

Tayside Biodiversity Partnership Funding Newsletter

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INTRODUCTION

There has been excellent feedback to the Tayside Biodiversity website—www.taysidebiodiversity.co.uk. It is constantly being updated, so please check it regularly for news, past Funding Newsletter issues, survey forms, project information, etc.

The new SITA Tayside Biodiversity Action Fund was launched last September and a dozen applications received by the First Round deadline. Five projects have since been confirmed.

- £1,200 to the Scottish Crop Research Institute for its Living Field Study Centre project;
- £10,029 to the Angus Ranger Service for a new Sand Martin Wall at Crombie Country Park;
- £6,314 to Forest Research for its Juniper Natural Regeneration Management Trials;
- £11,200 to Forest Research for its Small Cow-Wheat Species Recovery Project;
- £5,100 to the broughty Ferry Environmental Project for its FLOW Project (Following the Life of Water)

Further details about these projects—and the applications now being considered in the 2nd Round, will be given in a future Newsletter. The deadline for the 3rd Round is 21st April—and quarterly thereafter.

The aim of the Fund is to help deliver biodiversity conservation 'on the ground' in line with objective DA of the Landfill Tax Credit Scheme regulations. Projects supported by the Fund will contribute to the implementation of the Tayside Biodiversity Action Plan and to the achievements of outcomes and targets identified within the Plan. A Guidance Note is given on the biodiversity website, or contact 0845 605 20000 for specific advice. There is an upper funding limit of £50,000. Smaller grant applications of between £500 and £1,000 are very welcome. Funding can cover 100% project costs, although match funding will be encouraged wherever possible.

In the meantime, thanks are due to the various contributors to this Funding Newsletter. Please continue to send in details of new funding sources to share. The copy date for Issue 5 will be 31 July 2006.

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SCOTTISH NATURAL HERITAGE REVISED GRANTS SCHEME

SNH now has eight new schemes aimed at protecting and improving Scotland's natural heritage:

- Special Places – managing special habitats;
- Supporting Biodiversity – promoting, protecting and improving biodiversity;
- Enjoying Scotland's outdoors – raising awareness of the Scottish Outdoor Access Code;
- Paths and routes – developing paths to help people get out and enjoy the natural heritage;
- Attractive places to live – activities to improve the quantity, quality and accessibility of green spaces around towns;
- Involving people – activities to raise awareness and understanding of the natural heritage and to encourage more people to be involved with it;
- Rural land use – promoting sustainable land management in farming, forestry and moorland;
- Waters for life – managing fresh waters, coasts and seas.

Applications are invited from £250. There is no limit, but most grants are for under £10k. SNH will not usually supply more than 50% of total costs. Grants are from 1-3 years. There are no deadlines for grants under £10k.

Contact – <http://www.snh.org.uk/about/ab-grants01.asp> to download an application form, or contact the local SNH office at West Lodge, Airlie By Kirriemuir, Angus DD8 5NP
Tel. 01575 530333.

WILLAN CHARITABLE TRUST

The 1989 Willan Charitable Trust awards grants to community and voluntary groups that meet the aims of the trust which include:

- Advancing the education of children and helping children in need
- Benefiting older people, or blind, deaf and disabled persons and those with learning disabilities

Most grants tend to be c£3k, but any application between £800 and £25,000 will be considered. Write direct to Mr A Fettes, Trustee, 8 Kelso Drive, The Priory's, Tynemouth, NE29 9NS. Trustees meet in March, June, September and November, but there is no specific deadline.





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CHILDREN'S PLAY PROGRAMME

The Children's Play Programme is one of the Big Lottery Funds proposed new schemes, which has yet to be launched. When it is operational, 80% of the £155M budget will be spent on play areas in deprived communities, whilst the remaining 20% will be spent on an innovation fund to develop good practice in planning, design and delivery and a regional support and development infrastructure to support the work that voluntary groups and local authorities.

Local authorities will be allocated a portion of the Children's Play Programme budget early in 2006 and will be invited to develop local play provision.

www.biglotteryfund.org.uk

THE BIG LOTTERY'S YOUNG PEOPLE'S FUND

The Young People's Fund in Scotland is a £20 million grant programme to help young people aged 11-25 learn new things and take part in healthy and positive activities that make them feel good about themselves.

Groups can apply for grants of between £5000 and £1M lasting between 1 and 4 years. Voluntary organisations, charities, community groups, local authorities and schools are all eligible to make applications.

Each local authority area will be awarded an allocation of funding for local projects in their area. Applications can be made at any time until the programme ends on 31st of August 2007.

THE WATERWAYS TRUST

The Waterways Trust's Small Grants Scheme provides grants of up to £1,000 for projects in the UK, linked to waterways - canals or rivers. Grants can be awarded to charities, community groups or schools. The priorities for this year are waterway wildlife conservation and the restoration of historic waterway craft.

Projects must meet at least one of the following objectives:

- provide lasting environmental enhancement;
- encourage public enjoyment and awareness of waterways;
- actively involve and benefit the community;
- improve educational opportunity & interpretation of the waterway;
- benefit young people.

The application form is available from their website: <http://www.thewaterwaystrust.org.uk/grants/>

SITA TAYSIDE BIODIVERSITY ACTION FUND

The Tayside Biodiversity Action Fund is a new fund being administered by the Perth Quality of Life Trust. Funds have been secured from the SITA Trust derived from the Landfill Tax Credit Scheme. The fund aims to deliver biodiversity conservation and enhancement for UK species and habitats in Tayside.

Applications are accepted from non-profit making groups or public organisations (which must have a bank account) i.e. environmental organisations, voluntary organisations, charities and community groups. All projects must be located within 10 miles of a landfill site and must help to implement and meet the aims and outcomes of the Tayside Biodiversity Action Plan. Copies of the plan are available in every local library or via www.taysidebiodiversity.co.uk/. New and existing initiatives that deliver significant benefits for biodiversity can be supported but funding will not be given to project activity which starts prior to the approval of funds.

Grants of between £500 and £50,000 will be available, with a total of £100,000 available per financial year until 2007/08. Application forms and guidance notes can be downloaded from the website listed above or by calling Perth & Kinross Grants Direct on 0845 605 2000. Applications can be submitted at any time.

B&Q YOU CAN DO IT AWARDS

The Scheme—B&Q are offering 20 You Can Do It Awards so that community groups and charities throughout the UK can make physical improvements to their centres/facilities, either by providing new resources or improving/redecorating existing ones. Any community-based organisation can apply.

Amount—£5,000 worth of B&W products

Contact—Application forms are available at www.diy.com/awards or by calling 0845 300 1001.

Deadline—17 March 2006. Winners will be announced in June. All improvement work must take place between 1 July and 24 September 2006.

ANGUS COUNCIL COMMUNITY GRANT SCHEME

The scheme gives support to small community and voluntary groups in Angus for projects in the fields of arts, heritage, culture, environmental benefit or the general improvement of people's quality of life. Costs can cover environmental works, events, equipment, training courses, set-up costs, improvement of premises, marketing or feasibility studies. Rental costs and core funding are not eligible expenditure items.

Grants are available up to £5,000. Applicants must be constituted voluntary or community groups (with a group bank account), based in or serving the needs of Angus communities.

Application forms are available from local Access offices or the External Funding Team, Angus Council, 9 Castle St, Forfar DD8 3AE Tel 01307 473760 or www.angus.gov.uk/externalfunding/communitygrant/default.html

ANGUS AHEAD CHAMPIONS FUND

A monthly award of £250 is given to individuals or groups who promote Angus. Whether through a hobby, the community or business the people of Angus can apply if they have promoted - through their activity or achievement - locally, nationally or internationally the area of Angus.

Applicants should be Angus residents and be promoting Angus through their activity. The grant should be used for costs associated with eligible activities. Apply in writing, by the last day of any month, to Angus Ahead Champions Fund, Angus Council, 9 Castle St, Forfar DD8 3AE in not more than 300 words, explaining how the activity promotes Angus and what difference the money would make if received.

RURAL NEWS

The Scottish Executive Rural Affairs Department has prioritised selected rural areas as Rural Service Priority Areas: these were chosen by geographic area rather than by disadvantaged groups. They are built up from 'data zones' using the Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation.

A total of 20 data zones with the greatest combined disadvantage (deprivation & geography) were chosen. These twenty areas are the Rural Services Priority Areas. Targeting the majority of funding into these small areas could significantly assist the Scottish Executive meet its own social inclusion targets against rural deprivation.

The Angus wards of Brechin West, Brechin North Esk and Brechin South Esk are amongst the 20 areas included. This information may be useful for those seeking funding for projects in these areas. Further details may be found at www.scotland.gov.uk/Topics/People/Social-Inclusion/17415/targeted

Workwithus.org HAS CHANGED

Workwithus.org, the voluntary sector internet portal, has changed. Virtually everything is different about the website - from their donations service to the way in which content can be posted. It is hoped everything will be simpler, quicker and easier.

Information will be available online about fundraising, marketing and campaigning. Those who log on will be able to set up sponsor sheets that look like their own website. Sections will include:

- *Elements* - features you can use and brand, including donations, sponsor sheets, event bookings and payments, membership pages, fundraising pages, news, online shop, etc.
- *Mini Sites* can be used to display all your elements. They can act as a fundraising portal, a news service or your events - booking system - either as a 'bolt-on' to an existing website or as a feature in its own right.

Information is available on the new website - workwithus.org.



FORWARD SCOTLAND—SMALL GRANTS SCHEME FOR ENVIRONMENTAL PROJECTS

This interim scheme will support community groups in areas with a population of under 3,000. Funding - of between £500 and £3,000 - can be used to support project planning, community involvement, capacity building, consultation exercises, and gathering local ideas. Match funding is not required.

E-mail RDSAF@scotland.gsi.gov.uk to discuss project ideas, or check www.scottishexecutive.gov.uk for online guidance. Alternatively, telephone 0131 244 3885.

Ebay FOR CHARITY

The online auction house and marketplace ebay has launched its new eBay for Charity service - which allows charities to list items donated by the public on the website 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

eBay for Charity is an easy way to support charities while buying and selling on eBay - buyers can bid knowing they are helping a worthy cause, and sellers can donate a percentage of their sales to certified charities. Charities can also sell items directly in the eBay marketplace.



COMMON GOOD FUNDS

The scheme will promote opportunities for people to work, learn and take part in the arts, sport or culture; encourage young people to play a role in their community; strengthen the community by encouraging local people to take responsibility for their community and care for the disadvantaged. There should be direct community-wide benefit.

Common Good Funds exist in: Arbroath, Brechin, Forfar, Kirriemuir (very limited funds only) and Montrose. Contact the External Funding Team, Angus Council, 9 Castle St, Forfar DD8 3AE, tel. 01307 473760.

SAVE THE CHILDREN YOUTH FUNDING PROJECT

'Help Yourself' is a new initiative set up by Save the Children and British Gas to help young people across Britain get more involved in the place they live. Aimed at both young people and practitioners, the fund can provide support and guidance to enable active participation in the community. Funding of up to £1,000 will be available for projects which want to address community safety, the environment, play or leisure.

For more information visit www.helpyourselves.org.uk



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CAIRNGORMS BIODIVERSITY SMALL GRANT SCHEME

The Cairngorms Biodiversity Small Grants Scheme offers 100% funding up to £5,000 for projects until March 2007. The scheme is open to constituted groups (not individuals or businesses) and covers the old Cairngorms Partnership area (i.e. reaching down into Highland Perthshire and the Angus Glens).

Criteria includes delivering actions in the Cairngorms Biodiversity Action Plan, or contributing to one or more of the key themes of the LBAP (lack of data; raising awareness; access to appropriate policy/funding; direct habitat loss or fragmentation; inappropriate management, climate change & pollution; and non-native species). Delivering objectives from the Scottish Biodiversity Strategy is also encouraged, as well as involving the local community, communities of interest or visitors.

An application form is available from the Cairngorms Biodiversity Officer on 01479 870 528 or from the Cairngorms National Park offices at 14 The Square, Grantown-on-Spey, PH26 3HG.

TOWN TWINNING

The scheme - Twinning provides the opportunity to find out more about the daily lives of citizens in other European countries, to talk to them and exchange experiences, and to develop joint projects on issues of common interest, such as the environment, local integration, economic development, and cultural differences. The deadlines for early 2006 are 1st February, 3rd April and 1st June. Further details are available from http://europa.eu.int/comm/towntwinning/index_en.html

PUBLICATIONS

WHAT TO DO WHEN FUNDING STOPS

The Readiness Assessment Tool focuses on practical forward planning and on developing one of four possible succession routes - mainstreaming, self-standing enterprise, seeking further funding or project closure. Rocket Science is planning to customise the toolkit for projects in different regions and by holding training sessions. The toolkit is now ready to be downloaded via www.rocketsciencelab.co.uk.

EVALUATING COMMUNITY PROJECTS

The Joseph Rowntree Foundation has published a free practical guide providing step-by-step advice on how to [evaluate a community project](#).

IMPROVING RURAL SERVICES

The Scottish Executive Environment and Rural Affairs Dept (SEERAD) have produced a series of publications designed to improve understanding of service delivery and to help delivery of services that meet the needs of people in rural areas.

The first publication in the series is: *Service priority, accessibility and quality in rural Scotland* – this will explore rural communities' own views on local service provision to help inform the development of local 'Closing the Gap' service delivery targets. A copy can be obtained from email improvingruralservices@scotland.gsi.gov.uk, or telephone 0131 244 3885.

HEALTH AND SAFETY AT OUTDOOR COMMUNITY EVENTS

This publication is aimed at making it easier for those running small outdoor events to get to grips with the legalities, procedures and everything else organisers need to know. To order your copy, email info@voluntaryarts.org.



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ESMÉE FAIRBAIRN FOUNDATION

The Foundation is a large grants body which has offered c£28m in funds to organisations in the past year. Average applications tend to be in the region of £44,000 with larger requests ranging up to £600k.

The Foundation will consider applications in connection with UK Biodiversity: the conservation of hard-to-fund native species and habitats, marine reserves, and the control of invasive species. Under its Sustainable Food Systems section it will also consider applications with regards to local sourcing and distribution of food, allotments, and viable retail opportunities.

The Esmee Fairbairn Foundation's Environment Team can be reached on 020 7297 4722 or details of the application guidelines can be downloaded from the Esmee Fairbairn <<http://www.esmeefairbairn.org.uk/how_apply.html>> website.

THE CLOTHWORKERS' FOUNDATION

The scheme - grants are generally only made for capital purposes, which can include equipment and training directly related to a project. Their recently published list of approved grants included the development a nature reserve.

Amount—£10k—£50k

Contact—applications in writing must be accompanied by the Foundation's Data Information Sheet, available from their website at www.clothworkers.co.uk. Applications should be posted to The Grants Manager, Clothworkers' Foundation, Clothworkers' Hall, Dunster Court, Mincing Lane, London, EC3R 7AH. For further information please contact 020 7623 7041 ext 220.

Deadline—Rolling programme. Trustees meet in February, May, July and November. It can take up to 18 weeks for a decision.

LANKELLYCHASE FOUNDATION

The Lankelly Foundation and Chase Charity have merged to form the Lankelly Chase Foundation. They have a new website at www.lankellychase.org.uk.

The funding programme focuses on heritage and the arts but also welcomes applications in respect of improving the lives of people in hospitals or psychiatric units. Tel: 01235 820044 for further details.

THE JOANIES TRUST (UK)

The scheme—the trust awards grants to the arts for community-based arts events (one-off or as part of a programme), charities wishing to take the arts to rural areas, and those using art forms for therapeutic purposes. Running costs, both project and core costs, and capital costs are considered. They also fund non-arts related projects involving young people, especially those aged 11-18.

Amount—grants awarded will not exceed £3,000, with most averaging £1,000. Grants will not be for more than one year, though projects may reapply.

Contact —applications must be made on the Joanies Trust application form which you can obtain by post from The Administrator, The Joanies Trust, PO Box 42, Ledbury, Herefordshire, HR8 1WH, by phoning 01531 633 345 or by visiting the website www.joaniestrust.org.uk.

Deadline— A new deadline will be set during 2006. Check website.

UK VILLAGES COMMUNITY KITTY

The scheme—UK Villages Community Kitty provides grants for a range of community based projects. In the past, the fund was awarded grants for projects ranging from a knitting circle to a playgroup needing toys, sports equipment for clubs, and support for several village halls and playing field committees—as well as a number of heritage projects.

Amount—between £50—£500

Contact—you must apply online, rather than by postal application, so visit www.ukvillages.co.uk/articles.nsf/content/ukvkitty for more details.

RURAL DEVELOPMENT SMALL AWARD FUND

This interim scheme will support community groups in areas with a population of under 3,000. Funding—of between £500 and £3,000—can be used to support project planning, community involvement, capacity building, consultation exercises, and gathering local ideas. Match funding is not required. Email RDSAF@scotland.gsi.gov.uk to discuss project ideas, or check www.scottishexecutive.gov.uk for online guidance. Alternatively, telephone 0131 244 388.



RIGHT TO BUY LEGISLATION

The Scheme—projects will need to further the objectives of *Choosing our Future—Scotland's Sustainable Development Strategy*, in particular through one or more of the following priorities:

Sustainable consumption and production, including reducing the inefficient use of resources;

Climate change and energy, securing a profound change in the way we generate and use energy, and reducing greenhouse gas emissions;

Natural resource protection and environmental enhancement, protecting natural resources, building a better understanding of environmental limits, and improving the quality of the environment;

Sustainable communities, creating communities that embody the principles of sustainable development locally, improving the quality of life of individuals and communities, securing environmental justice for those who suffer the worst local environments;

Learning for sustainable development, ensuring people have the knowledge, awareness and skills to play their part in contributing towards any of the objectives above, whether through the formal education system, opportunities for lifelong learning, supporting citizens' involvement in sustainable decision-making, or finding ways of communicating sustainable development messages clearly and compellingly.

Criteria—projects must be either national or regional (which can include a whole local authority area).

Amount—3750k over three years with a maximum of around 340k per project

Contact—to discuss your ideas contact Mark Stirling, Scottish Executive, Tel: 0131244 0395. Email: sustainable.development@scotland.gsi.gov.uk and get application forms from www.scotland.gov.uk/Topics/Environment/SustainableDevelopment/SAGguidance

Deadline—17 March 2006

ACTION EARTH

The Scheme—Action Earth is a campaign co-ordinated by Community Service Volunteers (CSV) and sponsored by Scottish Natural Heritage. The purpose of the campaign is to enable people to take part in practical conservation projects and empower them to improve quality of life for themselves, their communities and future generations. This year, Action Earth is particularly keen to hear from young adults in both rural and urban settings.

Amount—groups who want to plant trees, repair paths or collect litter are eligible to receive £50 grant to buy seeds, plants and tools for their project or to help with running costs.

Contact—<http://www.actionearth.org.uk/home.php>

Deadline—there are 150 grants to give out in Scotland **between now and June**, and local organisers are urged to apply early.

GRANTS FOR PLANTING TREES

The Scheme—The Tree Council, a national charity that promotes the planting and conservation of trees in town and countryside has two grant schemes available for 2006. These are the Trees for Schools Fund and the Communities Tree Fund. It is open to both schools and community groups proposing to undertake well planned tree planting projects starting in 2006 during National Tree Week, 22 November—3 December.

Amount—grants of up to £700.

Contact—www.treecouncil.org.uk/tc/grants%20link.htm

Deadline—the closing date for both funding streams is the 31 May 2006

COMMUNITY ENVIRONMENTAL RENEWAL SCHEME

A reminder that the final deadline for applications for this scheme will be on **26 April 2006**. Full details were given previously in [AFN 08 April 2005](#), but to recap briefly, it's for environmental improvements in areas within 10 miles of where quarrying activity has been or is taking place. Past grants have been for play areas, community hall upgrades, and paths. The Abbotsford Road project in Arbroath received £38,097 towards their project through the scheme.

For further details contact <http://www.forward-scotland.org.uk/funding/index.cfm> and follow the link for Community Environmental Renewal Scheme.

HERITAGE LOTTERY FUND

The [Heritage Lottery Fund](#) holds monthly pre-application advice surgeries on the last Wednesday of the month at their office in Edinburgh. You can reserve a 45-minute slot with one of their development staff from 10.00am – 1.00pm and 2.00pm - 4.15pm. To make the best use of your slot, send brief details of your project in advance on the [pre-application form](#). Your appointment will be confirmed once they receive your project information.



BIODIVERSITY ACTION GRANT SCHEME (BAGS)

The Scottish Executive's BAGS will be administered by SNH this year.

Further details will be available via www.snh.org.uk or from grants@snh.gov.uk or telephone 01738 458677



WEBSITES

Application Advice and Budgetary Advice – Click on <http://www.funderfinder.org.uk/freeware.php> to download two free software programmes. One is called "apply yourself" and gives guidance in writing a grant application and the other is "budget yourself" which helps voluntary groups to write their budgets.

Allotments Regeneration Initiative—www.farmgarden.org.uk
Awards for All—www.awardsforall.org.uk/scotland
Big Lottery Fund—www.biglotteryfund.org.uk
Biodiversity Action Grant—www.scotland.gov.uk/biodiversity
BT Community Connection— www.btcommunityconnections.com
BT Schools Awards— www.btplc.com/ict/bt_schools_awards
Community Fund—www.community-fund.org.uk
Communities Scotland— www.communitiesscotland.gov.uk
CSV Action Earth— www.actionearth.org.uk
Forward Scotland— www.forward-scotland.org.uk
Greenspace Scotland— www.greenspacescotland.org.uk
Heritage Lottery Fund— www.hlf.org.uk
New Opportunities Fund— www.nof.org.uk
Scottish Arts Council— www.scottisharts.org.uk
Scottish Natural Heritage— www.snh.org.uk
The Crown Estate— www.crownestate.co.uk
The MacRobert Trust— www.themacroberttrust.org.uk
The Tudor Trust— www.tudortrust.org.uk
Tree Council— www.treecouncil.org.uk
Tubney Charitable Trust— www.tubney.org.uk

THE BARING FOUNDATION

The Baring Foundation has reviewed its programme 'Strengthening the Voluntary Sector'. From 2006 there will be one fund for larger grants of between £20,000 to £100,000 running up to five years. There is no deadline. Further details are available from www.baringfoundation.org.uk.

FUNDING CONTACTS

If you wish to discuss a potential project idea, together with sources of funding, please contact one of the following people:

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Angus –

Linda Caston, External Funding Officer
External Funding Team
Tel: 01307 473760
E-mail: externalfunding@angus.gov.uk

Perth and Kinross -

Perth and Kinross Grants Direct
Enquiry line: 0845 605 2000 (local rate)
Website: <http://www.pkgrantsdirect.com/>

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The Tayside Partnership includes:

Angus Council, Dundee City Council, the Forestry Commission, Farming & Wildlife Advisory Group, National Farmers' Union Scotland, the National Trust for Scotland, Perth and Kinross Council, the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds, Scottish Rural Property and Business Association, Scottish Agricultural College, Scottish Environment Protection Agency, Scottish Natural Heritage, Scottish Wildlife Trust

The Tayside Biodiversity Action Plan may be viewed on www.taysidebiodiversity.co.uk