

Funding

Finding and applying for adequate funding is always a challenge. Local Biodiversity Partnerships will generally have a fairly comprehensive database of funding organisations and a wealth of experience in applying for funds. This reference section provides a list of possible funding sources and relevant links to useful web-based resources that advise on areas such as finding match funding and filling out application forms.

Biodiversity Funding and Opportunities

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If you wish to view a website below but do not have access to the internet, you can visit your local library for free access and support. If you need to find out the location of your nearest library ring **learndirect** on 0800 100 900.

Note: This list is not exhaustive and remains a flexible document. While we have tried to categorise the funding opportunities for ease of use we are aware that these may change. Therefore we ask you to do two things. 1) Look at the entire document because while a source may be an opportunity specific it may also suit a local project. 2) If you know of a funding opportunity please contact Delcie Simkin (Delcie.Simkin@wales.gsi.gov.uk; Tel 01938 558108) who will update the document.

Category A: Opportunities for schools

Alan Titchmarsh

We will be launching a new Gardens for Schools Award Scheme early in 2008. All primary schools who are interested in applying for a grant of up to £500 for a school garden project should watch this website for emerging details towards the end of this year.

Schools are asked to submit detailed plans and estimates of the costings, and we like to reward those schools where the emphasis is on growing skills and community involvement and not when too much reliance is placed on the funding of contractors or the provision of paving slabs! Above all, Alan is keen to encourage children's awareness of the environment and things that grow.

Grants: up to £500 awarded biannually

<http://www.alantitchmarsh.com/>

Application via download from web page

Please print out and return the completed application form **BY POST ONLY** to: Alan Titchmarsh Gardens for Schools, Mrs C. Mitchell, Colt Hill House, Odiham, Hook, Hants. RG29 1AL

Eco-Schools

Eco schools are a great way to make sustainable development a part of the life and ethos of your school. Designed to fit it the curriculum, it's an award scheme that gets everyone in the school community involved in making the school environment better

<http://www.eco-schools.org.uk/>

Contact:

Eco-Schools

ENCAMS

Elizabeth House

The Pier

Wigan

WN3 4EX

Tel: 01942 612621

Email: eco-schools@encams.org

RSPB

The information on this website is to help with school projects on birds, and the activities link directly to individual subject curricula, but you may find that you can use them across subject boundaries. The material is suitable for all UK countries and is available in English and Welsh.

<http://www.rspb.org.uk/youth/learn/index.asp>

<http://www.rspb.org.uk/cymru/plant/dysgu/ymfudo/index.asp>

Contact via website

Woodland Trust

The Woodland Trust is the UK's leading charity dedicated solely to the protection of our native woodland heritage. You can register on this website to receive a Hazel or Hedge pack of trees to plant in your school grounds.

Contact via web page

<http://www.woodland-trust.org.uk/hedge/>

ETeacher Net

This comprehensive online directory supports the Growing Schools programme, which aims to reconnect young people with their environment, in both urban and rural settings, through the National Curriculum. Since it began three years ago the programme has gone from strength to strength drawing together expertise, resources and information from many partner organisations, with over 12,000 schools registering their interest. Schools can use the site to find information on health and safety, funding sources, published research, training, resource materials and places to visit (with a helpful key to services offered), news and events. It also provides case studies on outdoor learning and school grounds development.

The site has been designed so teachers can search by subject and key stage and will soon feature a 'schools network' offering teachers the opportunity to tap into local community expertise and knowledge.

<http://www.teachernet.gov.uk/growingschools/>

For a selection of sources of funding (awards, grants & competitions) for learning activities:-

<http://www.teachernet.gov.uk/growingschools/resources/funding/>

Volvo Eco Adventure Award Scheme

The Volvo Eco Adventure is an award scheme for young environmentalists.

Groups of young people aged 10-16 who are involved in local environmental activities can apply for one of 10 annual awards of £500 and the chance to take part in the international Volvo Adventure Conference in Sweden.

On the website you can find information on how to apply as well as some useful tips and ideas on how to run your own project, either in the community or linking into the national curriculum.

For funding information see website : www.volvocars.co.uk/ecoadventure

Action Earth

CSV Action Earth are currently funding practical and visual projects which have an immediate or lasting benefit to the environment. Eligible projects should also seek to involve new or existing volunteers. Remaining funds for Wales are still available to fund school projects which encourage wildlife and bio-diversity. For further details please visit: <http://digbig.com/4taak>

Previously funded projects can be found at: <http://digbig.com/4taam>

The Tree Council

See Category C below.

Category B General Nature Conservation

Awards for All

Awards for All Wales is a grants programme set up to help small groups. It is supported by the Big Lottery Fund and the Heritage Lottery Fund. The main aim of Awards for All Wales is to fund projects which involve people in their local community, bringing them together to take part in

and enjoy a wide range of heritage, charitable, health, educational, environmental and other community activities.

Grants If you are a local group and you need between £500 and £5,000, Awards for All Wales may be able to help you.

Web page: <http://www.awardsforall.org.uk/wales/>

Contacts details

Awards for All Wales

2nd Floor
Ladywell House
Newtown
Powys
SY16 1JB

For an application pack call 0845 600 20 40 (textphone 0845 755 6656). For information about Awards for All Wales use the contact details below:

Tel: 01686 611740
Fax: 01686 621534
Textphone: 01686 610205
Email: enquiries.wales@biglotteryfund.org.uk

Action Earth

Provide small grants to local voluntary and community groups to help them purchase the tools, equipment and materials needed.

Provide local people with information and the opportunity they need to take part (often for the first time) in a local volunteering activity. Offer local groups help to develop and publicise new projects and volunteer opportunities.

Support and encourage local projects that provide opportunities for volunteers to learn new skills. Provide people with information about environmental issues, sustainability and encourage them to develop more sustainable lifestyles. Grants up to £50.

Web Page <http://www.actionearth.org.uk>

Contacts details

CSV Environment
St Peter's College
College Rd
Saltley
Birmingham B8 3TE

Application pack: 0121 328 7455 Or register on line or E mail naseem@csevenvironment.org.uk

Big Lottery Fund

People and Places

The People and Places fund has three key programme outcomes: revitalised communities; improved community relations; and enhanced local environments and community amenities. The third outcome is suggested to be achieved through projects that (amongst other outcomes) create spaces for wildlife and people, and/or provide opportunities for individuals to understand, maintain and improve the natural environment. Grants between the values of £5,001 and £250,000 are available for projects meeting one of the aforementioned project outcomes.

<http://digbig.com/4nexq>

Link to case Studies: <http://digbig.com/4nexr>

Web site <http://www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/>

Grants from £500 to £250k plus Closing dates depending on type of project.

Head Office

1 Plough Place

London EC4A 1DE

Tel. 020 7211 1800

Fax. 020 7211 1750

Textphone: 0845 039 0204

(The textphone is for people with hearing difficulties - please use the main number above).

(Out of hours press enquiries: 07867 500 572)

Any general enquiries can also be emailed to us on:

general.enquiries@biglotteryfund.org.uk

Regional offices

2nd Floor

Ladywell House

Newtown

Powys

SY16 1JB

Telephone: 01686 611700

Minicom: 01686 610205

Fax: 01686 621534

Email: enquiries.wales@biglotteryfund.org.uk

6th Floor

1 Kingsway

Cardiff

CF10 3JN

Telephone: 029 2067 8200

Fax: 029 2066 7275

Textphone: 0845 6021659

Big Advice Line 0845 4 10 20 30

British Trust for Conservation Volunteers

Grants available to encourage and enable community groups to carry out conservation activities.

Groups must be associated to BTCV (British Trust for Conservation Volunteers).

Join BTCV: £30.00

Grants: Up to £1000

Forms available from the Community Unit (Tel: 01302 572 236).

Web site <http://www.btcv.org/>

Contact for local office tel:

Head office:

BTCV

Conservation Centre

163 Balby Road

Doncaster

DN4 0RH

Tel: 01302 57 22 44

Email: information@btcv.org.uk

B & Q

Through the Better Neighbour Grant Scheme, schools, community groups and charitable organisations can apply to their local B&Q store for funding to support a local community project.

Grants

The B&Q Better Neighbour Grants are available to help get a community project up and running. The scheme provides £50 to £500 (at retail cost) of B&Q materials, for example, pond liners, plants, peat-free compost for projects such as a pond/wildlife garden or paints labelled low or minimal VOC for redecoration projects.

Web site www.diy.com

Contact :the environmental champion, diversity champion or store manager at their local B&Q store, to discuss project details.

Children in Need

BBC Children in Need distributes the funds raised each year as grants to organisations which work with disadvantaged children and young people in the UK.

Grants £: info unavailable

Website: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/cin>

Contact:

Broadcasting House

Llandaff

Cardiff

CF5 2YQ

Tel: 029 2032 2383

Deadlines: There are 2 grant rounds - in November and March.

Countryside Council for Wales

CCW grants are offered as an incentive to encourage other organisations and individuals to adopt and implement those policies of ours, which are consistent with their own objectives.

Web site <http://www.ccw.gov.uk>

Grants: There are no absolute, only practical limits. Levels of grant are discretionary but will not normally exceed 50% of the eligible costs of a project. Projects should be discussed with your regional office.

Contact:

Headquarters: Countryside Council for Wales, Maes-y-Ffynnon, Penrhosgarnedd, Bangor, Gwynedd LL57 2DW

Our Enquiry number: 08451 306 229

E mail: enquiries@ccw.gov.uk

Environment Wales

Environment Wales, administered by the WCVA, aims to support voluntary action, which protects and improves the environment, and contributes to sustainable development. There are five grant schemes available:

Project Grants - For funding project materials, tools and equipment (£10,000).

Management Grants - For new project-related posts (£1,000 to £11,000).

Start-up grants - Available for costs incurred in establishing new voluntary or community groups and developing a project ready for registration (£1,000).

Training Grants - Available to assist project staff or volunteers with training costs (including travel expenses for courses) (£400).

Pre-project Grants - For specialist help, such as feasibility studies, business plans and community appraisals (£500 to £4,000).

<http://digbig.com/4tadg>

<http://www.environment-wales.org/grants/130>

<http://www.environment-wales.org/grants/130?setLanguage=2>

Garfield Weston Foundation

The Garfield Weston Foundation supports a broad range of activities in the field of religion, education, the **environment**, the arts, health (including research) and other areas of general benefit to the community in the UK.

Website: <http://www.garfieldweston.org>

Grant details: available on enquiry.

Contact:

The Administrator
Garfield Weston Foundation
Weston Centre
10 Grosvenor Street
London
W1K 4QY
Telephone: 020 7399 6565
Fax: 020 7399 6580

GrantScape Biodiversity Challenge Fund

A total of £2 million is available for the protection of habitats or species listed in local, regional or national Biodiversity Action Plans and located within 10 miles of any landfill site. Individual grants of between £200,000 and £400,000 will be available; for more information and application details please see: <http://digbig.com/4pbqy>

Previously successful applications can be found at: <http://digbig.com/4pbra>

See also **Sita Trust**

Website: www.grantscape.org.uk

Total Grants Available: £2.5 million Grants from £250k to £750k Project must be within 10 miles of a landfill site

Contact:

GrantScape
Whitsundoles
Broughton Road
Salford
Milton Keynes
MK17 8BU

Telephone: 01908 545780

Email: helpdesk@grantscape.org.uk

PONT

PONT has been lucky enough to be able to get a pot of money - at least £22,500 over 3 years to assist PONT partner organisations, individuals and projects to deliver on the ground infrastructural and stocking improvements on sites across Wales, to enable an increased area of Welsh grasslands to be put under appropriate sustainable grazing management for the benefit of the wildlife. The grants can be used for the purchase or installation of any infrastructure needed, support appropriate stock purchase, or other appropriate solutions, which will enable sustainable appropriate grazing management for grasslands.

Grants will be given to enable appropriate grazing for a minimum of five years

Sites to be targeted will be potential / existing Wildlife Sites, SSSI's or European designated sites, and may be common land. There will be a minimum site size of 0.5 acre with no upper size limit. Grant money cannot be matched by other exchequer sources of funding , but in kind time can be used to match money.

Contact: Charles Morgan

PONT, GAP Cymru Coordinator

Pori Natur a Threftadaeth (PONT) PO Box 52, Llangadog, Carmarthenshire, SA19 9WZ

Ffon; 01550740333 Ffon symydol: 07791932484

PONT Website: www.grazinganimalsproject.org.uk/pont_home

e-bost : pontcymru@btconnect.com

Sefydliad / The Community Foundation in Wales

Support a wide range of voluntary organisations and community groups concerned with improving quality of life for those experiencing disadvantage in Wales. Can provide grant funding for community groups which could include school grounds projects,

Grant info: click on the contact page of the web site for phone numbers and advice on the seasonal grant programme.

<http://www.cfiw.org.uk/what.html>

Sefydliad:

The Community Foundation in Wales

14-16 Merthyr Road

Whitchurch

Cardiff

CF14 1DG

[Click here for a map](#)

Tel: 029 20 520250

Fax: 029 20 521250

Email: mail@cfiw.org.uk

SITA Environmental Trust

SITA Trust provides funding for environmental and community improvement projects.

We distribute funding through the Government's Landfill Tax Credit Scheme. The aim of our funding is to put something positive back into areas with active landfill sites. We receive all our funding from the waste management firm, SITA UK. Since it was set up in 1997, SITA Trust has allocated over £40M to projects across the UK. This web site contains all you need to know about how to apply for funding. You can also find out about projects we have funded where you live.

See also **Grantscape**

Grants: The Enriching Nature Programme has two funding levels: Small - for projects up to £25,000, Large - for projects up to £175,000

website: www.sitatrust.org.uk

SITA Trust

The Barn

Brinkmarsh Lane

Falfield

South Gloucestershire

GL12 8PT

Tel: (01454) 262910

Fax: (01454) 269090

Email: sita.trust@sita.co.uk

Heritage Lottery Fund

HLF funding available for biodiversity projects

With 2010 International Year of Biodiversity already in full flow, the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) is encouraging more organisations to apply for funding for projects that help conserve the UK's precious natural heritage.

From conserving priority species or habitats, to training volunteers in biological identification and helping a wider range of people to access and understand the natural world, HLF funds a broad range of biodiversity projects.

It has already invested more than £860million to help safeguard the UK's valued countryside, wildlife and parks, and protect some of our most threatened wildlife. But there is still much to do, particularly in 2010, and the Fund is keen for more potential applicants to get in touch.

You can find out about existing HLF projects on the HLF website. The Fund has also just published *Thinking about biodiversity*, a guidance document for potential applicants that sets out what HLF can fund, and lists sources of advice to help with planning a project.

For more information about HLF and how to apply, call **020 7591 6042**, email enquire@hlf.org.uk, or visit www.hlf.org.uk

Your Heritage

Qualifying projects should conserve or enhance heritage; this can include projects centred on caring for the natural landscape. Grants between £5,000- £50,000 are available.

<http://digbig.com/4nexa>

Link to case studies:

<http://digbig.com/4nexe>

Website: <http://www.hlf.org.uk>

Grants :Awards for All = If you are a local group and you need between £500 and £5,000,
Landscape Partnerships = £250,000 to £2 million, Heritage: £50k to £5m

Contact:

Heritage Lottery Fund
Suite 5A, Hodge House
Guildhall Place, St Mary Street
Cardiff, CF10 1DY
Tel: 02920 234151

Waterways Trust, Small Grants Scheme

Each year The Waterways Trust offers a limited number of small grants for wildlife, environmental, access and educational projects connected to the waterways. Our general

fundraising supports our grant-making activities with grants distributed through the Small Grants Scheme.

Website: www.thewaterwaystrust.co.uk

Details of the next round of grants will be available on this website at the end of June 2007.

Contact:

The Waterways Trust
Llanthony Warehouse, Gloucester Docks, Gloucester GL1 2EJ
Telephone 01452 318 220
Fax 01452 318 202

Welsh European Funding Office (WEFO)

Projects cannot be totally funded with Structural Fund money. Europe will normally contribute between 45% and 75% towards the total cost of a project. The rest must be raised by the project sponsor and is known as match funding. Match Funding can be from applicants own resources or other national sources of funding, namely the public, private or voluntary sector.

Contact:

WEFO

Cwm Cynon Business Park
Mountain Ash
CF45 4ER
Telephone: 01443 471 100
Fax: 01443 471 120
Email: enquiries-wefo@wales.gsi.gov.uk

Specific Contacts WEFO website <http://www.wefo.wales.gov.uk>

LIFE+

<http://ec.europa.eu/environment/life/funding/lifeplus.htm>

Ireland/Wales Territorial Cooperation Programme 2007-2013

This is sometimes called Interreg 4 and is a programme funded by European Regional Development Fund money. The programme is only applicable to some counties on the east coast of southern Ireland and the west of Wales, see map on WEFO website <http://www.wefo.wales.gov.uk/> There are 2 Priorities for funding, each with 2 Themes. Priority 2 is the most relevant, Climate Change and Sustainable Regeneration. There are opportunities for biodiversity projects to be funded. Biodiversity relating to Biodiversity Action Plans and communities has been proposed as priority work for the implementation plan of the programme. Projects have to have partners in both countries and must demonstrate the added value provided by the cross-border link.

EU Funding for Natura 2000 Sites

http://ec.europa.eu/.../nature_conservation/.../financing_natura2000_en.pdf

Welsh Assembly Government

The Welsh Assembly Government offers Environmental Improvement Grants to both the public and private sector for the improvement of the environment in Wales. This is central to the regeneration of the Welsh economy in providing a quality environment for businesses and communities to grow. Environment grants have been used to assist environmental improvements to a wide variety of sites. Schemes are often of benefit to the community but should be environmental enhancement projects which specifically support the economic regeneration of the area. The scope of grant is normally in the region of 50%-80%.

Contact:

Welsh Assembly Government

Cathays Park

Cardiff

CF10 3NQ

Tel: 02920 825111

Ask for the Senior Environment Manager in the relevant regional office (South East, South West, North or Mid Wales)

Conservation Foundation and O2

It's your community

Awards up to the value of £1000 are available for environmental community projects, such as transformation of derelict land into a wildlife area/tree planting/creating a wildlife pond/renovating neglected river and canal footpaths. Individuals/community groups/local clubs or schools are eligible to apply. Successful applicants are also invited to supply before/after shots to qualify for a 'well done award' to ensure the projects sustainability.

For further details please see: <http://digbig.com/4pbrc>

The Tubney Charitable Trust

The Tubney Charitable Trust aims to support projects delivering a long-term impact on the protection and enhancement of the natural environment. Projects must make measurable and sustainable contributions to the targets outlined in the UK Biodiversity Action Plan (www.ukbap.org.uk), and take a holistic approach to nature conservation.

<http://digbig.com/4nexc>

The Esmee Fairbairn Foundation

Environment Grant Programme

The Environment Grant Programme aims to support projects that promote environmental

improvements which balance both the needs of wildlife and people. There are three main funding priorities: UK Biodiversity; Low Carbon Economy; Sustainable Food Systems.

<http://digbig.com/4nexe>

Link to grant case studies: <http://digbig.com/4nxf>

The Royal Society of Wildlife Trusts

Biffawards

(Registration with Entrust is a pre-requisite for applications for Biffaward grant schemes:

<http://www.entrust.org.uk/>)

Changes to Biffaward Grant Scheme

Biffaward are now able to fund projects within 25 miles of a Biffa operation rather than just 10 miles. For more information see the grants section or visit:

<http://digbig.com/4nexg>

The Biffaward Small Grants Scheme has been established to enable groups to quickly access lower levels of funding in order to improve the quality of life in their community. The aim is to make it easier for small groups to access funding in their communities.

Priorities

Projects which have the primary aim of improving an amenity located within 10 miles of a Biffa operation and which will have the end benefit of fostering vibrant communities by improving the environmental, economic or social circumstances of a community. These may include:

- **Wildlife and habitat conservation and creation** (e.g. pond construction, wildflower planting or woodland management)
- **Improving opportunities for informal education and lifelong learning** (e.g. purchasing equipment for a community led internet cafe or a community facility)
- **Access to sport, culture or recreation** (e.g. purchase of play equipment or sport equipment, village green improvements)

Please note that only objects D and E of the ENTRUST regulations can be supported under the Small Grants Scheme. Projects falling under object DA (biodiversity) of the Landfill Tax Credit Scheme are not eligible and must apply to our main grants/Biodiversity scheme.

Please also note that applications to meet the Disability Discrimination Act 1995 are no longer accepted (unless part of a new build). Examples of DDA work no longer funded are listed below (this list is not exhaustive - if you are unsure please contact a Biffaward Grants Officer):
making alterations to physical features, including: steps, stairways, kerbs, exterior surfaces

and paving, parking areas, building entrances and exits, internal and external doors, gates, toilets, washing facilities, desks, counters, lifts, signs etc.

making alterations or additions in auxiliary aids and services, including: induction loop systems, etc

Small Grants Scheme: (Entrust Regulations D and E.)

The Small Grants scheme supports smaller projects within 25 miles of Biffa operations. It aims to make smaller levels of funding easier to access, and aims to improve the quality of life in the communities in which funded projects are situated. Groups can apply for between £250-£5,000.

The Main Grants Scheme: (Entrust Regulations DA.)

Grants of £5,001-£50,000 are available for projects that aim to conserve and promote biodiversity.

<http://digbig.com/4nexg>

Link to grant case study: <http://digbig.com/4nexh>

British Ecological Society (BES)

The British Ecological Society offers a wide range of grants to fund both ecological education and ecological projects. The grant categories are:

Ecological education grants

Research Grants

Building Capacity for Ecology Fund

Grants to run meetings/other events

Ecological Opportunities Fund

For more information, including how to apply, please visit:

<http://digbig.com/4sqaf>

Landscape Partnerships

A large fund available for larger scale projects which involve a variety of stakeholders and are managed in partnerships rather than steered by a single group. Funding ranges from £250,000-£2million. More information and downloadable case studies can be found at:

<http://digbig.com/4ngeq>

CLA (Country Land and Business Association)

The CLA charitable trust awards grants in the region of £2,500 for projects that seek to promote education about the countryside, and improve access to the countryside, for disabled and disadvantaged people.

<http://digbig.com/4newx>

Link to grant case studies: <http://digbig.com/4newy>

Category C: Woodland Specific

The Royal Forestry Society has an online publication called Grants for Trees which is a comprehensive list of all funding for trees available. <http://www.rfs.org.uk/grantsfortrees.asp>

Forest Education Initiative

Forest Education Initiative (FEI) aims to increase the understanding and appreciation, particularly among young people, of the environmental, social, and economic potential of trees, woodlands and forests and of the link between the tree and everyday wood products.

website: www.foresteducation.org

Grants: Cluster Group Funding :Grants of up to £5,000 (50% match funding needed) are still available throughout the year. Details are available on the website or phone details below. http://www.foresteducation.org/local_groups.php?page=4

There are three funding rounds a year with closing dates 1st February, 1st June and 1st October.

Contacts

South Wales:

Lucy Kirkham

FEI

Cantref Court

Brecon Road

Abergavenny

NP7 7AX Phone 01873 850060 Email fei.wales@forestry.gsi.gov.uk North

North Wales:

Sue Williams

FEI

Clawdd Newydd

Ruthin

Denbighshire

LL15 2NL Phone 01824 750492 Email fei.wales@forestry.gsi.gov.uk South

Welsh Valleys

Rob Seymour

FEI

Graigllan

Rudry

Caerphilly

CF83 3DE

Phone 02920 886842 Email fei.wales@forestry.gsi.gov.uk

Forestry Commission

The Woodland Grant Scheme (WGS) provides incentives for people to create and manage woodlands in Wales. The Scheme also offers Challenge Funds in which you can bid for money to carry out work in existing woodlands in specified areas of the country. You can get an Applicant's Pack that describes the grants available from your local Forestry Commission Wales area office.

Grant details: on application

Website: <http://www.forestry.gov.uk>

Contact

North Wales Office

Clawdd Newydd

Ruthin

Denbighshire

LL15 2NL

Tel : 01824 750492/493

Fax : 01824 750483

Email : con.nw@forestry.gsi.gov.uk

South Wales Office

Cantref Court

Brecon Road

Abergavenny

Monmouthshire

NP7 7AX

Tel : 01873 850060

Fax : 01873 850052

Email : con.sw@forestry.gsi.gov.uk

The Tree Council

The Tree Council promotes the planting and conservation of trees in town and countryside. The lead UK tree campaigning partnership, it is an umbrella body for 150 organisations working together for trees. It is also a forum for tackling issues relating to trees and woods

<http://www.treecouncil.org.uk>

Grants of between £100-700 are available to fund tree planting projects. The projects funded should aim to commence during National Tree Planting Week which will run from 21st November to the 2nd December, 2007. There are two funds available, the 'Trees for Schools Fund' and the

'Community Trees Fund', both of which should seek to actively engage children in the planting of trees. For more details visit: <http://digbig.com/4rqby>. Closing date 31 May.

The Tree Council 71 Newcomen Street London SE1 1YT Tel: +44 (0)20 7407 9992 Fax: +44 (0)20 7407 9908 Email: Info@treecouncil.org

Category D: Local projects

Mantell Gwynedd

Galluogi Gwynedd, for voluntary and community groups; PTA's, in Gwynedd (but not for schools). Web: www.mantellgwynedd.com

Grants up to £5000

Contact

Saran Thomas

24-26 Stryd Fawr

Caernarfon

LL55 1RH

Tel: 01286 672626

E-mail: ymholiadau@mantellgwynedd.com

Small Community Projects

(Projects within Snowdonia National Park)

Contact Hywyn Williams, Snowdonia National Park,

Tel. 01766-772269

Snowdonia Wildlife Gardening Project

Gardening kits and grants up to £100, phone Anna Williams

Tel. 01766-772507

Email: anna.williams@eryri-npa.gov.uk.

CWM Environmental Ltd

A £120,000 grant fund has been made available for environmental projects in Carmarthenshire.

The establishment of the fund is thanks to CWM Environmental Ltd who donated landfill tax money to Grantscape in order for a grant programme to be established. More details can be found at:

<http://digbig.com/4pbrb>

Category E: Advice and guidance groups

Communities First (Grant Network)

A website with help for those in the communities first areas

<http://www.communitiesfirst.info/>

Grants are available for not-for-profit community groups for a wide variety of projects. Funding is restricted to projects benefiting Communities First areas and is available for any type of project that involves local people and brings environmental, economic, social or cultural benefit to the community.

<http://digbig.com/4tade>

Contact:

Llandaff Court
Fairwater Road
Cardiff CF5 2XP
02920 556190 or 0800 587 8898
enquiries@communitiesfirst.info

Black Ethnic Network (BEN)

BEN is established to promote equality of opportunity with respect to ethnic communities in the preservation protection and development of the environment. Grants advice and funding referral service for projects which can access funds from larger existing grant schemes elsewhere, or needing over £500.

BEN UK Office
1st Floor
60 High Street
Llanberis
Wales
LL55 4EU
Tel and Fax
01286 870715
website: <http://www.ben-network.org.uk>

Forest School Wales

Forest School aims to encourage and inspire individuals of any age and ability to grow in self-esteem, self-confidence and independence by achieving at small achievable tasks, using the outdoor environment for learning. Promote understanding and appreciation of the natural world.
www.forestschoowales.org.uk

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01792 367881
info@forestschoolwales.org.uk

Groundwork

Groundwork works with partners to improve the quality of the local environment and lives of local people. Groundwork works on a not-for-profit basis to bring together people, places and resources from all parts of the community in effective long-term partnerships to achieve sustained local regeneration through environmental action.

www.groundwork.org.uk

Groundwork Wales
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Green Pennant Award

The Green Pennant Award is a national award that recognises high quality green spaces in England and Wales that are managed by voluntary and community groups. The Award has an impressive and established background - it's part of the Green Flag Award scheme, the national standard for quality parks and green spaces. The Green Pennant Award is run by the Civic Trust, with CABE Space (a division of the Commission for Architecture and the Built Environment) being the main funding partner.

<http://www.greenflagaward.org.uk>

Green Flag Award Scheme

The Civic Trust
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Century Buildings
31 North John Street
Liverpool
L2 6RG
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Email: info@greenflagaward.org.uk

Keep Wales Tidy

The annual Tidy Wales Awards are organised by Keep Wales Tidy in partnership with Environment Agency Wales and the Wales Tourist Board. The aim is to encourage local groups to take action in cleaning up and improving their local environment.

<http://www.keepwalestidy.org/english/default.asp?Category=Default&NewsID=1>

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Keep Wales Tidy

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Learning through Landscapes

Learning through Landscapes is the National School Grounds Charity. They work with schools, early year's settings, organisations and individuals across the country to help them improve and develop their grounds. Offers advice and publications on all aspects of school grounds development. Produces funding opportunities list. Since 1990, Learning through Landscapes (ltl) has helped schools across the UK to bring lasting improvements to the environmental quality and educational use of their grounds.

<http://www.ltl.org.uk>

LTL, 3rd Floor, Southside Offices, The Law Courts, Winchester, SO23 9DL

Tel: 01962 846258

Wales Council for Voluntary Action

Representative body supporting charities, volunteers, and communities throughout Wales UK grants scheme funded by the Millennium Commission, administered by WCVA (Wales Council for Voluntary Action) offering awards from £1-2500 to individuals, must be over 12.

Located at Colwyn Bay, Conwy

Newtown, Powys

Cardiff Bay, Cardiff

Pontypridd, Rhondda Cynon Taff

Carmarthen, Carmarthenshire

Lampeter, Ceredigion

0870 607 1666 or help@wcva.org.uk

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Shell Better Britain Campaign Awards

Shell has had a business in the UK for 108 years and our plants and offices have long been a part of local communities. We are particularly pleased to support projects in these communities, which are chosen by talking with our neighbours. Support is given to a wide range of people, from local schools and technical colleges to environmental groups through to arts and sports organisations.

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www.shell.com - click social investment.

Tesco Charity Trust (for nominated charity only)

Operates a community award scheme, which benefits local community projects whose core work supports the education and welfare of children, elderly peoples and people with disabilities. The Charity is chosen by TESCO's.

<http://www.tesco.com/everyLittleHelps/csrcharitiesdetail.htm>

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National Playing Fields Association

A National organisation with specific responsibility for acquiring, protecting and improving playing fields, playgrounds and play space where they are most needed.

<http://www.npfa.co.uk>

NPFA Cymru

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<http://new.wales.gov.uk/topics/housingandcommunity/grants/voluntary/?lang=en>

<http://new.wales.gov.uk/topics/housingandcommunity/grants/voluntary/?lang=cy>

<http://www.whoswhoenvironmentwales.org>