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Constituents Guide

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This guide outlines and signposts information and sources of financial assistance relating to environmental, countryside, energy & climate change projects in Wales.
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Welsh Government

Wales Rural Development Programme 2014-2020

A range of support, funding and grant schemes are available under the Wales Rural Development Programme (RDP). These include:

- Sustainable Production Grant Scheme;
- Food Business Investment Scheme;
- Timber Business Investment Scheme;
- Co-operative Forest Planning Scheme;
- Co-operation and Supply Chain Development Scheme;
- Rural Community Development Fund;
- Sustainable Management Scheme.

For further information and details of application windows:

Website: [https://beta.gov.wales/rural-grants-payments](https://beta.gov.wales/rural-grants-payments)

For further information and details of application windows:


In addition, the Rural Development programme supports LEADER. This is a programme of funding provided to local action groups across Wales to undertake activities related to the core aims of the Wales Rural Development Programme.

Wales Rural Development Programme- Glastir

Glastir is the Welsh Government’s agri-environment scheme. It provides support to improve environmental management by farmers and landowners.

Glastir is made up of several individual schemes. These schemes pay for the delivery of specific environmental goods and services aimed at:

- Combating climate change;
- Improving water management;
- Maintaining and enhancing biodiversity;
- Organic farming; and
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- Woodland maintenance and creation.
  It is designed to deliver measurable outcomes at both a farm and landscape level in a cost effective way. Farmers or landowners need to hold at least 3 eligible hectares of land and be registered with the Rural Payments Wales.

  For further information:
  E-mail: rural-affairs@wales.gsi.gov.uk
  Website: https://beta.gov.wales/glastir

Food Festivals

The Welsh Government has provided funding for food festivals in Wales through Business Wales.

  For further information:
  Telephone: 0300 060 3000
  E-mail: https://businesswales.gov.wales/contact-us
  Website: https://businesswales.gov.wales/foodanddrink/growing-your-business/food-tourism-and-culture

European Commission

LIFE Programme

The LIFE programme is the EU’s funding instrument for the environment and climate action. The objective of LIFE is to contribute to the implementation, updating and development of EU environmental and climate policy and legislation by co-financing projects with European added value.

Since 1992, LIFE has co-financed some 4171 projects, contributing approximately €3.4 billion euros to the protection of the environment and climate.

Details of the latest call for applications and the types of projects that can be submitted for funding can be found on the European Commission’s website [here](https://beta.gov.wales/glastir) or for further information contact the Joint Nature Conservation Committee (UK National Contact point for LIFE):

  For further information:
  Telephone: 01733 562626
  Website: www.jncc.defra.gov.uk

Carbon Trust

The Carbon Trust is an organisation providing advice and financial assistance to help businesses and the public sector boost business returns by cutting carbon emissions, saving energy and commercialising low carbon technologies.

  For further information:
  Telephone: 02071 707000
  E-mail: contactwales@carbontrust.com
  Website: www.carbontrust.com
  Twitter: @TheCarbonTrust
**Natural Resources Wales**

The purpose of Natural Resources Wales (NRW) is to ensure that the natural resources of Wales are sustainably maintained, used and enhanced, now and in the future.

NRW can offer grants to a diverse range of partners - local authorities, environmental organisations and voluntary bodies. Grants are offered to deliver projects that benefit both people and wildlife.

Grants from Natural Resources Wales are offered on an application basis to organisations and groups with Registered Charity status.

In addition to this Natural Resources Wales publishes a regular briefing on other funding sources for environmental projects.

For further information:

**Telephone:** 0300 065 3000  
**E-mail:** enquiries@naturalresourceswales.gov.uk  
**Website:** www.naturalresourceswales.gov.uk  
**Twitter:** @NatResWales

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**Wales Environment Link**

Wales Environment Link is the umbrella body for environmental and countryside non-governmental organisations in Wales. They are a busy network, active in a range of policy areas, and are the official link between the Welsh Government and Wales’ environmental NGO sector.

Wales Environment Link is:

- a mechanism and framework to help Welsh eNGOs to achieve collective goals;
- a voice for the environment movement in Wales;
- a route of communication and dialogue between eNGOs and government; and
- an information provider.

For further information:

**Telephone:** 02920 497 509  
**Twitter:** @WalesLink  
**E-mail:** Contact page  
**Website:** www.waleslink.org
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National Flood Forum

The National Flood Forum is a registered charity that supports and represents communities and individuals at risk of flooding by:

- Helping people to prepare for flooding in order to prevent it or mitigate its impacts;
- Helping people to recover their lives once they have been flooded; and
- Campaigning on behalf of flood risk communities and working with government and agencies to ensure that they develop a community perspective.

For further information:

Telephone: 01299 403055
Website: www.nationalfloodforum.org.uk
Twitter: @NatFloodForum

The Federation of City Farms and Community Gardens in Wales

The Federation of City Farms and Community Gardens (FCFCG) in Wales is the Welsh branch of a registered charity which aims to support, represent and promote community-managed farms, gardens, allotments and other green spaces.

The FCFCG provides information and offers advice on all aspects of community-managed city farming and community gardening.

The website has a Wales page which outlines support for farming and gardening community groups in Wales.

For further information:

Telephone: 02920 225942
E-mail: wales@farmgarden.org.uk
Website: www.farmgarden.org.uk
Energy Saving Trust

The Energy Saving Trust is an independent organisation helping people to save energy and reduce carbon emissions. The Trust is funded by the UK Government, devolved administrations and the private sector and operates regionally in England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland.

For further information:

Email: energy-advice@est.org.uk
Website: www.energysavingtrust.org.uk
Twitter: @EST_Wales

Welsh Government Energy Service

Launched in January 2016, the Welsh Government’s Energy Service offers support to help the public sector and community energy sector in Wales to develop their own renewable energy schemes. The service provides technical, financial and other specialist support for energy projects to realise cost savings, income generation and maximise the benefits retained in Wales.

Further information can be found at:

Website: www.localenergy.gov.wales
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The Millennium Stadium Charitable Trust

The Millennium Stadium Charitable Trust provides grants for voluntary organisations in Wales in support of: sport, art, the community and the environment.

The Trust encourages applications relating to a number of themes including:

- Recycling;
- Promotion of green practices;
- Promotion of public transport schemes;
- Improving / protecting the environment; and
- Wales’ natural heritage.

For further information:

Telephone: 02920 022143
E-mail: info@millenniumstadiumtrust.org.uk
Website: www.millenniumstadiumtrust.co.uk

Biffa Award

Biffa Award provides support for UK projects that provide or improve community spaces for outdoor recreation; and for site-based projects that protect and enhance biodiversity.

Funding is provided under the Main Grants scheme (between £10,000 and £50,000).

For further information:

Telephone: 01636 670000
E-mail: biffa-award@rswt.org
Website: www.biffa-award.org

The Ernest Cook Trust

The Ernest Cook Trust gives grants to registered charities, state schools and not-for-profit organisations wishing to encourage young people’s interest in the countryside and the environment.

Projects which encourage or ensure the continuation of rural skills and crafts are of particular interest to the Trustees.

The Trust operates two grants schemes throughout the year: a large grants programme for awards of over £4,000 and a small grants programme for awards of under £4,000 operate throughout the year.

For further information:

Telephone: 01285 712492
E-mail: grants@ernestcooktrust.org.uk
Website: www.ernestcooktrust.org.uk

Landfill Disposals Tax Communities Scheme

The Landfill Disposals Tax Communities Scheme is a new Welsh Government funding programme managed by the Wales Council for Voluntary Action (WCVA). The scheme will support local community and environmental projects in areas affected by the disposal of waste to landfill. Rants of between £5,000 and £49,999 will be available for projects that meet scheme criteria. The fund size is £1.4 million per annum.

The WCVA may award a grant to one Nationally Significant project per year - with a value of between £50,000 and £250,000.

For further information:

Website: https://www.wcva.org.uk/funding/landfill-disposals-tax-communities-scheme
The Community Foundation in Wales

Grants of £500 to £1,000 are available for small, volunteer-driven community groups whose projects aim to deliver one of the five following outcomes:

- Improving people's chances in life;
- Building stronger communities;
- Improving rural and urban environments;
- Encouraging healthier and more active people and communities; and
- Preserving heritage and culture.

For further information:

Website: http://www.cfiw.org.uk/eng/grants/33-fund-for-wales

Garfield Weston Foundation

The Garfield Weston Foundation is a grant-giving charity for UK registered charities. The Foundation will also consider applications from a limited number of exempt organisations including:

- Churches;
- Educational establishments; and
- Hospitals and housing corporations.

There are no formal deadlines for submitting applications and organisations should allow approximately four months for a final outcome, though acknowledgement letters are sent within four weeks. Details of how to apply are available on the Foundations' website.

For further information:

Guidelines for Applicants
Telephone: 02073 996565
E-mail: Contact Form
Website: www.garfieldweston.org

Naturesave Trust

The Trust supports environmental and conservationist groups in the UK. Grants are available to fund projects that deal with specific environmental and/or conservationist issues, and that encourage the greater commercial adoption of sustainable development.

For further information:

Telephone: 01803 864390
E-mail: mail@naturesave.co.uk
Website: www.naturesave.co.uk
Twitter: @NatureSaveTrust

Rufford Small Grants Foundation

The Foundation provides financial assistance to small groups and individuals in nature conservation projects.

For further information:

E-mail: Online forms
Website: www.rufford.org
Twitter: @ruffordgrants

Waterloo Foundation

The Waterloo Foundation is an independent grant-making foundation, with an interest in projects that help globally, with particular focus on the disparity of opportunities, wealth and the unsustainable use of the world's natural resources. Through its Environment Fund, grant support is available for projects working to halt declining fish stocks and support for projects protecting tropical rain forest, principally through avoided deforestation.

For further information:

Telephone: 02920 838980
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E-mail: info@waterloofoundation.org.uk
Website: www.waterloofoundation.org.uk
Twitter: @Waterloo_TWF

Sainsbury Family Charitable Trusts
The Sainsbury’s Charitable Trusts provide financial support to a variety of interests including environmental projects.

A list of the trusts can be found on their website.

For further information:
Telephone: 020 7410 0330
Website: www.sfct.org.uk

Veolia Environment Trust
The trust provides support for environmental and community projects in the UK that are within five miles of a qualifying facility operated by Veolia Environmental Services (UK) Plc.

Projects must restore derelict land, prevent pollution, provide public amenities or encourage biodiversity.

For further information:
Telephone: 01902 794 677
E-mail: info@veoliatrust.org
Website: www.veoliatrust.org
Twitter: @veoliaenvtrust

Stanley Smith (UK) Horticultural Trust
The trust provides financial assistance for projects in support of horticultural research, the creation, preservation and maintenance of public gardens, publication of books on horticulture, study visits, plant collecting expeditions and training schemes for gardeners.

There are two types of grants available: small grants of up to £1,000 and larger grants from £1,000 to £10,000. The trust also provides support for several horticultural traineeships each year.

For further information:
Telephone: 01312 482954
E-mail: d.rae@rbge.org.uk
Website: www.grantsforhorticulturists.org.uk

Brecon Beacons Trust
The Brecon Beacons Trust is a charitable organisation established to help people, communities and voluntary organisations achieve positive environmental conservation and enhancement within the Brecon Beacons National Park.

The Trust will support projects relating to a number of areas, including:

- Biodiversity;
- On-site environmental education;
- Recycling;
- Pre-Project Studies; and
- Habitat creation and management.

For further information:
Telephone: 01873 832490
E-mail: alan@breconbeaconstrust.org
Website: www.breconbeaconstrust.org
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The Jephcott Charitable Trust

The Trust awards grants to registered charities and constituted organisations in the United Kingdom.

Grants are available to help organisations get up and running, or make a significant step forward for projects that will make a difference under one of the Trust’s four main priorities:

- Population Control;
- The Natural Environment;
- Education; or
- Health.

For further information:
Website: www.jephcottcharitabletrust.org.uk

Sea Changers

Sea-Changers gives grants to a range of UK-based, marine conservation charities and not-for-profit organisations. We are particularly interested in grassroots projects which galvanise community action and projects which increase the number of people taking action for marine conservation.

The projects funded should achieve one or more of the following objectives:

- To address the root causes of marine conservation threats and challenges in the UK.
- To prevent or reduce negative impacts on UK coastal and marine environments and/or species.
- To add to the body of knowledge about marine conservation threats and challenges in the UK.

For further information:
Website: https://www.sea-changers.org.uk/grants

The Ashden Awards

UK based social enterprises and other not-for-profit organisations that are delivering sustainable energy or energy efficiency at a local level can apply for a chance to win a Gold Award of £20,000 or three prize funds of £10,000 each.

For further information:
Website: www.ashden.org/awards/ashden-awards
Lottery Funding

The Welsh branch of the National Lottery Community Fund (formerly the Big Lottery Fund) delivers funding to a range of different projects which meet the priorities set out in policies laid down by the Welsh Government.

The National Lottery Community Fund website has a Funding Finder which has been set up to enable individuals and community groups to locate funding for a variety of different projects.

Their website also has a constituent support page which aims to help elected public representatives provide their constituents with information on funding schemes available in their locality.

For further information:

Telephone: 0300 123 073
E-mail: wales@tnlcommunityfund.org.uk
Website: www.tnlcommunityfund.org.uk/wales
Twitter: @BigLotteryFund

Local Authority Support

Set out below are the contact details for the 22 local authorities in Wales. Support may vary between each local authority so individuals should contact their relevant local authorities to find out what funding is available in their locality.

- **Blaenau Gwent Council**
  Telephone: 01495 311556
  Email: info@blaenau-gwent.gov.uk

- **Bridgend Council**
  Telephone: 01656 643643
  Email: talktous@bridgend.gov.uk

- **Caerphilly County Borough Council**
  Telephone: 01443 815588
  Email: info@caerphilly.gov.uk

- **Cardiff Council**
  Telephone: 02920 872088 (Welsh)
  02920872087 (English)
  Email: c2c@cardiff.gov.uk
  Enquiry form

- **Carmarthenshire County Council**
  Telephone: 01267 234567
  Email: direct@carmarthenshire.gov.uk

- **Ceredigion County Council**
  Telephone: 01545 570881
  Email: reception@ceredigion.gov.uk
  Enquiry form

- **Conwy Borough Council**
  Telephone: 01492 574000
  Email: Information@conwy.gov.uk

- **Denbighshire County Council**
  Telephone: 01824 706101
  Email: customerservice@denbighshire.gov.uk
  Enquiry form
- Flintshire County Council  
  Telephone: 01352 752121  
  Email: customerservices@flintshire.gov.uk

- Gwynedd Council  
  Telephone: 01766 771000  
  Enquiry Form

- Isle of Anglesey County Council  
  Telephone: 01248 750057  
  Email: Contacts Page

- Merthyr Tydfil County Borough Council  
  Telephone: 01685 725000  
  Email: customer.care@merthyr.gov.uk

- Monmouthshire County Council  
  Telephone: 01633 644644  
  Email: contact@monmouthshire.gov.uk

- Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council  
  Telephone: 01639 686868  
  Email: contactus@npt.gov.uk

- Newport City Council  
  Telephone: 01633 656656  
  Email: info@newport.gov.uk  
  Enquiry Form

- Pembrokeshire County Council  
  Telephone: 01437 764551  
  Email: enquiries@pembrokeshire.gov.uk

- Powys County Council  
  Telephone: 01597 826000  
  Email: customer@powys.gov.uk

- Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council  
  Telephone: 01443 425005  
  Email: customerservices@rctcbc.gov.uk

- City and County of Swansea  
  Telephone: 01792 636000  
  Email: Contacts Page

- The Vale of Glamorgan Council  
  Telephone: 01446 700 111  
  Email: cvr@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk  
  Enquiry Form

- Torfaen County Borough Council  
  Telephone: 01495 762200  
  Email: calltorfaen@torfaen.gov.uk

- Wrexham County Borough Council  
  Telephone: 01978 292000  
  Email: contact-us@wrexham.gov.uk  
  Enquiry form
County Voluntary Council

The relevant County Voluntary Council will be able to advise on individual sources of financial assistance for that particular locality.

Most County Voluntary Council websites provide funding factsheets, and these will be accessible from their website.

- **Cwent Association of Voluntary Organisations**
  - Telephone: 01633 244550
  - Email: Sandra.davies@gavowales.org.uk
  - Website: www.gavowales.org.uk

- **Bridgend Association of Voluntary Organisations**
  - Telephone: 01656 810400
  - Email: bavo@bavo.org.uk
  - Website: www.bavo.org.uk

- **Cardiff Third Sector Council**
  - Telephone: 029 2048 5722
  - Email: enquiries@c3scv.org.uk
  - Website: www.c3sc.org.uk

- **Carmarthenshire Association of Voluntary Services**
  - Telephone: 01267 245555
  - Email: admin@cavs.org.uk
  - Website: www.cavs.org.uk

- **Ceredigion Association of Voluntary Organisations**
  - Telephone: 01570 423232
  - Email: gen@cavo.org.uk
  - Website: www.cavo.org.uk

- **Conwy Voluntary Services Council**
  - Telephone: 01492 534091
  - Email: mail@cvsc.org.uk
  - Website: www.cvsc.org.uk

- **Denbighshire Voluntary Services Council**
  - Telephone: 01824 702441
  - Email: office@dvsc.co.uk
  - Website: www.dvsc.co.uk

- **Flintshire Local Voluntary Council**
  - Telephone: 01352 744000
  - Email: info@flvc.org.uk
  - Website: www.flvc.org.uk
  - Enquiry form

- **Gwynedd**
  - Telephone: 01286 672626
  - Email: ymholiadau@mantellgwynedd.com
  - Website: www.mantellgwynedd.com

- **Isle of Anglesey - Medrwn Môn**
  - Telephone: 01248 724944
  - Email: post@medrwnmon.org
  - Website: www.medrwnmon.org
  - Enquiry form

- **Voluntary Action Merthyr Tydfil**
  - Telephone: 01685 353900
  - Email: enquiries@vamt.net
  - Website: www.vamt.net
  - Enquiry form

- **Neath Port Talbot Council for Voluntary Service**
  - Telephone: 01639 631246
  - Email: info@nptcvs.org.uk
  - Website: www.nptcvs.co.uk

- **Pembrokeshire Association of Voluntary Services**
  - Telephone: 01437 769422
  - Email: enquiries@pavs.org.uk
  - Website: www.pavs.org.uk

- **Powys Association of Voluntary Organisations**
  - Telephone: 01597 828675
  - Email: Enquiry form
  - Website: www.pavo.org.uk

- **Rhondda Cynon Taff - Interlink**
  - Telephone: 01443 846200
  - Email: info@interlinkrct.org.uk
  - Website: www.interlinkrct.org.uk
- **Swansea Council for Voluntary Service**
  - **Telephone:** 01792 544000
  - **Email:** scvs@scvs.org.uk
  - **Website:** www.scvs.org.uk

- **Torfaen Voluntary Alliance**
  - **Telephone:** 01495 745156
  - **Email:** info@tvawales.org.uk
  - **Website:** www.tvawales.org.uk

- **Vale Centre for Voluntary Services**
  - **Telephone:** 01446 741706
  - **Email:** vcvs@valecvs.org.uk
  - **Website:** www.valecvs.org.uk

- **Association of Voluntary Organisations in Wrexham**
  - **Telephone:** 01978 312556
  - **Email:** info@avow.org
  - **Website:** www.avow.org