

Funding Update

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Latest Funding News...

Consultation on Environment White Paper

Wales needs new legislation to ensure its natural resources are managed in a sustainable and joined up way according to Minister for Natural Resources and Food, Alun Davies. The Minister was speaking about his newly published Environment Bill White Paper and said that the draft legislation would be key in delivering long term prosperity for Welsh communities and ensuring sustainable economic growth. The proposals have been designed to strip away unnecessary complexity in current environment legislation, simplify processes and plans and deliver a more joined up approach to natural resource management. The Environment Bill White Paper consultation will run until 15 January 2014. For further information and details of how to respond please go to: <http://digbig.com/5bjdnp>

New survey shows Welsh Woodlands are seen as a community resource

Nearly 65% of people in Wales visit Welsh woodlands regularly and 94% believe they provide a definite benefit to the local community. This is according to this year's Public Opinion of Forestry Survey, which has been carried out every two years since 2003 to track people's opinions on Welsh woodlands and to assist managers in deciding where improvements can be made. For further information go to: <http://digbig.com/5bjdnc>

Asda Foundation supports Bridgend Community Centre

The Westward Community Centre in Bridgend have recently benefitted from £12,000 funding from the Asda Foundation to start a garden area, a garden club and engage young people in 'grow your own sessions'.

New Broadband Support Scheme launched in Wales

The new Access Broadband Cymru scheme will offer funding towards the delivery of faster broadband connections for businesses, residents and communities across Wales. Launched on 1 October 2013, the scheme is targeted specifically at premises that currently receive slow broadband.

Connected to nature?

For the first time ever, a study to determine how connected UK children are to nature has been carried out, and highlights that children in Wales score significantly lower than the rest of the UK. A three-year research project, undertaken by the RSPB, found that only 13% of children (1 in 8 children) in Wales have a 'realistic and achievable' level of

connection to nature, compared with 21% across the rest of the UK. For further information go to: <http://digbig.com/5bjdmt> Source: RSPB

New opportunities for outdoor arts in Wales

Interested in creating innovative and high quality outdoor arts in Wales? Join Articulture on their Great Outdoors Expedition, a series of new and exciting opportunities mapped out across Wales and beyond in the next year, open to all Wales based arts practitioners, funders, development officers, festivals and venues. Kick starting this autumn 2013 the Expedition includes bursaries, networking events, mini encounters and the chance to create new small-scale commissions with high profile arts events. For further information go to: <http://digbig.com/5bjdpb>

Guide to this Update

This Update is designed to provide you with a quick and easy source of reference to funding sources that support projects to sustain natural beauty, wildlife and the opportunity for outdoor enjoyment in Wales. Below is a key to the different priorities for funding that we look out for in our research. We hope that this provides you with an easily accessible 'at a glance' guide to what might available for your particular project.

■ CS – The Countryside	■ AE – Access to the Environment
■ CV – Conservation	■ LS – Landscape
■ CE – Coastal Environment	■ WE – Wider Environment
■ SD – Sustainable Development	■ GH – Geological Heritage

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enquiries@naturalresourceswales.gov.uk

What's New?

Rethinking Parks ■ WE

The Rethinking Parks programme, which is being run jointly by Nesta, the Heritage Lottery Fund and Big Lottery Fund, has recently opened for applications. Charities and voluntary organisations are being invited to apply for a share of £1m of funding intended to support innovative ideas for making public parks financially sustainable. The programme is designed to work in two stages with the first stage comprising a series of workshops & training events at which details will be given on the submission of an expression of

interest. The Wales workshop will be held in **Cardiff on 28th January**. Shortlisted organisations will then be invited to attend a 'practical innovation' workshop in March 2014. For further details please go to: <http://digbig.com/5bjdns>

Listed Places of Worship Grant Scheme ■ WE

The Listed Places of Worship Grant Scheme makes grants towards the VAT incurred in making repairs and carrying out alterations to listed buildings mainly used for public worship. The Government recently announced changes to the scope and operation of the scheme, extending its remit to cover additional items of expenditure. For further details please go to: <http://digbig.com/5bjdnf>

The Woodroffe Benton Foundation ■ WE

The Woodroffe Benton Foundation is an independent grant making Foundation for the benefit of UK Registered Charities. Small grants of £250 – £2,000 are available under four categories one of which is 'Environment & Conservation'. For further information please go to: <http://digbig.com/5bjdnn>

The Stuart Halbert Foundation ■ WE

The Stuart Halbert Foundation is a new trust fund that will consider applications for support under four broad categories, one of which is 'Animal Welfare'. The fund is maintained by private individuals and business that believe help at the appropriate time and place can make a major difference to society. The Trustees of the Stuart Halbert Foundation meet regularly to assess all requests for support. For further details please go to: <http://digbig.com/5bjdnm>

Charities, Trust funds and Foundations

American Express Philanthropic Programme ■ WE

As part of American Express' Corporate Social Responsibility the business has established a philanthropic programme that disburses grants to organisations worldwide. One of the three core aims of the program is to support visionary non-profit organisations that are 'preserving and sustaining unique historic places for the future'. There are no current projects being supported in the UK. For further details please go to: <http://digbig.com/5bhwrq>

Arcadia ■ CV ■ SD

Arcadia's key mission is to protect endangered culture and nature. This includes near extinct languages, rare historical archives and museum quality artefacts, and the protection of ecosystems and environments threatened with extinction. *Note!* The Arcadia Board does not consider uninvited applications. For further details please visit: <http://digbig.com/5bhcak>

Arthur Rank Centre ■ SD

The Arthur Rank Centre is committed to supporting the rural community, and has set up the 'Computers for Rural People' scheme to provide computers at very low cost to encourage people to take the first step. For further details please visit: <http://digbig.com/5bfdng>

The Asda Foundation ■ WE

The Asda Foundation was set up in 1988 to support local good causes chosen by their staff, and is funded by profits from the mid-week national lottery. There are no specific priorities and each application is considered on its own merits. For further details please visit: <http://digbig.com/5bbrys>

The Ashden Awards ■ CS ■ AE ■ CV ■ WE ■ SD

The Ashden Awards reward organisations that deliver renewable energy and energy efficiency at the local level, and through this bring social, economic and environmental benefits. For further details please visit: <http://digbig.com/5bgdtr>

B&Q Waste Donation Scheme ■ WE ■ SD

Community groups, schools and charities may seek assistance from their local B&Q store through the B&Q waste donation scheme. For further details please visit: <http://digbig.com/5bgdtt>

The Baring Foundation ■ SD

The Baring Foundation is a prolific grant-making trust that has specific programmes concerned with; the arts, international development and strengthening the voluntary sector. The Foundation also has periodic 'special initiatives' one of which is concerned with climate change. For further details please visit: <http://digbig.com/5bamyt>

The Bernard Sunley Charitable Foundation ■ WE

The Foundation provides grants to registered charities only with most grants being for less than £10,000. The majority of grants are directed at assisting community projects, the disadvantaged and where there is a focus on environmental issues. Application is in writing to the Director only Applications are considered regularly. Contact details: The Bernard Sunley Charitable Foundation, 20 Berkeley Square, London, W13 6LH Tel: 020 7408 2198 Email: office@sunleyfoundation.com

The Brecon Beacons Trust ■ CS ■ CV ■ WE

The Brecon Beacons Trust is a charitable company established to help people, communities and voluntary organisations achieve positive environmental conservation and enhancement **within the Brecon Beacons National Park**. For further details please visit: <http://digbig.com/5bacqk>

The Bromley Trust ■ CV ■ SD

The Bromley Trust supports charities in the UK that promote sustainability and help develop responsible knowledge and use of the world's resources and projects that deal with climate change. For further details please visit: <http://digbig.com/5bhtqw>

British Ecological Society (BES) ■ AE

The British Ecological Society offers a wide range of grants to fund both ecological education and ecological projects. For further details please visit: <http://digbig.com/4xngj>

Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation ■ WE

The UK branch of the Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation supports a small number of truly exceptional ideas and / or projects that contribute to meeting their identified objectives, one of which is concerned with the environment – the marine environment in particular. Grants are designed to support research and development activity and generally range between £10- 30,000. For further details please visit: <http://digbig.com/5benkk>

Canoeing Foundation ■ WE

The Canoeing Foundation is working to have a positive impact in five key areas: Young People, Equality, Facilities, International work and Heritage. Applications are invited that support groups, provide equipment which can be used by a range of individuals. The usual grant is up to £1,000. For further details please visit: <http://digbig.com/5bhnnq>

The Centre for Social Action Innovation Fund ■ SD

The Centre for Social Action Innovation Fund is a £14 million Fund to support the growth of innovations that mobilise people's energy and talents to help each other, working alongside public services. The fund is looking for innovative ventures and programmes that use social action to achieve impact in four fields: Helping people to age well, enabling people with long-term health conditions to have a better quality of life, supporting and encouraging young people to succeed and find employment and, using new approaches to "impact volunteering" to mobilise volunteers to increase and enhance the outcomes achieved by public services. The Innovation Fund can provide financial support from £50,000 to £500,000 to individual ventures or programmes, usually be in the form of grants. The deadline for expressions of interest has just passed. For further details please visit <http://digbig.com/5bhnrx>

Charles Hayward Foundation ■ WE

The Charles Hayward Foundation makes grants to registered charities only. Grant sizes are typically from £10,000 to £25,000. Emphasis is placed on funding projects that are developmental or innovative. One of the Foundation's areas of interest is the purchase of land (or reclamation of recently purchased land) to be used for nature reserves or inner-city gardens, parks etc. Another area of interest is industrial heritage. For further details please go to: <http://digbig.com/5bfdna>

The Chestnut Fund ■ CV

The Chestnut Fund is an independent charity, making grants available to encourage and enable community groups to carry out conservation activities. The grants are administered by The Conservation Volunteers (TCV). The grants fall into two categories: Start-up grants of up to £150 and Support Grants of up to up to £350. For further details please visit: <http://digbig.com/5bjdmr>

The Clothworkers' Foundation ■ WE

The Clothworkers' Foundation was set up by The Clothworkers' Company in 1977. It is the independent charitable arm for the Company's charitable work. Since its establishment, the Trust has made grants totalling £82m. The Foundation aims to improve the lives of people and communities, particularly those that face disadvantage. It seeks to achieve this by funding a range of capital projects which meet its grant eligibility criteria. For further details please go to: <http://digbig.com/5bfwts>

Coalfields Regeneration Trust ■ SD ■ WE

The Coalfields Regeneration Trust (CRT) was established to improve the quality of life in Britain's coalfield communities. The aim of the Trust is to make coalfields sustainable, prosperous, viable and cohesive without support. *Note!* Competition for funding in Wales is high. For further details please visit: <http://digbig.com/5bhgjj>

Community Generation Fund ■ SD

The Community Generation Fund is a national fund created to provide a catalyst for the widespread development of community-owned renewable energy infrastructure. The Fund aims to provide access to capital at project stages or scales where funding is needed most but is not readily available. The fund is not a grant or "low / nil cost" scheme. The Fund will consider project sizes from 25kWp capacity upwards, subject to assessment of technical viability, financial viability and social impact. The level of project typically is likely to involve total feasibility / pre-planning costs of £20,000 - £150,000 maximum (depending on technology and scale) and construction costs of £250,000 - £2,000,000 maximum. For further details please go to: <http://digbig.com/5bftsj>

The Co-operative Community Fund ■ WE

The Co-operative Community Fund Community Fund grants, between £100 and £2,000 are awarded to community, voluntary, or self-help groups to run projects that meet the following criteria, address a community issue, provide a good long-term benefit to the community, support co-operative values and principles and ideally be innovative in its approach. <http://digbig.com/5bdnes>

Country Land and Business Association (CLA) ■ CS ■ AE

The CLA Charitable Trust awards grants in the region of £2,500 for projects that seek to promote education about and improve access to the countryside, for disabled and disadvantaged people. For further details please visit: <http://digbig.com/4xngm>

CWM Community and Environmental Fund - Wales

The CWM Community and Environmental Fund make grants available for community and environmental projects located in **Carmarthenshire**. Approximately £200,000 is available each year and all grants will be between £5,000 and £50,000. The next deadline is 12 noon on 7th April 2014. For further details please visit: <http://digbig.com/5bbryj>

D'Oyly Carte Charitable Trust ■ WE

The D'Oyly Carte Charitable Trust disburses grants of £500 - £5,000. Current grant priorities include; preservation of the countryside and its woodlands - with emphasis on the encouragement of voluntary work and active involvement in hands-on activities; protection of species within the United Kingdom and their habitats under threat or in decline. Charities wishing to apply for a grant should write to the Secretary with an outline proposal or telephone if guidance is required. Contact: Mrs Jane Thorne, Secretary, 1 Savoy Hill London WC2R 0BP Tel: 020 7420 2600.

Dulverton Trust ■ CV ■ WE

The Community Foundation in Wales is now administrating grants on behalf of The Dulverton Trust which operates within the following main areas of activity: Youth Opportunities, General Welfare, Conservation and Preservation. Grants of £500 to £5000 will be awarded to small charities and organisations normally with an annual income of under £200,000. The next deadline is **29th November 2013**. For further details please visit: <http://digbig.com/5bdxag>

EDF Energy Green Fund ■ WE

EDF Energy's Green Fund has awarded over £4.6m to 260 community projects across the UK since 2001. Customers on their Green Tariff pay a small premium on their electricity bills. The company then matches their contributions and uses this to help support renewable energy projects across England, Scotland and Wales. The Green Fund awards grants to organisations who apply for funds to help cover the cost of renewable energy technology that can be used to produce green energy from the sun, wind, water, wood and other renewable sources. For further details please go to: <http://digbig.com/5bghye>

Edge Fund ■ WE ■ SD

Edge Fund seeks to support communities, campaign groups and activists struggling for social, economic and environmental justice, especially those who are facing discrimination and injustice or working for systemic change. The fund gives priority to small, unfunded groups. The types of activities that will be supported are: campaigning, research,

awareness raising, promoting equal opportunities and environmental projects. Small grants of up to £5,000 are being made available. For further details please go to: <http://digbig.com/5bhgjt>

The Ernest Cook Trust ■ CS

The Ernest Cook Trust offers a wide-ranging programme of land-based learning for children and young people. Work which encourages or ensures the continuation of rural skills and crafts is of particular interest to the Trustees. Note! All applications are expected to link in with either the National Curriculum or with recognised qualifications. Grants are available for up to £4,000 (small) and over £4,000 (large). For further details please visit: <http://digbig.com/5bhtqx>

The Esmée Fairbairn Foundation ■ CV ■ WE

The Esmée Fairbairn Foundation is a major grant giver. Its main grants programme seeks to fund, among other things, projects with a particular focus on the natural environment. For further details, please visit: <http://digbig.com/4xnqq> The Foundation's *Strands* funding programme seeks to fund specific strands of work. Applications are currently open for the following areas of interest: Food – which aims to promote an understanding of the role of food in enhancing quality of life. Esmée Fairbairn Collections Fund (run by the Museums Association) which focuses on time-limited collections work outside the scope of an organisation's core resources. Finance Fund – aims to complement the Foundation's grant-making with loans and other investments to charities and social enterprises in our areas of interest. For further details please visit: <http://digbig.com/5bbryk>

The February Foundation ■ WE

The February Foundation makes grants to selected charitable causes. A number of areas are funded, including 'charities which protect the environment'. For further details please visit: <http://digbig.com/4ydgq>

Field Studies Council – Kids Fund ■ WE

The Kids Fund is funded by donations aims to bring environmental understanding to disadvantaged young people by attending a course at a Field Studies Council centre and to help disadvantaged young people to attend a course who may otherwise be excluded. Applications are welcome at any time but will be held until the next decision round. The decision rounds close on 1st February, 1st June and 1st October each year. For further details please visit: <http://digbig.com/5bfdnj>

Finnis Scott Foundation ■ WE

The Trustees of the Foundation can make grants for any charitable purpose, but their present policy is to focus grant-making in the areas of horticulture and plant sciences, as well as art and art history. Grants generally range £500 - £10,000. For further details please go to: <http://digbig.com/5bhca>

Ford Britain Trust ■ WE

Ford Britain Trust is committed to supporting the communities near to their car production plants. For Wales this means the area in 'close proximity' to their facility in Bridgend. The Trust pays special attention to projects focusing on education, environment, children, disabled people and youth activities. There are two types of grants available. 'Small' grants up to £250 (four times a year) and 'Large' grants up to £3,000 (twice a year). For further details go to: <http://digbig.com/5bfmtt>

The Foyle Foundation ■ WE

The Foyle Foundation is an independent grant-making trust that distributes grants to UK charities. Since it became operational in November 2001, The Foundation has disbursed some £49M in grants via its Main Grants Scheme supporting charities whose core work covers Arts and Learning and a Small Grants Scheme covering small charities in all fields. For further details please go to: <http://digbig.com/5bghqh>

Free Tree ■ WE

FreeTree provides local individuals, community groups and schools or other educational establishments with free trees, either broadleaf deciduous or fruit/nut trees to plant in their gardens, community space or woodland. For further details please visit: <http://digbig.com/5benmw>

Gannett Foundation ■ WE

The Gannett Foundation provides funding to support local organisations in the area where Newsquest operates in the UK. The Foundation supports projects which take a creative approach to fundamental issues such as; education and neighbourhood improvements, economic development, youth development, local problem solving, assistance to disadvantaged or disabled people, *environmental conservation* and cultural enrichment. Typically grants are made of between £5,000 and £10,000. For further details please go to: <http://digbig.com/5besqn>

The GD Charitable Trust ■ WE

The GD Charitable Trust prioritises its grant making in a number of charitable areas including the preservation of the environment. It is not a large fund and past grants have ranged significantly in scale. Note! There is no website. Further details are available from G D Charitable Trust, 50 Broadway, Westminster, London SW1H 0BL. Tel 020 7227 7000.

The Garfield Weston Foundation ■ WE

The Garfield Weston Foundation is large UK based general grant-giving charity, making awards mainly to registered charities. Recent rounds of funding have helped projects in the following categories: Arts, Community, Education, Welfare, Medical, Social, Religion, Youth and *Environment*. For further details go to: <http://digbig.com/5benkq>

HIPPOWASTE Grants up for Grabs awards ■ WE

The 'Grants up for Grabs' scheme awards free waste disposal help to applications from charities, community groups and organisations from across the UK that inspire respect for the environment or have a positive effect on the community. For further details please visit: <http://digbig.com/5benms>

The Idlewild Trust ■ CV

The Idlewild Trust is a grant making trust supporting registered charities concerned with the encouragement of excellence in the performing and fine arts and the preservation for the benefit of the public of buildings and items of historical interest or national importance. Occasional support is given for *conservation of the natural environment*. Grants are in the region of £1,000 to £2,000. For further details please visit: <http://digbig.com/4ydmd>

Inland Waterways Association ■ WE

Inland Waterways Association (IWA) makes grants from its Restoration Grants Fund to organisations promoting the restoration of navigable or formerly navigable inland waterways in England and Wales. Grants of up to £5,000 are usually the norm, although grants of up to £15,000 are available and even larger grants may be made by the IWA in exceptional cases. For further details please go to: <http://digbig.com/5bfdnc>

Jerwood Charitable Foundation ■ WE

The Jerwood Charitable Foundation (JCF) is dedicated to imaginative and responsible funding of the arts. The Trust invests around £1.5M each year in the development of talented and dedicated individuals at transitional stages of their careers, and is delivered primarily through partnerships with outstanding arts organisations throughout the UK. For further details please go to: <http://digbig.com/5bhcb>

The JJ Charitable Trust ■ WE ■ SD

Part of the Sainsbury Family Charitable Trusts the JJ Charitable Trust funds environmental education projects in the UK, particularly those finding practical ways of involving children and young adults; sustainable agriculture and bio-diversity; and sustainable transport, energy efficiency and renewable energy (some grants in this area are made jointly with The Mark Leonard Trust). For further details please visit: <http://digbig.com/5bckye>

The Jephcott Charitable Trust ■ CS ■ CV ■ WE ■ SD

The Jephcott Charitable Trust has funding available for 'the natural environment'. The Trust gives priority to one-off payments to projects that are experiencing difficulty in getting started or obtaining funding elsewhere. Grants are typically £2,000 - £10,000. For further details please visit: <http://digbig.com/4xngf>

The John Ellerman Foundation ■ CV ■ SD ■ WE

The John Ellerman Foundation makes grants in three categories. At present the focus of funding is on UK-based charities working nationally throughout the UK.—For further details please visit: <http://digbig.com/5banat>

Lloyds TSB Foundations ■ WE

The Lloyds TSB Foundation funds local, regional and national charities working to tackle disadvantage across England and Wales. The focus is on supporting small and medium underfunded charities that can make a significant difference to the lives of disadvantaged people by helping them to play a fuller role in the community. For further details please visit: <http://digbig.com/5bafef>

Lord Barnby's Foundation ■ WE

The Foundation makes grants for charitable organisations and religious establishments, primarily for environment, conservation and heritage projects. Grants are generally between £1000 and £5000. The application process is ongoing and potential applicants can apply any time. Application should be made in writing and include a brief description of the organisation and project and a copy of the organisation's most recent accounts to PO Box 71, Plymouth, Plymouth, Devon PL8 2YP.

Lush Charity Pot ■ CV ■ WE ■ SD

The Lush Charity Pot is funded by the ethical cosmetics manufacturer Lush. 100% of the purchase price of a specially created product (less taxes!) goes towards supporting humanitarian, environmental and animal rights causes in the UK and around the world. Since its launch in 2007, Charity Pot has donated close to two million pounds. The majority of funding is allocated to small, grassroots groups that are often best placed to make a real difference with limited resources and often struggle to find funding. Support ranges from a few hundred pounds to a maximum of £10,000 per project. The average grant is around £4,000. For further details please go to: <http://digbig.com/5bhqjw>

The Mark Leonard Trust ■ WE

Part of the Sainsbury Family Charitable Trusts this Trust focuses on grant-making to support environmental education, particularly those projects that find practical ways of involving children and young adults; sustainable agriculture and bio-diversity; sustainable transport, energy efficiency and renewable energy. Some grants in this area are made jointly with the JJ Charitable Trust. For further details please visit: <http://digbig.com/5bdxax>

Marine Stewardship Fund ■ CE

The Marine Stewardship Fund was established to provide support to initiatives and programmes which contribute to the development of best practice, and make a significant contribution to the good management and stewardship of the Crown Marine Estate. There are five key priority areas for our funding: Accessibility, Awareness, Biodiversity,

Environment and Management. *Note!* Projects from community groups must have a clear link to Crown Estate land. For further details please visit: <http://digbig.com/5bhcam>

The Mercers' Charitable Foundation ■ WE

The Charity's principal object is to make grants and donations for the benefit of a wide range of charitable purposes including welfare, education, the arts, heritage and religion. For further details please visit: <http://digbig.com/5bghnt>

Millennium Stadium Charitable Trust ■ CV ■ LS ■ WE

The Millennium Stadium Charitable Trust encourages applications relating to; recycling, developing green spaces, the development and promotion of green practices and the promotion of public transport schemes. The Trust issues funding related to the size of geographical area that an organisation has a remit to cover; local up to £2,500, regional up to £7,500, national up to £12,500. For further details please visit: <http://digbig.com/5bhqjm>

Moto in the Community Trust ■ WE

The Moto in the Community Trust funds a *Community Grant Scheme*, one of the priorities of which is practical conservation projects such as clearing ponds, river banks, overgrown areas, tidying footpaths, creating playgrounds and community gardens. Grants generally in the range of £150 to £1,000. *Note!* Priority is for projects located within 25 miles of Moto sites, in Wales this means the M4 junctions 47 (Swansea) and 33 (Cardiff). For further details please visit: <http://digbig.com/5bhnr>

Mynydd y Betws Wind Farm Community Benefit Fund ■ WE ■ SD

Funding is for projects and initiatives that create vibrant and sustainable communities, drawing in additional external funding and addressing local need. The Community Benefit Fund is for projects delivered in the following geographical wards: Ammanford, Betws, Garnant, Glanamman, Llandybie, Pontamman, Penygroes, Saron, Tycroes, Quarterbach. The total amount of money available is an initial £665,000 plus £86,500 per annum for the next 25 years. The fund is being managed by Carmarthenshire County Council. For further details please go to: <http://digbig.com/5bhnrt>

National Churches Trust ■ WE

The National Churches Trust supports a wide variety of projects through its Grant Programmes. Repair Grants of £10,000 - £40,000 for the most urgent structural repairs of projects costing over £50,000. Partnership Grants of £2,500 - £10,000 for urgent repair projects with estimated costs of less than £50,000. Community Grants of £5,000 - £25,000 towards the cost of installing essential facilities, such as kitchens and toilets, improving access for people with special needs / disabilities. This year's grant programme is now closed – the Trust hopes to open a new round in January 2014. For further details please go to: <http://digbig.com/5bhcb>

The Naturesave Trust ■ WE

The Naturesave Trust seeks to encourage the adoption of sustainable development, especially within Small and Medium Sized enterprises (SMEs). The Trust has funded projects including; renewable energy initiatives, wildlife conservation and management, recycling and sustainable transport schemes. For further details please visit: <http://digbig.com/4ypyc>

The Newport Fund ■ SD

The Newport Fund supports community groups, local charities and social enterprises in Newport, South Wales. The themes supported include education, health and well-being, young people, and community projects. Applications for grants £200 – £2000 are invited once a year. The closing date for this year has just passed. The fund is managed by the Community Foundation in Wales. For further details please go to: <http://digbig.com/5bhcap>

Oak Foundation ■ WE ■ SD

The Oak Foundation is a major international grant giving organisation. Since its establishment, the Foundation has made over 2,700 grants to not-for-profit organisations across the globe, disbursing £97.5M in grants in 2012. The Foundation commits its resources to address issues of global social and environmental concern, particularly those that have a major impact on the lives of the disadvantaged. For further details please go to: <http://digbig.com/5bhtsw>

The Oakdale Trust ■ WE

The Oakdale Trust gives funding preference to Welsh charities involved in social, medical and *conservation* projects. No web site for this one, so phone them 01832 226386 or email oakdale@tanh.demon.co.uk

The Pilgrim Trust ■ WE ■ SD

The Trust's aim is to preserve and promote Britain's historical and intellectual assets and to provide assistance to vulnerable members of society. The Trust has two principal areas of interest: preservation and scholarships; and social welfare. Grants are made via two schemes: the main grant fund (above £5,000) and the small grant fund (£5,000 or less). Applications are accepted at any time during the year and are assessed as part of a rolling programme. For further details please go to: <http://digbig.com/5bhnry>

Patagonia Environmental Grants ■ CS ■ CV ■ CE ■ SD

Patagonia is a privately held American outdoor clothing and gear company that is based in the United States and operates internationally in a number of different countries, including the UK. It offers grants to non-profit grassroots environmental groups in the countries where it works. Patagonia funds only environmental work. It is most interested in making grants to organisations that identify and work on the root causes of problems and that approach issues with a commitment to long-term change. Most grants are in the range of

\$3,000 to \$8,000. There are two funding rounds per year with deadlines at the end of April and August. For further details please go to: <http://digbig.com/5bgpdg>

The Paul Hamlyn Foundation ■ WE

The Paul Hamlyn Foundation (PHF) is one of the larger independent grant-making foundations in the UK. It does not fund countryside or environmental projects as part of its core priorities but may accept applications that can show the wider impact of projects that also have objectives related to its interest in; The Arts, Education & Learning and Social Justice. For further details please visit: <http://digbig.com/5bhtqy>

People's Health Trust – Active Communities Programme ■ SD

The Active Communities Funding Programme aims to close the gap between those communities which experience the worst health and the majority of the population. The programme focuses on people living in the poorest neighbourhoods. Grant support provided is suitable for projects that are: requesting between £5,000 and £25,000; last up to 18 months; are based and operate within one of the of the programme's identified 'local society' areas; and are run by local charities and community groups with an annual income of less than £200,000 a year. The programme operates in a large number of the local society areas, in rotation. For further details please go to: <http://digbig.com/5bhqjp>

People's Postcode Trust ■ WE ■ SD

The People's Postcode Trust is an independent charity which provides grants and seeks to make a real difference for small organisations, bodies and community groups across the country. Funding is available for individual projects ranging from £500 up to £5,000 (in Wales). Grants are made for various purposes, one of which is to promote and advance environmental protection or improvement. Successful projects must demonstrate that they have a clear charitable purpose and are able to show visible results within 6 months of receipt of grant payment. The project itself must last for no longer than 3 months. For further details please visit: <http://digbig.com/5benmn>

People's Trust for Endangered Species ■ WE ■ CV

The People's Trust for Endangered Species welcomes applications from voluntary conservation organisations for financial support for work that relates to the conservation of mammals. Acceptable fields of work for funding include scientific research, practical habitat management work, re-introduction and monitoring programmes and educational projects. Average grants are around £9,000. Applications are considered by an advisory group in December each year. The deadline for the current round of funding has just passed. For further details please go to: <http://digbig.com/5bfdnb>

Peter de Haan Charitable Trust ■ WE

The Trust awards grant funding to organisations which aim to improve the quality of life for people and communities in the UK in the following three areas: Social Welfare; *The*

Environment, and The Arts. The focus of the Environment programme is to support UK projects that combat or mitigate climate change. For further details please go to: <http://digbig.com/5bghnx>

The Plunkett Foundation – Village Core Programme ■ WE

The Plunkett Foundation provides dedicated support to communities looking to set up and run a community-owned rural shop. For further details please visit: <http://digbig.com/5bhcan>

Polden Puckham Charitable Foundation ■ SD ■ WE

The Polden Puckham Charitable Foundation funds organisations in UK that are working to influence policy, attitudes and values at a national or international level including national initiatives in the UK which promote *sustainable living*. The Foundation gives particular consideration to small pioneering headquarters organisations. Grants are usually between £5,000 and £15,000 per year, for up to three years and support organisations for whom this would represent between 5% and 50% of their annual income. For further details please visit: <http://digbig.com/5banax>

The Prince's Countryside Fund ■ CS ■ AE ■ CV ■ LS

The Prince's Countryside Fund support projects that fit one or more of the Fund's three goals; to improve the sustainability of British farming and rural communities, targeting the areas of greatest need; to reconnect consumers with countryside issues; and to support farming and rural crisis charities through a dedicated emergency funding stream. The Fund has committed to support three initial projects. The Fund will reopen in September. For further details please visit: <http://digbig.com/5bcgwi>

The Pfizer UK Foundation ■ SD

The Pfizer UK Foundation was established in 2005 to support healthcare organisations in the UK working at a local level to address health inequalities resulting from social, economic, cultural and demographic factors. Please note that the Foundation is making significant changes to its grants programme. Details about the new-look programme will be available on their website sometime soon. For further details please visit: <http://digbig.com/5bgdwk>

RBS Community Business Loan ■ SD

The Royal Bank of Scotland is investing £5 million in the RBSG Micro-finance Fund, an independent charity, which is supported by RBS. As a result of this support, the Charity has launched a £5 million Community Business Loan. The RBSG Micro-finance Fund is set up to help potential and existing social entrepreneurs who are unable to access finance through the normal mainstream channels. The fund offers financial support for the purpose of starting or expanding a community-based business. Eligible businesses can apply for loans of between £30,000 and £500,000. Charities, social enterprises, co-operatives and

Community interest companies operating in the UK may apply. To be eligible for funding, the organisation must have clear social or environmental objectives and reinvest profits for a social purpose. Applications may be submitted at any time. For further information about the fund please go to: <http://digbig.com/5bhtra>

Resolven, Clyne and Melincourt Community Project Fund ■ WE ■ SD

The Project Fund is a community benefit scheme administered by The Community Foundation in Wales and funded by Ffynnon Oer Windfarm Ltd for the benefit of residents of Resolven, Clyne and Melincourt, in the Vale of Neath. Grants of up to £5000 are available to support local community and voluntary groups engaged in environmental, educational, and other community projects. The closing date for applications has just passed. For further details please visit: <http://digbig.com/5bdxah>

RWE Npower Renewables Community Benefit Funds ■ WE.

Three community benefit programmes for the benefit of residents from the geographic areas surrounding Taff-Ely windfarm, Carno windfarm and Llyn Alaw windfarm, all operated by RWE npower renewables. Grants of up to £1500 are available to support local community and voluntary groups engaged in environmental, educational, and community projects. **Please note!** The deadline for applications has just passed, details of future funding rounds will be posted on the Community Foundation in Wales website. For further details please go to: <http://digbig.com/5bfkmh>

The Salters' Charitable Foundation ■ WE

Following a recent review of strategic priorities the Foundation's grant-making has become focused on two main priority themes, neither of which are unfortunately relevant to the themes for inclusion in this Update. For further details please go to: <http://digbig.com/5bhwsr>

The Santander Foundation ■ WE

The Santander Foundation has two grants programmes to help disadvantaged people in the UK: Community Plus provides grants of up to £5,000. The scheme is open to small local UK charities or local projects of national charities with funding available to cover salaries, equipment or materials. The Central Fund offers grants of up to £10,000. The scheme is open to charities and Credit Unions anywhere in the UK for project related to education, training or financial capability. For further details please visit: <http://digbig.com/5benks>

Tesco Charity Trust Community Awards ■ WE

The Tesco Charity Trust Community Awards Scheme provides one-off donations of between £500 and £4,000 to local projects that support children and their education and welfare, elderly people and adults and children with disabilities. Larger Grant Applications range between £4,000 and £25,000 and are to support local, national or international

projects in areas where they operate. For further details of deadlines and application processes please visit: <http://digbig.com/5bhcar>

The Tree Council ■ CS ■ CV ■ LS

The Tree Council's Tree Futures Project offers help for tree planting. Any school or community group within the UK that is planning a project that actively involves children under 16 is encouraged to draw on the fund to plant trees and make a greener future. The Council is able to fund projects between £100 and £700 and successful applicants will receive up to 75% towards their planting costs. For further details please visit: <http://digbig.com/5bckyf>

Trusthouse Charitable Trust ■ SD ■ WE

The Trusthouse Charitable Trust has priorities which relate to; Community Support, Arts & Education, Disability & Healthcare. Small grants: up to £10,000 (capital and revenue), £10,000 to £30,000 (capital only). For further details please visit: <http://digbig.com/4xddy>

The Wakeham Trust ■ CS ■ AE ■ CV ■ LS ■ CE ■ WE ■ SD ■ GH

The Wakeham Trust provide grants of up to £750 for community projects. They do not favour any particular activity, but instead prefer to fund small projects which are unable to obtain funds elsewhere. Applicants must be a registered charity, or work with a charity which is able to accept funds on the behalf of the applicant. For further details please visit: <http://digbig.com/4xnqc>

Waterloo Foundation ■ LS ■ WE

The Waterloo Foundation (TWF) is an independent grant-making Foundation created in 2007, and based in Cardiff. The Foundation is most interested in projects that help globally, particularly in the areas of the disparity of opportunities and wealth and the unsustainable use of the world's natural resources. In Wales the Foundation supports projects with three funds entitled - Caring Wales, Working Wales and Community Energy in Wales. The focus of the Community Energy in Wales Fund is to provide small amounts of funding for early-stages, feasibility studies, technical assistance etc. for renewable energy projects benefiting communities in Wales. The average grant available under this programme is £5-10k. For further details please visit: <http://digbig.com/5bgdwf>

Waitrose Community Matters ■ SD ■ WE

This scheme gives each branch £1,000 (or £500 in our convenience shops) to share out between three local good causes each month – such as welfare organisations, community groups, schools or local divisions of national charities. Customers vote for their preferred cause using a green token each time they shop and the money each cause is given is directly proportional to the tokens they receive. Under the scheme, customers nominate organisations, with the final decision made by PartnerVoice forums (Waitrose's local democratic bodies). For further details please visit: <http://digbig.com/5bjdmw>

Wilkinsons – Helping Hands ■ WE

Helping Hands is a new community initiative from the high street trader Wilkinsons, where each local store has been given a budget to distribute to projects and schemes within the store's local community. Application forms are available from your local store. For further details please go to: <http://digbig.com/5bfkmm>

The Will Charitable Trust

The Will Charitable Trust supports 'Care of the countryside including its flora and fauna'. Around 8 charities are supported each year with grants varying from around £5,000 to £20,000. Charities which exist primarily for conservation purposes are most likely to succeed. For further details please visit: <http://digbig.com/5baref>

The Woodward Trust ■ WE

The Woodward Trust favours small-scale, locally based initiatives. Funding is primarily for one-off projects, but the Trustees are willing to consider funding for core costs. Funding priorities are not environment-related, but environmental projects with a strong education element may be considered. Grants £100 to £10,000. For further details please visit: <http://digbig.com/4yshj>

Central Government and European Funding

Aggregates Levy Sustainability Fund for Wales ■ CS ■ CV ■ LS ■ WE ■ SD ■ GH

The Aggregates Levy Sustainability Fund has the aim of addressing the environmental costs associated with aggregate extraction. In Wales the fund is used to address the following issues: the legacy of old minerals permissions; promoting the use of alternative materials to aggregates; reducing the impact of aggregate extraction; environmental and amenity benefits to communities affected by aggregates extraction; conserving sites of special interest; and educational projects. For further details please contact Welsh Government, Planning Policy Branch, Cathays Park, Cardiff CF10 3NQ Tel: 029 2082 3261 or 029 2080 1492 Planning.Division@wales.gsi.gov.uk

Arts Council Wales ■ SD ■ WE

ACW has Small Grants from £250 – £5,000 available. This level of grant is to support organisations planning and running small scale projects, pilot projects or projects that have significant levels of funding from other sources. All applications must be for work that reflects ACW's funding priorities. First time applicants will be expected to apply at this level to demonstrate their ability to manage public funds effectively. An organisation may only have one of these grants per year, measured from the date the project starts. For further details please visit: <http://digbig.com/5bgdtx>

Biffa Award ■ CS ■ AE ■ CV ■ LS ■ CE ■ WE ■ SD ■ GH

Biffa Award is a multi-million pound fund that helps to build communities and transform lives through awarding grants to community and environmental projects across the UK.

The fund's money comes from landfill tax credits donated by Biffa Waste Services. Biffa Award is managed by the Royal Society of Wildlife Trusts (RSWT) on Biffa's behalf. The Biffa Award grants programme comprises:

- **Small Grants** - £250 - £5,000. For projects that enable communities to improve local amenities and to conserve wildlife.
- **Main Grants** - £5,000 - £50,000. For projects that work towards one of the four following themes: Cultural Facilities, Rebuilding Biodiversity, Community Buildings and Recreation
- **Flagship Grants** - £150,000 - £500,000. For regionally significant projects which improve biodiversity or cultural facilities.

For further details of how to apply & deadlines please visit: <http://digbig.com/5bfwwq>

Bring Your Village Alive and Sense of Roots ■ WE

All available grants under the two schemes have now been allocated. For further details please go to: <http://digbig.com/5bhgjq>

Access Broadband Cymru ■ SD

The Access Broadband Cymru scheme provides support for alternative broadband solutions through targeted grant support for premises across Wales that may not be served by the Superfast Cymru programme or where its roll-out has not yet commenced. The scheme offers a Welsh Government funded grant up to a maximum of £1,000 per premise in Wales from 1st October 2013. The scheme is open to individuals, businesses, third sector organisations and communities in Wales suffering from slow broadband connections and whose premise can only receive a broadband connection with a consistent download speed of less than 2 mega-bits per second. For further details please go to: <http://digbig.com/5bjdmx>

Business in the Community – Pembrokeshire ProHelp ■ WE ■ SD

Pembrokeshire ProHelp provides professional services, advice and support to the voluntary sector free of charge by utilising the expertise of local business. The scheme is offered to all community groups and social enterprises across **Pembrokeshire**. Pembrokeshire ProHelp is funded through the Rural Development Plan for Wales 2007-2013 which is funded by the Welsh Government and the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development. For further details please visit: <http://digbig.com/5bfkxk>

The CEMEX Community Fund ■ WE

The CEMEX Community Fund is a dedicated grant resource for enabling and assisting communities local to CEMEX quarry and landfill sites to carry out projects which improve or enhance local community facilities and places of interest. The fund is able to support a small number of projects with grants ranging from £1,000 to £15,000 for projects which:

Provide and maintain public parks and amenities when the work protects the social, built and / or natural environment. Repair, or restore buildings or structures which are of religious, historical or architectural interest. The fund operates under the Landfill Communities Fund. For further details please visit: <http://digbig.com/5bdckp>

Cadw Grants ■ WE

Cadw offers grant to owners and others as a contribution towards the costs of repairing and restoring historic assets. Priority is given to projects which will stimulate regeneration opportunities or to assets at risk. Grants are available for the repair and restoration of historic buildings which have particularly important architectural or historic interest and for works to scheduled ancient monuments. There are grants of up to £5000 to match fund local community heritage projects and funding to local authorities to contribute towards area schemes which encourage regeneration through the conservation of historic buildings. Cadw often works in partnership with other funders to ensure the protection of the historic environment of Wales. For further details please visit: <http://digbig.com/5bqdtv>

Community Facilities and Activities Programme 2007-2011 ■ WE

CFAP is a capital grant scheme operated by the Welsh Government. It is open to community and voluntary organisations. It is intended as a fund for organisations to draw upon to fill remaining gaps in finances after all other sources of support have been explored. CFAP can help provide facilities and equipment and help with the carrying out of activities that promote the regeneration of communities. The last deadline was 31st July. The programme is now subject to a consultation period and there is no news regarding the outcome. For further details please visit: <http://digbig.com/5benkx>

Communities First Trust Fund ■ WE

The Communities First Trust Fund (CFTF) is now **closed**. An announcement about the next round is awaited.

Cory Environmental Trust in Britain ■ CS ■ CV ■ WE

Cory Environmental Trust in Britain (CETB) was established in 2003 as an Environmental Body, under the terms of the Landfill Tax Regulations 1996. The focus of the Trust's support in Wales is for community based projects in the **Wrexham** area. CETB now has awarded grants to over 240 projects, with a total value of £9.1 million, funding a broad range of projects, from climbing walls to bumblebee surveys. All applicants are required to identify an independent 3rd party who is willing to contribute the 10% 3rd Party Funding, which must be paid directly to Cory Environmental Management Limited on project completion. For further details please go to: <http://digbig.com/5bhhtc>

Creative Rural Communities ■ WE ■ SD

Creative Rural Communities delivers a number of rural development projects only in the rural **Vale of Glamorgan**, (excluding Barry, Penarth & Llandough) aiming to develop more sustainable communities and businesses. The funding on offer is from the Rural

Development Plan offering farm diversification, village renewal and services scheme with grants up to £40,000. The other scheme on offer is a heritage project which offers a grant of up to £70,000. All grant schemes are required to provide 30% match funding. For further information please contact Creative rural Communities on 01446 704754 or e mail create@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk. For further details please go to: <http://digbig.com/5bhnt>

Enabling Fund: Rural Economy; Rural Tourism and Farming Families ■ SD ■ WE

The main aim of the Fund is to promote and facilitate growth in the level of entrepreneurial activity within **Gwynedd**, both in a commercial and social context, in order to grow strong enterprises which will help diversify the rural economy and maintain vital services in peripheral communities. The fund has three strands concerned with the Rural Economy, Tourism and Farming Families, but due to the popularity of the programme only funding in the Farming Families strand remains available. For further details please go to: <http://digbig.com/5bftse>

Energy Savings Trust - Ynni'r Fro ■ SD

The Welsh Government's Ynni'r Fro Programme uses European Structural Funds to provide support and funding to encourage the development of community scale renewable energy schemes across Wales. A network of locally-based technical development officers is in place across Wales to help groups develop their projects and access the Ynni'r Fro funding streams. Grant funding is available towards feasibility studies and other preparatory costs. Up to £30,000 is available to fund early stage activities without which the projects would not be able to go ahead, such as environmental surveys, planning applications and community engagement activity. A further grant of up to £300,000 is available towards the capital costs of a renewable energy project. For further details please visit: <http://digbig.com/5bfkmd>

Environment Wales Grants ■ CS ■ CV ■ LS ■ WE

Environment Wales (EW) is a Welsh Government initiative which contributes to sustainable development by supporting and encouraging voluntary action for protecting and improving the Welsh environment. It is a unique partnership between the Welsh Government and nine organisations in the voluntary sector. EW has five grant streams, designed to aid projects in each step of their development. EW encourages you to discuss your ideas or project at an early stage with your local Development Officer. For further details please visit: <http://digbig.com/4xnhd>

Environment Wales: Supporting Sustainable Living Grants Scheme ■ WE ■ SD

The Supporting Sustainable Living grants scheme has now closed for applications. Project reports and evaluations can be found [here](#). Please take a moment to have a look through some of the innovative and influential projects that have been funded.

Forest Education Initiative (FEI) – Partnership Fund ■ CS

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. The work of FEI is achieved by local groups, known as 'cluster groups'. The FEI Partnership Fund is specifically to support the work of FEI clusters. The maximum amount that can be applied for in a single application is £5,000. There are three funding rounds a year with closing dates 1st February, 1st June and 1st October. For further details please visit: <http://digbig.com/5bafej>

Glastir Woodland Creation Grant ■ CS ■ AE ■ CV ■ WE ■ LS

A new woodland creation grant is available through Natural Resources Wales replacing the former Better Woodlands for Wales Grant Scheme. The new scheme is available for all landowners across Wales with more than 0.25 hectares of land, on land designated by NRW and conservation bodies in Wales as suitable for new planting and where there is no conflict with other agri-environmental schemes. For further details please visit: <http://digbig.com/5bdnjd>

Glasu – Farm Diversification Scheme ■ CS ■ WE ■ SD

Glasu delivers a number of rural development projects throughout **Powys** and pilots innovative approaches to rural development, to help develop more sustainable communities and businesses in **rural mid Wales**. The Farm Diversification Scheme project is part of the Rural Development Plan from the Welsh Assembly Government, run by Glasu as part of Powys County Council. Grants of up to £20K are available for non-agricultural diversifications, not connected with primary production. Grants can be used towards the costs of developing buildings, groundworks, equipment, computer software, bilingual websites and marketing materials. Existing diversified farm businesses can also apply to expand their venture. **Please note the scheme is now closed for new applications.** For more information please telephone the project officer, Laura Shewring, on 01982 553305, or email farm.diversification@powys.gov.uk For further details please visit: <http://digbig.com/5bgsfy>

Gwirvol ■ WE

The aim of the GwirVol Youth Volunteering Grants scheme is to support the delivery of a wide range of new volunteering opportunities in Wales and overseas that will support the step change in access to volunteering for young people aged 14-25 and especially for disadvantaged young people. Grants are available in three strands, Creating Opportunities up to £10K, Promotions up to £3K and Millennium Volunteers up to £10K. The deadline for applications has just passed, for further details please visit: <http://digbig.com/5bhcat>

Keep Wales Tidy ■ CS ■ CV ■ LS ■ WE

Keep Wales Tidy (KWT) endeavour to make Wales a 'Clean, Safe and Tidy' place for everyone. KWT works in close partnership with local authorities, schools and community groups to encourage participation and input from the public. Keep Wales Tidy runs the Tidy Towns Project, which is able to offer financial assistance through the National Garden Gift Voucher scheme to constituted community groups who demonstrate a commitment to tackling environmental projects which will restore their local area to its former glory. The Keep Wales Tidy voucher scheme is typically up to a maximum of £300 per year, and available to help cover the costs of materials, tools, safety equipment and native plants and shrubs. For further details please visit: <http://digbig.com/5bhgsh>

The Landfill Communities Fund ■ WE

The Landfill Communities Fund (LCF) – formerly the Landfill Tax Credit Scheme is an innovative scheme that enables operators of landfill sites to contribute money to enrolled Environmental Bodies (EBs) to carry out projects that meet environmental objects contained in the Landfill Tax Regulations. The ENTRUST organisation regulates the LCF on behalf of HM Revenue & Customs. Organisations wishing to apply for funding through the scheme need to be registered with ENTRUST go to: <http://digbig.com/5bcbxw>. There are six main areas of work that can be undertaken when utilising LCF monies, these are called the 'objects'. The relevant objects are as follows:

- The remediation or restoration of land which can not now be used because of a ceased activity that used to take place there.
- The reduction, prevention or mitigation of effects of pollution that has resulted, or may result, from an activity which has now ceased.
- The provision, maintenance or improvement of a public park or other general public amenity.
- The conservation of a specific species or a specific habitat where it naturally occurs.
- The repair, maintenance or restoration of a Place of Worship or a Place of Architectural Importance.

Funding can range from £500 - £500,000 and depends entirely on the individual scheme applied for. The most common way to receive funding is to approach a Distributive Environmental Body (DEB). A list of DEBs for each local authority area in Wales is available on the ENTRUST website. For further details please visit: <http://digbig.com/5bcbxx>

Monmouthshire Natural Assets Project ■ CS ■ CV

Fully funded capital grants (up to £2,000 per project) are available to help support the enhancement and restoration of identified Local Wildlife Sites in **Monmouthshire**. Local Wildlife Sites are areas considered to be of particular conservation value because of the habitat or variety of species they support. The grant is available to the owners of such sites for projects that help secure their long term sensitive management and conservation.

Examples of projects include stock-proof fencing, restoring traditional field boundaries, works to control invasive species, small specialised machinery / tools purchase. **Please note the scheme is now closed.** For further details please go to: <http://digbig.com/5bhqjs>

EU - LIFE+ ■ CS ■ CV

The LIFE programme is the EU's funding instrument for the environment. The general objective of LIFE is to contribute to the implementation, updating and development of EU environmental policy and legislation by co-financing pilot or demonstration projects with European added value. LIFE began in 1992 and to date there have been three complete phases of the programme. During this period, LIFE has co-financed some 3104 projects across the EU, contributing approximately €2.2 billion to the protection of the environment. The current phase of the programme, LIFE+, runs from 2007-2013 and has a budget of €2.143 billion. Calls for proposals are issued annually and the total budget available for this year's call is €276.7 million, of which over €21.5 million has been allocated to the UK. Proposals must be eligible under one of the programme's three components: LIFE+ Nature and Biodiversity, LIFE+ Environment Policy and Governance, and LIFE+ Information and Communication. For further details and application criteria please visit: <http://digbig.com/4yxsy>

Plug-in Van Grant Scheme ■ WE

This Central Government initiative enables motorists purchasing a qualifying ultra-low emission van to receive a grant of 20% towards the cost of the vehicle, up to a maximum of £8,000. The plug-in van grant has been designed to help make the whole-life costs of a qualifying van more comparable with petrol or diesel equivalents. Both private consumers and businesses can benefit from the plug-in van grant. For further details please go to: <http://digbig.com/5bgsmy>

The Rural Development Plan for Wales 2007-2013 ■ CS ■ AE ■ CV ■ LS

The Rural Development Plan (RDP) for Wales 2007-2013 is part of a joint Welsh Government and European Union (EU) strategy. The Plan is being delivered through a number of schemes called 'Axes'. Axes 1 and 2 (and part of Axis 3) are mainly aimed at supporting farming families in Wales and are concerned with 'agriculture and forestry', 'environment and countryside', but Axes 3 and 4 are concerned with quality of life in rural areas and locally based approaches to rural development.

- **Axis 3** aims to improve the quality of life in rural communities by supporting basic services for the rural economy and population, village renewal, conservation and upgrading of the rural heritage and training for rural economic actors.
- **Axis 4** uses the LEADER approach to engage grass-roots communities and to encourage the generation of new innovative ways to sustain rural development in Wales in the longer term.

Funding through Axes 3 and 4 may be available for project work locally. To find out if your project is eligible you will firstly need to find out if it is located in a designated 'rural' area and then you will need to contact the organisation responsible for delivering the programme. For further details please visit: <http://digbig.com/5bjdmy>

SITA Enhancing Communities Programme

Enhancing Communities is the name of SITA Trust's funding programme for community improvement projects. The fund is supported through the Landfill Communities Fund. It supports projects that make physical improvements to community leisure facilities and historic buildings & structures. Not for profit organisations, community groups, parish councils, local authorities and charities within the **Haverfordwest area** can apply. The programme offers two schemes a Core Fund for grants up to £60K and a Fast Track Fund for grants up to £20K. There are 6 funding rounds each calendar year for the Fast Track fund and the next deadline is **6th January 2014**. For further details please visit: <http://digbig.com/5bcsss>

SITA Trust - Enriching Nature Programme 2014 ■ CS ■ CV ■ WE

SITA Trust's Enriching Nature Programme provides funding for year long biodiversity conservation projects that focus on a single species or habitat present on the list of priority species and habitats in England and Wales, with awards of up to £75,000. Applications of a value up to £25,000 are considered as small grant applications. Applications to the Enriching Nature Programme are considered once a year with a deadline in February and notification of the outcome in June. Expressions of interest are now being considered and applicants are being encouraged to get in touch before the deadline of 5.00pm on **6th December 2013**. If SITA Trust believes that a project idea is worth progressing to a full application applicants will be invited to submit a full application by 5.00pm on 3rd February 2014. For further details please go to: <http://digbig.com/5bhhtt>

Snowdonia National Park Authority - Small Community Projects Fund

The Small Community Projects Fund is aimed at helping people living within the National Park to start projects which will benefit both their communities and local environment. Any projects which will improve the local environment or community and meet the aims and objectives of Snowdonia National Park Authority will be eligible for funding. The grant awarded will usually be between £50 and £1000 and will not be more than 50% of the total cost of the project. For further details please visit: <http://digbig.com/5bdnke>

Splash – the Water Recreation Challenge Fund for Wales ■ WE

The Welsh Government is offering up to 100% grants to projects (large and small) which help people to enjoy the waters of Wales. Minimum grant is £5,000. The emphasis will be on supporting new capital and other works improving bank-side facilities, signage, off road parking, etc. This can also include facilities designed to meet the needs of disabled people.

All projects should help promote sustainable and responsible access. For further details please visit: <http://digbig.com/4ydqp>

Sport Wales Grants ■ WE

Sport Wales is the national organisation responsible for developing and promoting sport and physical activity in Wales. The organisation is the main adviser on sporting matters to the Welsh Government and is responsible for distributing National Lottery funds to both elite and grassroots sport in Wales. Sport Wales offers a range of grants that are all geared to helping improve sport within communities in Wales. For further details please go to: <http://digbig.com/5bgsng>

Targeted Match Fund Grant ■ WE

The Targeted Match Fund provides central match funding, as a fund of last resort, to the 2007-2013 European Structural Fund Programmes for Wales. The TMF can only provide revenue funding but is available to organisations in all sectors to support eligible activities under the Convergence, Regional Competitiveness and Employment, and Territorial Co-operation Structural Fund Programmes. <http://digbig.com/5bghpy>

WRAP Cymru – Recycle on the go ■ WE ■ SD

WRAP Cymru has opened up a new grant opportunity for organisations that are interested in introducing a recycling service for their visitors. Up to £50,000 in grant aid, plus expert guidance to help choose the right recycling service, is on offer. The scheme is aimed at the following kinds of venues; sports, leisure and arts venues, tourist attractions, transport hubs (e.g. railway stations), colleges, museums and hospitals. Organisers of events such as festivals and shows are also invited to apply. **Please Note!** All the funds have now been allocated and no further applications are being accepted. For further details please go to: <http://digbig.com/5bgsnc>

WREN Biodiversity Action Fund ■ CV

WREN's Biodiversity Action Fund (BAF) is an annual grant programme designed to deliver projects via the Landfill Communities Fund in certain designated local authority areas, in Wales these are; Anglesey, Carmarthenshire, Conwy, Denbighshire, Flintshire, Neath Port Talbot, Swansea and Wrexham. A project's primary aim must be the management, restoration or re-creation of one or more priority habitats and their dependent species to help achieve national, regional or local biodiversity targets. Part of a project site must be within 10 miles of a current or old landfill site. For information on current / historic landfill sites in your area go to <http://digbig.com/5bcbwh>. Grants of between £75,000 and £250,000 are available and projects can last for up to 5 years. WREN will consider 100% funding of eligible costs. Applications can involve more than one site where there are clear and defined links between sites e.g. heathlands on Anglesey. Potential applicants are strongly advised to seek advice and support through the relevant LBAP partnership/s and

Wales Ecosystem Group. A full list of Ecosystem Group Chairs and contacts can be found on the WBP website <http://digbig.com/5bcbwg>

Veolia Environmental Trust ■ CS ■ CV ■ WE

The Veolia Environmental Trust provides support and funding through the Landfill Communities Fund to projects across the UK. The Trust seeks to support the following kinds of projects; community buildings, parks and paths, play and recreation facilities, nature reserves and projects that support biodiversity. Over £3M was disbursed by the Trust last year, although the proportion of funding to projects in Wales is relatively small and each applicant will need to check their geographical & other eligibility criteria before applying. For further details please go to: <http://digbig.com/5bhwnj>

Visit Wales E4G Projects ■ CE ■ CS ■ SD ■ WE

The environment for growth theme of the convergence programme has brought together a robust partnership consisting of Visit Wales in collaboration with a number of other key partners including the Welsh Government's Department of Economy and Transport, Cadw and Natural Resources Wales to develop an exciting suite of strategic projects. The coastal tourism and sustainable tourism are the two main focuses for Visit Wales. For further details please visit: <http://digbig.com/5bgpcd>

Wales Economic Growth Fund ■ SD

The Wales Economic Growth Fund is a non-repayable grant fund specifically set up with two aims. To encourage business and social enterprise by supporting projects that will stimulate economic growth and create and / or safeguard employment. To bring forward projects that will have an economic impact and benefit for Wales. The Fund will be in two phases:

- Phase 1 - March 2013: expressions of interest for funding of minimum £50,000, maximum £100,000
- Phase 2 - Autumn 2013: expressions of interest for funding of over £100,000. The deadline for submission of EOIs is **16th December 2013**.

For further details please go to: <http://digbig.com/5bhcbd>

WCVA's - The Engagement Gateway ■ SD

WCVA's Engagement Gateway aims to reduce economic inactivity in Wales by improving the employability of people who face barriers to employment and are furthest from the labour market. The scheme which is backed by European funding is now closed for applications. For further information please go to: <http://digbig.com/5bhcaw>

Young Entrants Support Scheme (YESS) ■ CS

This Scheme is set to provide assistance to facilitate the establishment of young farmers (under 40) who possess adequate skills and competence and are setting-up as head of the holding for the first time. The assistance package will include all or part of the following: A one off grant payment, access to a dedicated Young Entrants' Business Enabler Service, access to funded mentoring services from established farmers. For further details please visit: <http://digbig.com/5bgsgh>

Lottery Funding

For every £1 that the public spends on Lottery tickets 28 pence goes to the Lottery good causes. These are the arts, charities and voluntary groups, heritage, health, education, the environment and sports. Lottery funders are the organisations that distribute the good causes money to local communities and national projects. For general advice on lottery funding please see: <http://digbig.com/5bgsqj>. The Lottery funders that might provide funding for projects to sustain natural beauty, wildlife and the opportunity for outdoor enjoyment in Wales are as follows: Awards for All, BIG Lottery Fund and the Heritage Lottery Fund. Each of these distributors has a range of grant programmes which are described below

Awards for All ■ WE ■ SD

Awards for All (Wales) - is a simple small grants scheme making awards of between £500 and £5,000. The Awards for All Programme aims to help improve local communities and the lives of people most in need. Awards for All Wales aims to fund projects that; support community activity, extend access and participation, increase skill and creativity and improve quality of life - by supporting local projects that improve people's opportunities, health, welfare, environment or local facilities, especially those most disadvantaged in society. Applications can be made at any time and they aim to reply within 6 weeks. For further details please visit: <http://digbig.com/5bcgsh>

BIG Lottery Fund ■ WE ■ SD

The BIG Lottery Fund is distributed to community groups and to projects that improve health, education and the environment. In Wales there are two relevant programmes; People and Places and Coastal Communities Fund. Further details please visit: <http://digbig.com/5bhcx> or look at the programme descriptions below.

BIG – People and Places Programme ■ WE ■ SD

This programme will fund capital and revenue projects that encourage co-ordinated action by people who want to make their communities better places to live. It supports local and regional projects throughout Wales that focus on; revitalising communities, improving community relationships, or enhancing local environments, community services and buildings. The main aim of the programme is to bring people together to create real improvements to communities and the lives of people most in need. The emphasis is on

projects that are community led – helping people to develop the skills and confidence to become more involved in their community. The programme has re-opened and grants between £5,000 and £1M are available. For further details please visit: <http://digbig.com/5bcgsm>

BIG – Coastal Communities Fund ■ WE ■ SD

The Coastal Communities Fund (CCF) will encourage the economic development of UK coastal communities by giving them funding to create sustainable economic growth and jobs. Funding awards in excess of £50,000 are available for a wide range of applicant organisations. Consideration will be taken of how plans for economic growth address local needs and priorities, the amount of jobs that will be created and their long-term sustainability. **This programme is now closed to new applications in Wales** – for details of successful applications please visit: <http://digbig.com/5bhwsd>

Heritage Lottery Fund ■ WE ■ SD

The Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) sustains and transforms a wide range of heritage through innovative investment in projects with a lasting impact on people and places. HLF awards a range of grants from £3,000 upwards via the following programmes:

- The **Sharing Heritage** programme is for any type of project related to national, regional or local heritage in the UK and will disburse grants in the range £3,000 to £10,000.
- **Heritage Grants** (Grants above £100,000) This is their main programme for grants over £50,000 for all kinds of heritage that relate to the national, regional and local heritage of the UK. It is open to all not-for-profit organisations.
- **Our Heritage** (£10,000 to £100,000) This is their general small grants programme for all types of heritage projects. It is a flexible programme particularly designed for voluntary and community groups and first-time applicants.
- **Young Roots** (£10,000 to £50,000) This programme is for projects led by young people. It aims to involve 13-25 year-olds in finding out about their heritage, developing skills, building confidence and promoting community involvement.
- **Townscape Heritage Initiative** (£500,000 to £2,000,000) Townscape Heritage Initiative makes grants that help communities to regenerate Conservation Areas displaying particular social and economic need.
- **Parks for people** (£100,000 to £5million) Parks for People is for whole park projects that support the regeneration of existing designed urban or rural green spaces, the main purpose of which is for informal recreation and enjoyment.
- **Landscape Partnerships** (£250,000 to £3million) This programme supports schemes that are led by partnerships of local, regional and national interests, which aim to conserve areas of distinctive landscape character throughout the UK.
- **Skills for the Future** (£100,000 to £1million) Skills for the Future funded projects which provide paid training placements to meet a skills gap in the heritage sector, and fully support trainees to learn practical skills.

- **Grants for Places of Worship** (From £10,000 to £250,000) Funding for urgent, high-level repair work to listed places of worship. The scheme is managed separately in each of the four countries of the UK.

Each programme has different criteria, application processes and deadlines. For further details please visit: <http://digbig.com/5bcgsn>

HLF - Heritage Enterprise ■ WE ■ SD

HLF's new Heritage Enterprise grant programme supports enterprising community organisations across the UK to rescue neglected historic buildings and sites and unlock their economic potential. Heritage Enterprise projects should achieve the following outcomes. With investment from HLF; your heritage will be better managed and in better condition, people will have developed skills and learnt about their heritage, communities will benefit from reduced environmental impacts better places to live, work or visit and the local economy will be boosted. Grants from £100,000 to £5million are available. Contact your local HLF office for more information on deadline and meeting dates. For further details please go to: <http://digbig.com/5bhgiy>

HLF – Start-up Grants ■ WE ■ SD

Start-up grants are for anyone thinking about creating a new organisation to look after or engage people with heritage, or existing groups taking on new responsibilities for heritage. Start-up grants can support the early stages of planning heritage activities. For example, a Start-up grant can help; in adopting the right governance structure, explore options for managing and sustaining heritage, or carrying out early scoping work to inform a future application for project funding. Grants from £3,000 to £10,000 are available. Applications can be made at anytime and HLF will assess applications in eight weeks. For further details please go to: <http://digbig.com/5bhgkb>

Useful links and downloadable documents

European Funding

The website of Welsh European Funding Office has been updated to include an *applying for European funding* section (<http://digbig.com/4xcac>), which will guide potential project sponsors through a step-by-step process to apply for funds under the Convergence and Regional Competitiveness programmes 2007-2013. If you have any queries on applying for European funding, please contact the WEFO Helpline on tel: 0845 010 3355 or email: enquiries-wefo@wales.gsi.gov.uk A very helpful guide to Euro funding is available from <http://digbig.com/4ydaq>

Sustainable Funding Cymru

The WCVA's Sustainable Funding Cymru project is the home of the Wales Funding Portal which provides access to a searchable database of UK funding opportunities, advice and support on raising funds and tips on how to diversify funding. The project website also provides practical advice and guidance to organisations that want to develop an

entrepreneurial outlook to funding in order to achieve long-term financial sustainability. It offers guidance on the various funding sources available to the third sector in Wales and the approaches and skills required to identify, access and manage these sources. It also provides details of relevant training courses, case studies of organisations already working towards sustainability, sources of further help and the opportunity to sign up to Funding News their free monthly electronic newsletter. For further details please visit: <http://digbig.com/5bqhqa>

Sustainable Funding Project

The Sustainable Funding Project have published six guides for funding aimed at small to medium sized community or voluntary organisations and fundraisers working with them. The guides cover the following topics: sustainable funding; financial management; fundraising trading; procurement and contracting; and loan finance. They can be downloaded free of charge as PDF files from: <http://digbig.com/5bhnnw>

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