

Cotswold Grants



Cotswolds

Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty

INFORMATION ABOUT COUNTRYSIDE AND ENVIRONMENTAL GRANTS AVAILABLE WITHIN THE COTSWOLDS AREA OF OUTSTANDING NATURAL BEAUTY

A number of grants are available to help farmers, landowners, organisations and local communities make environmental improvements. These are administered by various organisations, all working to enhance the landscape, cultural heritage and biodiversity of the Cotswolds. Listed on these pages are just some of the grants available. For further information please contact the relevant organisation.

The Rural Development Programme for England (RDPE) was launched in February 2008, providing funding for a variety of rural activities. For further information, see www.southwestrda.org.uk. The Rural Enterprise Gateway also helps rural businesses in the south west – see www.regsw.org.uk or call Business Link on 0845 6009966, or for Gloucestershire, Wiltshire and the West of England, Graham Thompson on 01285 889873.

Sustainable Development Fund

A grant scheme administered by the Cotswolds Conservation Board supporting projects that bring environmental, social and economic benefits to the Cotswolds AONB.

Open to individuals, community, voluntary and partnership groups, the private sector, public bodies and local authorities and charities.

Applications can be made for grants ranging from several hundred pounds up to £25,000. The fund can provide up to 75% of the total project costs. In exceptional circumstances 100% may be provided for voluntary bodies.

If you think you have a suitable project, the Conservation Board would like to hear from you; call 01451 862000 for details.

More information is available on our website at: www.cotswoldsaonb.org.uk

Government funding

■ www.governmentfunding.org.uk
Provides information on grants awarded by government departments

European funding

■ www.dti.gov.uk/regional/european-structural-funds/index.html
Information from the Department of Trade and Industry on European funding

■ www.esf.gov.uk
European Social Fund site

Other useful websites

■ www.charity-commission.gov.uk
Charity Commission publications and charity register

■ www.grantfinder.co.uk
Subscribing to Grantfinder, a leading commercial sourcing organisation, enables you to search its database

■ www.J4bgrants.co.uk
Registering on the website enables you to search for relevant grants and make use of other services

■ Wiltshire 0845 600 9966
Email: enquiry@businesslinksw.co.uk
Website: www.businesslink.gov.uk/southwest

■ Warwickshire 0845 113 1234
Email: info@businesslinkwm.co.uk
Website: www.businesslinkwm.co.uk

■ Hereford and Worcestershire 0845 113 1234
Email: info@businesslinkwm.co.uk
Website: www.businesslinkwm.co.uk

Rural Community Councils (RCCs)

RCCs provide help in putting together Rural Community Council grant applications, especially to the Community Fund. They also administer many grants on behalf of other organisations:

■ County council grant fund for village halls

■ Village shop/hall improvement grants

■ Rural Initiative Fund grants on behalf of Cheltenham and Gloucester Building Society

■ Allocating funds from Landfill Tax Credits for improvements to village halls

■ Gloucestershire Rural Community Council 01452 528491
Website: www.grcc.org.uk

■ Community Action – Avon area/ South Gloucestershire 01275 393837
Website: www.community-action.org.uk

■ Community First Wilts and Bath 01380 722475
Website: www.communityfirst.org.uk

■ Oxfordshire Rural Community Council 01865 883488
Website: www.oxonrcc.org.uk

■ Warwickshire Rural Community Council 02476 303232
Website: www.ruralwarwickshire.org.uk

■ Community First Hereford and Worcester 01684 312730/01432 267820
Website: www.comfirst.org.uk

■ Action with Communities in Rural England (ACRE) 01285 653477
Website: www.acre.org.uk

Regional Development Agencies (RDAs)

RDAs aim to:

■ Improve business efficiency and enable business transformation

■ Develop the supply chain and add value

■ Manage resources efficiently

■ Make the most of our rural environment

■ Enhance landscapes and biodiversity

■ Develop and maintain strong and inclusive rural communities

RDAs administer the RDPE programme. For further information see below:

■ South East of England Development Agency (SEEDA) 01483 484200
Email: seeda@seeda.co.uk
website: www.seeda.co.uk

■ South West of England Regional Development Agency (SWRDA) 0845 6009966
website: www.southwestrda.org.uk

■ West Midlands Regional Development Agency 0121 3803500 (Advantage West Midlands) 0121 5033347
website: www.advantagewm.co.uk

England Rural Development Programme (ERDP)

This is a seven year programme (2007-2013) which is worth £3.9 billion overall and is jointly funded by the EU and national government. Part of the Common Agricultural Policy, it aims to support and promote the sustainable farming, forestry and food sectors, and also bring wider benefits for the economy, the environment and rural communities.

The new EU Regulations divide the aims of the programme into three main areas, called Axes:

ERDP Axis 1 – improving the competitiveness of the farming and forestry sector.

Contact Rural Enterprise Gateway on 0845 6009966 or James Lloyd, ERDP Project Facilitator – Gloucestershire First (01242) – 864149

Investment themes

- Skills Development
- Social Enterprise
- Support for Basic Services
- Business Support
- Supply Chain & Adding Value
- Resource Management
- Sustainable Rural Tourism
- Biodiversity and Landscape
- Community led Development

ERDP Axis 2 – improving the environment and countryside (80% of the total budget – mostly to be invested in national schemes such as Environmental Stewardship and The England Woodland Grants Scheme).

Environmental Stewardship

Environmental Stewardship is an agri-environment scheme which provides funding to farmers and other land managers in England who deliver effective environmental management on their land.

Gloucestershire Environmental Trust

The Gloucestershire Environmental Trust provides grants from funds generated by the Landfill Communities Fund for the benefit of Gloucestershire, its people and its environment.

Applications have to fit the Landfill Communities Fund objectives and must be approved and registered with ENTRUST www.entrust.org.uk

..... 01452 739006
www.glos-environment-trust.co.uk

Useful fundraising websites

General fundraising

■ www.grantsnet.co.uk
Easy access to information on grants available to businesses and charities, with the ability to search grant schemes by area, project type or keywords

■ www.access-funds.co.uk
Regularly updated news about sources of funding

■ www.fundraising.co.uk
UK charity and non profit making fundraisers

■ www.fundersonline.org
Europe's online philanthropic community

■ www.ruralnet.org.uk
Details of rural funding sources

Charitable trusts

■ www.acf.org.uk
Trusts and foundations

■ www.funderfinder.org.uk
Information about the Fundfinder software and links to websites of trusts

■ www.dsc.org.uk
Information on the Directory of Social Change, a guide to trust funding

Company giving

■ www.cafonline.org
Charities Aid Foundation supports corporate community involvement

Grant finder services

Farming and Wildlife Advisory Group (FWAG)

Conservation land management grants

- Avon FWAG 0117 959 8522
- Gloucestershire FWAG 01452 627487
- Oxfordshire FWAG 01993 886565
- Warwickshire FWAG 01926 318280
- Wiltshire FWAG 0117 959 8522
- Worcestershire FWAG 01905 362955

Business Link

Business orientated advice and diversification opportunities for South West

- Gloucestershire, South Gloucestershire and Bath 0845 600 9966
Email: enquiry@businesslinksw.co.uk
Website: www.businesslink.gov.uk/southwest



Entry Level Stewardship (ELS)

- Open to all farmers and landowners
 - Simple and effective land management
- Contact 0845 602 4098

Organic Entry Level Stewardship (OELS)

- Organic strand of ELS
 - Open to all farmers not receiving Organic Farming Scheme (OFS) aid
- Contact 0845 602 4093

Higher Level Stewardship (HLS)

- Targeted environmental management
 - Capital work plans
- Contact 0845 602 4098

Environmentally Sensitive Area Scheme (not open to new entrants)

- Capital work plans
- Contact your Natural England Advisor

Countryside Stewardship Scheme (not open to new entrants)

- Capital work plans
- Contact your Natural England Advisor
www.naturalengland.org.uk/planning/grants-funding/default.htm

The England Woodland Grant Scheme

The Cotswolds AONB is one of four Ancient Woodland Priority Areas established in the South West by the Forestry Commission to benefit from the England Woodland Grant Scheme which provides landowners with help in meeting the costs of managing existing woodlands and creating new ones. Within these priority areas enhanced grant rates are available.

The scheme was launched in 2007 and funding has been renewed so that grants will continue to be available throughout 2008-09. The grants will be available for new woodland improvement work in the region in addition to other grant funding.

The Forestry Commission is eager to talk to landowners who may be interested in using the grant scheme to bring their woodlands into management or to create new ones.

To find out more visit the Forestry Commission's website www.forestry.gov.uk/england-swe or phone the woodland officer for Gloucestershire, on 01594 810983.

Forestry Commission England Woodland Grants Scheme (EWGS)

The England Woodland Grants Scheme (EWGS) is the Forestry Commission's suite of grants designed to develop the co-ordinated delivery of public benefits from England's woodlands. The scheme is now open to applications for payment year 2008-2009. Closing dates for all regional grants can be found on the Regional Prospectuses page. See www.forestry.gov.uk/ewgs

The aims of EWGS are to:

- sustain and increase the public benefits given by existing woodlands, and
- help create new woodlands to deliver additional public benefit.

Grants for stewardship of existing woodlands:

- Woodland Planning Grant (WPG)
- Woodland Assessment Grant (WAG)
- Woodland Regeneration Grant (WRG)
- Woodland Improvement Grant (WIG)
- Woodland Management Grant (WMG)

Grants for creation of new woodlands:

- Woodland Creation Grant (WCG)

For more information contact the Forestry Commission in your area:

- Oxfordshire 01296 696543
- Wiltshire 01672 511767
- Gloucestershire, South Gloucestershire, Bath and North East Somerset 01594 810983

- Warwickshire and Worcestershire 01905 532200
Website: www.forestry.gov.uk

ERDP Axis 3 – improving the quality of life in rural areas and promoting diversification of the rural economy – including Local Action for Rural Communities.

The Cotswolds Inter-Regional Partnership has submitted an application to SWRDA for £1.5 million. There may also be some funding available from SEEDA in due course.

For updates, please contact Sara Anthony on 01993 861484 or email sara.anthony@westoxon.gov.uk

Netregs

The first UK website designed to help farmers and other small businesses navigate the maze of environmental legislation.
www.environment-agency.gov.uk/netregs

FWAG also offers Environmental Cross Compliance Health Checks for farmers claiming on Single Payment and Environmental Stewardship Schemes.

English Heritage

Most of its grant schemes are administered by staff in regional offices who can advise you whether your project is likely to be a priority for support.

For help with applications to Environmental Stewardship and England Woodland Grant Schemes and cross compliance contact your Farming and Wildlife Advisory Group (FWAG) or visit the website www.fwag.org.uk

- Avon FWAG – 0117 959 8522
Government Buildings, Block 3, Burghill Rd, Westbury on Trym, Bristol BS10 6NJ.

- Gloucestershire FWAG – 01452 627487
Saw Mills End, Corinium Avenue, Gloucester GL4 3DE.

- Oxfordshire FWAG – 01993 886565
Unit 11, Blenheim Office Park, Long Hanborough, Witney, Oxford OX29 8LN.

- Warwickshire FWAG – 01926 318280
Warwickshire College, Moreton Morrell, Warwick CV35 9BL.

- Wiltshire FWAG – 0117 959 8522
Government Buildings, Block 3, Burghill Rd, Westbury on Trym, Bristol BS10 6NJ.

- Worcestershire FWAG – 01905 362955
Government Buildings, Whittington Road, Worcester WR5 2LQ.

Priorities

There is a very high demand for English Heritage grants, which means that it is not able to offer grants to every project that qualifies for support and has therefore identified priorities for the type of projects that it will fund:

- Significant elements of the historic environment which are at risk. It considers property to be at risk if it is either on the Buildings at Risk Register or it can be demonstrated that it is at serious risk from neglect or disrepair.

- Projects where there is a lack of alternative sources of funding. In order to qualify for a grant under this heading the project cannot be eligible for any other obvious sources of public or charitable funding, for example from the Heritage Lottery Fund, Single Regeneration Budget and specific funding (such as funding for coalfields or housing).

Grants are available for repairs to historic sites and buildings and to help preserve or improve the character and appearance of designated conservation areas.

Contact regional offices to discuss before applying:

- South West – 0117 975 0700

- South East – 01483 252000

- West Midlands – 0121 625 6820

Website: www.english-heritage.org.uk

A free and regularly updated on-line guide to relevant sources of funds is published by the Architectural Heritage Fund on the Funds for Historic Buildings website at www.fhfb.org.uk



Available grants:

- Historic buildings, monuments and designed landscapes
- War Memorials Grant Scheme
- Repair Grants for Places of Worship in England
- Grants to establish conservation staff (partnership)
- Grants to local authorities to underwrite urgent work notices
- Acquisition grants to local authorities to underwrite repair notices

Market and Coastal Towns Initiative

A community planning programme which helps local people to design the future of their town and surrounding areas. The initiative is delivered by the Market and Coastal Towns Association:

..... 01823 250815

Email: info@mcti.org.uk

Website: www.mcti.org.uk

Miscellaneous grants

General Business Support Grants

For your region and county, the best guide to grants is normally maintained by your local Business Link office. Business Link advisers are able to provide you with guidance on selecting suitable grants.

Website: www.businesslink.gov.uk/southwest

Tree Planting

The Royal Forestry Society has produced a booklet listing possible sources of grants for tree planting.

..... 01442 822028

Website: www.rfs.org.uk

Froglife

Great Crested Newt and similar conservation projects

..... 01733 558960

Website: www.froglife.org

British Ecological Society

Small Ecological Project Grants are available for habitat management, monitoring and survey. British Ecological Society, 26 Blades Court, Deodar Road, Putney, London SW15 2NU

..... 020 8871 9797

Website: www.britishecologicalsociety.org

WWF

Contact to discuss possible funding.

WWF, Panda House, Weyside Park, Godalming GU7 1XR

..... 01483 426444

Website: www.wwf-uk.org

DTI Envirowise

Helps businesses 'get wise' to the benefits of good environmental practice – through free advice – open to most organisations and local authorities.

..... 0800 585 794

Website: www.envirowise.gov.uk

Renewable energy

Severn Wye Energy Agency

Advice on all aspects of renewable energy and grants

..... 01594 545360

Website: www.swea.co.uk

Heritage Lottery Fund

The Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) enables communities to celebrate, look after and learn more about our diverse heritage.

Projects might include nature conservation, historic buildings, museum and archive collections, spoken history records, cultural traditions, and objects and sites relating to the UK's industrial, transport and maritime history. They must also benefit the wider public.

West Midlands 0121 616 6870

South East 020 7591 6171

South West 01392 223950

Website: www.hlf.org.uk

Head office, tel: 0207 591 6000

Your Heritage Fund

Grants between £3,000 and £50,000 are available for projects which will conserve and enhance heritage or encourage communities to identify, look after and celebrate their heritage.

Projects could include building repairs and conservation work and buying land or buildings important to our heritage as long as they also ensure that everyone can learn about, have access to and enjoy their heritage.

Heritage Grants

This programme offers grants of over £50,000 to organisations that aim to conserve and enhance the UK's heritage; encourage more people to be involved in their heritage; and improve access to and enjoyment of heritage.

Repair Grants for Places of Worship in England

In partnership with English Heritage, a special programme for repair grants for places of worship in England, which will mainly help conserve and sustain heritage at risk.

Townscape Heritage Initiative

The Townscape Heritage Initiative helps communities to regenerate the historic parts of their towns and cities. The programme is designed to address problems in areas of particular social and economic need throughout the UK.

It encourages partnerships to carry out repairs and other works to a number of different historic properties within those areas to improve the quality of life for all those who live, work or visit there.

Parks for people

This joint initiative with the Big Lottery Fund helps with the restoration and regeneration of historic parks and gardens, wherever they are, including urban squares and cemeteries.

Projects must also enhance public access and involvement and may involve improving facilities.

Applications that serve socially and economically deprived communities remain a priority.

Landscape Partnerships

This initiative allows partnerships representing a range of heritage and community interests to tackle the needs of landscapes.

It caters for applications based around a portfolio of projects, which provide a package of benefits to an area, its communities and its visitors.

Areas must have a strong landscape identity, recognised by the communities there.

The initiative mainly helps to promote heritage conservation as an integral part of rural regeneration.

Young Roots

Young Roots promotes the involvement of 13-20 year olds in their heritage. It supports heritage projects targeted directly at the needs and interests of young people.

The Big Lottery Fund

For information about priorities and funding streams contact

..... 0207 211 1860

Big advice line 08454 10 20 30

www.biglotteryfund.org.uk

..... phone 01392 849700

www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/southwest

..... phone 01483 462900

www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/southeast

..... phone 0121 3457700

www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/westmidlands

The Big Lottery Fund is responsible for giving out half the money for good causes raised by the National Lottery and is committed to bringing real improvements to communities and the lives of people most in need.

Among the programmes currently open are:

Reaching Communities

Aims to involve people in projects that will improve the lives of the communities most in need, including those hard to reach. Supports

projects that respond to the needs of communities and actively involve them.

Children's Play

Funding to develop free, open-access supervised play provision focusing on areas with most need.

Family Learning

The Family Learning programme aims to increase high-quality family learning opportunities and to make them more accessible to families who face barriers to learning. We will fund projects that involve adults and children learning together.

Awards for All

Awards for All England is supported by Arts Council England, the Big Lottery Fund, the Heritage Lottery Fund and Sport England. Grants are awarded for between £300 and £10,000 for people to take part in arts, sports, heritage and community activities, and projects that promote education, the environment and health in the local community 0845 600 20 40
Website: www.awardsforall.org.uk

The Big Lottery Fund will fund these organisations:

- The Royal Society of Wildlife Trust's Local Food scheme. The RSWT has been awarded £50 million to run an open grant scheme on behalf of the Big Lottery Fund. This scheme supports a variety of local food-related projects that help to strengthen local communities across England.

For an application form go to

www.localfoodgrants.org

- Community Spaces is a £50 million open grants programme that is managed by Groundwork UK as an Award Partner to the Big Lottery Fund. The programme helps community groups create or improve green and open spaces so that the quality of life in neighbourhoods across England is enhanced. Grants start at £10,000. For further information about the programme and who can apply visit: www.community-spaces.org.uk

Access to Nature

Natural England's Access to Nature scheme Natural England has been awarded £25 million to run an open grant scheme on behalf of the Big Lottery Fund. This scheme will encourage people from all backgrounds to understand and enjoy the natural environment.

Access to Nature will be open to applications until June 2010, although Flagship Projects will have a different time scale. (Further guidance on Flagship Projects application deadlines can be found on the website). Funding decisions will be spread out over three years, so applicants have time to develop their project ideas and application.

South West

Jo Lewis 0117 959 8567

jo.lewis@naturalengland.org.uk

South East

Heather Whetter 0118 939 2657

heather.whetter@naturalengland.org.uk

www.naturalengland.org.uk/accesstonature

Community focused grants

Aggregates Levy Sustainability Fund

The tax aims to reduce the demand for primary aggregate, and compensate local communities for the impact of aggregate extraction.

The DEFRA grant funding is administered by Natural England. DEFRA contact – e-mail alex.comber@defra.gsi.gov.uk

Natural England contact:

Ian Williamson 01476 584 835 or 584821

email: ian.williamson@naturalengland.org.uk

alsfgrants@naturalengland.org.uk

Landfill Communities Fund (LCF)

Tax on landfill waste was introduced in 1996 as a means to reduce the amount of landfilled waste and to promote a shift to more environmentally sustainable methods of waste management.

The LCF is an innovative tax scheme enabling

operators of landfill sites to contribute money to enrolled Environmental Bodies (EBs) to carry out projects that meet environmental objectives contained in the Landfill Tax Regulations.

The government saw the LCF as a way for Landfill Operators (LOs) and EBs to work in partnership, to create significant environmental benefits and jobs, and to undertake projects to improve the lives of communities living near landfill sites.

LOs can contribute up to 6.6% of their landfill tax liability to EBs and reclaim 90% of this contribution as a tax credit.

They may bear the remaining 10% themselves, or an independent third party can make up this 10% difference to the LO.

Projects eligible for LCF funding:

- involve reclaiming land, the use of which has been prevented by some previous activity;
- reduce or prevent pollution on land;
- provide or maintain public amenities or parks within 10 miles of a landfill site;
- deliver biodiversity conservation for UK species habitats;
- restore or repair buildings for religious worship, or of architectural or historical interest within 10 miles of a landfill site;
- fund the cost of administrative, financial or other similar services, supplied to other enrolled environmental bodies.

For more information on LCF contact:

Entrust, Head Office, 2nd floor Acre House,

2 Town Square, Sale, Cheshire M33 7WZ

Tel: 0161 972 0044

Website: www.entrust.org.uk

British Trust for Conservation Volunteers (BTCV)

There are an enormous number of community grants available nationwide – for a fact sheet and further information, you can become an associate member of BTCV (£25).

BTCV, Sedum House, Mallard Way, Potteric Carr,

Doncaster DN4 8DB 01302 388 883

Website: www.btcv.org

Queen's Award for Voluntary Service

The award recognises outstanding achievement by groups that volunteer their own time to enhance and improve the quality of life and opportunities for others 020 7781 2397
Website: www.queensawardvoluntary.gov.uk

Women in Rural Enterprise (WiRE)

WiRE is a very successful national networking and business club, with over 2,000 business members. WiRE offers a grant finding service appropriate to women members establishing or growing rural businesses.

Website: www.wireuk.org

Local authorities

Many local authorities within the Cotswolds AONB offer grants for a variety of projects that benefit the long-term health of the area.

Because funding streams, job titles and grants are continuously changing you are advised to contact your local councils at an early stage in the development of ideas.

It is important to realise that many grants today are aimed at projects with community involvement and/or involving a partnership approach between different bodies and private individuals.

Funds available from councils vary between 30% and 50%. Grants tend to operate on a first-come, first-served basis; however the different grant schemes are administered in a variety of ways.

Overleaf is a list of local authorities within the AONB. For further information please contact the relevant council.

Key questions to consider

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4. What type of project are you involved in?

- Wildlife conservation
- Historic buildings
- Youth and community
- Education
- Transport
- Recreation and public access (open spaces)
- Sport
- Arts
- Local history
- Economic development
- Archaeology

Bath & North East Somerset Council (B&NES)

..... 01225 477000
Website: www.bathnes.gov.uk

The council funds voluntary organisations to provide specific services. These services must meet council objectives and priorities and must benefit the residents of B&NES.

To apply for funding, organisations have to complete an application form, normally on an annual basis, to show how they meet the funding criteria.

For further information contact: 01225 477579

Email: jane_briggs@bathnes.gov.uk

Cheltenham Borough Council

..... 01242 262626
Website: www.cheltenham.gov.uk

Promoting access to great outdoors

OXFORDSHIRE County Council and the Trust for Oxfordshire's Environment have joined forces to fund projects that will boost access to the great outdoors.

The Places for People scheme is inviting bids for grants of up to £5,000 and, for exceptional projects, £10,000.

Projects could involve replacing stiles with pedestrian gates to improve access, new notice boards directing visitors to an area's key attractions and new surfacing to make routes more accessible.

Information packs and application forms are available from the Trust for Oxfordshire's Environment, telephone 01865 883488 or email toe@ruralnet.org.uk or www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/placesforpeople

Offers £200 grants to organisations. Also offers advice on fundraising.

Cherwell District Council

..... 01295 252535
Website: www.cherwell-dc.gov.uk

Landscape conservation grants for tree planting, hedgerows, pond restoration, willow pollarding, artefact restoration, tree surgery, school nature conservation areas, community nature areas, funding for conservation works on local sites of wildlife interest.

Grants are available to parish councils, landowners, farmers, schools and community groups.

The grants are intended to enable applicants to go ahead with small schemes that may otherwise not be undertaken.

Grant rates may vary due to the details of the project, up to a maximum of 50% of the total project costs. Eligible schemes will have a total project cost of between £100 and £2,000. Grants will not be given retrospectively.

Cotswold District Council

..... 01285 623000
Website: www.cotswold.gov.uk

Gloucestershire County Council

..... 01452 425000
Website: www.gloucestershire.gov.uk

North Wiltshire District Council

..... 01249 706111
Website: www.northwilts.gov.uk

Grants and advice on developing projects are available. The funding available is to help pump-prime, support and encourage a wide range of local projects.

Any award in excess of £500 will not represent more than 50% of the total project funding.

■ Charities Information Bureau – Wiltshire – the CIB is a charitable organisation set up to offer help and advice on funding and charity law to groups and individuals throughout Wiltshire.
..... 01380 729279
Website: www.cibfunding.info

■ Community First manages a number of schemes providing grants for individuals and groups to support a range of community projects meeting clearly identified community needs. Both capital and revenue support is available.
..... 01380 722475
Website: www.communityfirst.org.uk

■ Community First administers the Village Hall Grant Scheme on behalf of Wiltshire County

Council and four district councils for local communities wishing to provide, extend or refurbish village halls.

Grants are available for major capital projects, to help with the purchase of sites and buildings, expenditure on new buildings, improvements and extensions, the initial purchase of equipment and furniture and relevant professional fees. A major capital project is one costing more than £5,000.

Applicants will be expected to find at least 30% of the total cost of the project.

Contributions from parish and town councils may be counted as part of the applicant's share of the project cost, as will grants from other bodies.

Katie Griffin 01380 722475
Email: kgriffin@communityfirst.org.uk
Website: www.communityfirst.org.uk

Oxfordshire County Council

..... 01865 792422
Website: www.oxfordshire.gov.uk

South Gloucestershire Council

..... 01454 868009
Website: www.southglos.gov.uk

Stratford-on-Avon District Council

..... 01789 267575
Website: www.stratford.gov.uk

Stroud District Council

..... 01453 766321
Website: www.stroud.gov.uk

Tewkesbury Borough Council

..... 01684 295010
Website: www.tewkesbury.gov.uk

Warwickshire County Council

Website: www.warwickshire.gov.uk

Warwickshire County Council Community Development Fund – help for 'one-off' projects that meet local needs and address issues of particular concern to the community.

Applications are invited between May and August each year from community and voluntary groups for grants of up to £5,000.

The support and endorsement of your local county councillor is essential .. 0845 090 7000

The Community Development Fund – made available by the Learning and Skills Council to offer learning opportunities to local people aged 16+ and to support organisations' involvement

in adult and community learning, literacy and numeracy programmes, IT learning, family learning days or craft based learning.

West Oxfordshire District Council

..... 01993 861000
Funding guide available on-line:
Website: www.westoxon.gov.uk

■ Landscape Conservation Grant Scheme
..... 01993 861662
email: planning@westoxon.gov.uk

■ Building Conservation 01993 861666
email: planning@westoxon.gov.uk

■ Rural Community Grants 01993 861484
email: sara.anthony@westoxon.gov.uk

■ Village Hall Grants 01865 883488
email: leisureandtourism@westoxon.gov.uk

West Wiltshire District Council

..... 01225 776655
Website: www.westwiltshire.gov.uk

■ County Village Hall Grants Scheme
J Dowsett 01380 722475
email: jdowsett@communityfirst.org.uk

■ Historic Buildings Committees Funding
..... 01225 776655 ext.123
email: rbrown@westwiltshire.gov.uk

■ Historic Buildings and Conservation Area Grants 01225 776655 ext.123
email: rbrown@westwiltshire.gov.uk

■ Biodiversity Grants.. 01225 776655 ext.206
email: ljennings@westwiltshire.gov.uk

Wiltshire County Council

..... 01225 713000
Website: www.wiltshire.gov.uk

Worcestershire County Council

..... 01905 763763
Website: www.worcestershire.gov.uk

Wychavon District Council

..... 01386 565000
Website: www.wychavon.gov.uk

Cotswolds Conservation Board



The Cotswolds Conservation Board works:

- to conserve and enhance the AONB;
- to increase the understanding and enjoyment of the special qualities of the AONB.

In fulfilling these roles, the Board seeks to foster the economic and social well-being of local communities within the AONB.

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