

Subject: Wessex Water Funding Opportunity for Environmental Projects
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Good afternoon,

I'm writing on behalf of Wiltshire Community Foundation to let you know that the Wessex Water Environment Fund has opened for applications. Town and Parish councils, or some of the community groups in your area, are eligible to apply for this programme.

This programme supports charitable and community-led initiatives that improve local biodiversity or have a positive impact on the environment for the benefit of local people, with grants of up to £2,000.

Eligible projects must demonstrate at least one of the following outcomes:

- Involving communities in environmental activities that benefit the local area
- Restoring, maintaining, or enhancing the local natural environment
- Engaging residents in protecting and supporting the local natural environment

Current priorities include:

- Reducing water use
- Improving environmental sustainability in the local area
- Improving local biodiversity

Town and parish councils are eligible to apply, provided the project has a community benefit. Registered charities, voluntary or community groups with charitable aims, not-for-profit or Community Interest Companies, and schools (provided the project has a community benefit), are also eligible to apply for the programme. Applicants must be based and working in the area served by Wessex Water.

Previous grants have supported projects such as:

- To restore and maintain a wildlife pond
- To install a recycling station and provide litter picking equipment for a youth club
- Towards a community tree planting event
- Installation of a rainwater harvesting solution and irrigation system for a community garden
- Creating wildflower areas on underused land in a village
- Kits for local residents to take part in a water quality survey of the River Avon
- Dung beetle surveys to assess prey availability for Greater Horseshoe Bats

Applications close on 19th May.

We would really appreciate it if you could help to raise awareness of this programme by sharing the details with your local community and through your social media channels, so that eligible groups are informed about this funding opportunity.

Further details about the fund, including guidance on how to apply, can be found here:
<https://www.wiltshirecf.org.uk/grants-and-support/groups/wessex-water-environment-fund/>

Kind regards,
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