can apply through nominations from Turning Point teams in the areas where Turning Point operates. **Applications can be submitted any time, and will be considered in next funding round in spring 2025**

D'Oyly Carte Charitable Trust - Grants for the Environment (UK)

The Trust makes grants which are usually in the range £500 - £6,000. Areas considered include:

- Conservation of the countryside and its woodlands, with emphasis on the encouragement of voluntary work and active involvement in hands-on activities
- Protection of species within the UK and their habitats under threat or in decline
- Heritage conservation within the UK based on value to, and use by the local community
- Rural crafts and skills in heritage conservation
- Social and therapeutic horticulture: projects that use gardening or other environmental activities to bring about positive changes

The closing date for applications is 3rd June 2025.

The Matthew Good Foundation - Grants for Good (UK)

The Matthew Good Foundation's Grants for Good aims to support 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 five shortlisted projects every three months, which will be voted for by John Good Group employees. The project that receives the most votes will receive a grant of £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 June 2025.**

Forestry Commission 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 2025.**

The Dulverton Trust - Conservation Grant (UK)

Independent grant-making charity that supports tackling a range of social issues, protecting the natural world, and preserving heritage crafts. Through its Conservation funding strand, the Trust supports a small number of charities working to support the general conservation and preservation of wildlife habitats in the UK; protect, plant, and sympathetically manage trees and native woodlands; and protect coastal and marine environments. **The Trust accept applications all year round but Trustees make decisions in February, June and October.**

Cycling UK - Big Bike Revival (England)

The Big Bike Revival aims to encourage adults to take up cycling for short, everyday journeys by providing free events that fix bikes, teach skills, lead rides, and promote cycling as a practical travel option. The programme targets adults who are returning to cycling, complete beginners, or those who do not cycle regularly. It aims to engage adults with diverse backgrounds, social, economic, or health needs. **The closing date for applications is 14th July 2025.**

Stanley Smith Horticultural Trust Grant (UK)

The Stanley Smith (UK) Horticultural Trust provides grants of up to £5,000 to promote horticulture; the conservation of the physical and natural environment by promoting biological diversity; 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. The type of activities funded include restoring gardens of historic interest; developing new gardens for public access and enjoyment; and gardeners' training schemes run by appropriate organisations; etc. **The closing date for applications is 15th 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. Packs will be awarded on a 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 expected to close in August.**

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.**

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.**

Alpkit 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.**

The Prospectory - Idea Fund (UK)

The 'I've got an Idea Fund' by The Prospectory supports individuals or small groups with innovative technological ideas that aim to deliver social or environmental benefits. Grants range from £250 to £3,000 and are for making and testing ideas. Only DIY projects are funded. **Applications can be submitted at any time.**

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

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.**

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, take our eligibility quiz to check. We are broad in the areas of work we support because we know that the causes of poor health, loneliness and social exclusion are complicated. This means the type of projects that improve health and wellbeing outcomes are more varied than we can imagine. We've outlined six areas we are interested in supporting, take a look! Chronic disease, Disability inequity, Healthcare IT, Health disparity, Preventative care, Young people. We are a Foundation that distributes funds raised by The Health Lottery players to communities across Britain.

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

ARC-Addington Discretionary Fund (England, Wales & Scotland)

One of the Farming Help charities which helps maintain the economic and social fabric of the farming community and offers grants to help viable farming businesses that experience financial hardship due to unforeseen and unexpected circumstances and have no other means of short term support. Examples include a sudden illness where paying extra staff may be a problem; extreme weather which has caused irreparable damage to crops or livestock or certain animal diseases which prevent you from moving or selling your stock. **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.**

The Crowdfunder Foundation (UK)

Supports community-driven projects through matched crowdfunding, focusing on social, environmental, and community initiatives. The Foundation aims to help individuals and organisations maximise their charitable contributions through crowdfunding. Particular emphasis is placed on local initiatives that tackle key social issues, such as poverty alleviation, nature recovery and regeneration, and supporting the growth of social enterprises. Philanthropists, high-net-worth individuals, trusts, foundations, and anyone looking to support community projects are eligible to receive the grant. **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.**

MacRobert Trust (UK)

Grants to registered charities in the areas of Services and Sea; Education and Training; Children and Youth; Science, Engineering and Technology; Agriculture and Horticulture; and Tarland and the Local Area. Grants can range between £1,000 and £50,000 and occasionally the Trustees make a recurring grant of up to three years. In addition a small grants programme facilitates awards of up to £10,000. **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.**

Wooden Spoon Society Grant (UK)

Schools, charities and community organisations can apply for grants for projects that improve the quality and prospect of life for children and young people who are disadvantaged physically, mentally or socially including those Not in Education, Employment or Training (NEET). The grants available include capital projects such as medical treatment and recovery centres, sports and activity areas, sensory rooms and gardens, playgrounds and hydrotherapy pools as well as revenue grants to support outreach programmes for children in their communities. **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. **Applications can be submitted at any time.**

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, 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

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.**

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

The Trust is an independent grant-making charity that supports general, environmental and wildlife charities. Through the Martin Wills Wildlife Maintenance grant programme the charity provides 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.

CLA Funding for Projects to Help Disabled and Disadvantaged People Connect with Nature and Teach Children about the Countryside

Charities, Schools, PTAs and other not-for-profit organisations can apply for grants of up to £5,000 for projects that help disabled or disadvantaged children connect with nature and the countryside. Supports 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. **Priority is given to projects that focus on children and young people, disadvantaged financially, physically, mentally, or from areas of deprivation.**

Funding can be used to support projects, capital works and running costs. School projects supported in the past include funding for outdoor classrooms, forest school provisions, horticulture areas.

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.