

Latest Funding News...

Wales Commissioner for Sustainable Futures appointed

Cynnal Cymru – Sustain Wales reports that Wales' first 'Commissioner for Sustainable Futures' has taken up his new post. Peter Davies – who until now has been the Sustainable Development Commission (SDC) Wales Commissioner – began his new role on 1 April 2011, as part of new arrangements to support sustainable development in Wales following the closure of the SDC on 31 March. Source: [globallysusd April E-zine](#)

William & Kate's charitable gift fund is launched

Prince William and Kate Middleton reveal list of 26 charities that will benefit from their new charitable gift fund. A total of 26 charities will be beneficiaries of a charitable gift fund to celebrate the wedding of Prince William and Kate Middleton. A statement from St James's Palace said the pair had asked that "anyone who might wish to give them a wedding gift consider giving instead to a charitable fund". The Prince William and Miss Catherine Middleton Charitable Gift Fund will back charities working in five cause areas chosen by the couple: conservation for future generations; support for service personnel and their families; children fulfilling their potential; help and care at home; and changing lives through art and sport. Source: [Third Sector Online](#)

Countryside photography competition

The National Countryside Photography Competition in association with The Prince's Countryside Fund and The National Countryside Week has just been launched. The judges are in the search of the photograph that best captures the beauty of the Great British Countryside. The competition will be judged in ten regions across Great Britain, Wales being one of those regions. Deadline for submission of photographic entries is 12.00 noon, Friday 17th June 2011. For further details please go to: <http://digbig.com/5bdxba>

Heritage Lottery Fund consultation

The Heritage Lottery Fund has launched a consultation on how it might disburse its grants in the period 2013-19. The Fund which has recently been given an increase of some £50M per annum will have an annual awards budget of some £300M going forward. The consultation document can be found on the HLF website at <http://digbig.com/5bdxay>

More LIFE

The fifth LIFE+ call for proposals has been published, with up to €267 million available for co-financing of projects under three headings: nature and biodiversity; environment policy and governance; and information and communication. For further details please see page 14 of this Newsletter.

Guide to this Newsletter

This Newsletter 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 be 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

We welcome your feedback and suggestions for future issues of this newsletter. If you would like to make any comments please send via email to: ccw@gka.org.uk.

What's new this month?

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

The Supporting Sustainable Living grants scheme is a newly commissioned grant scheme funded by the Welsh Assembly Government and delivered by Environment Wales, in collaboration Cynnal Cymru – Sustain Wales. The scheme will support projects that will help reduce Wales' greenhouse gas emissions – or build resilience to the impacts of climate change - through tackling specific behaviours or lifestyle choices. It is expected that the majority of grant applications will range between £5,000 and £15,000. However in exceptional circumstances this figure can rise to up to £35,000. Information about the new scheme is available through Environment Wales on 02920 431727 or info@environment-wales.org.

Gwirvol ■ WE

The aim of the GwirVol Youth Volunteering Grants scheme is to support the delivery of a wide range of volunteering opportunities for young people in Wales aged 16-25. The GwirVol grant scheme offers five different strands of funding. The deadline for applications is 2pm Wednesday 8 June 2011. For further details please visit: <http://digbig.com/5bdxaw>

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. For further details please visit: <http://digbig.com/5bdxah>



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 (See page 6 of this Newsletter). For further details please visit: <http://digbig.com/5bdxax>

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. For further details please visit: <http://digbig.com/5bdxan>

Charities, Trust Funds and Foundations

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/5bamym>

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/5bafeg>

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 Trust ■ CS ■ AE ■ CV ■ WE ■ SD

The Ashden Trust focuses its grants on; climate change, sustainable development and improving the quality of life in poorer communities. The Trust makes small grants typically £1,000 - £20,000. The next round of funding will open in July. For further details please visit: <http://digbig.com/5bdnep>

B&Q One Planet Living Grant ■ WE ■ SD

One Planet Living Grants have now closed to applications. The grant programme has been re-launched and now offers support to projects nominated through B&Q's charity partners UK Youth. 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/5bdxac>.



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 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/5bacgk>

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 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/5bamyw>

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/4xnqj>

Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation ■ WE

The UK branch of the Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation was established to help enrich and connect the experiences of people in the UK and secure lasting and beneficial change in their lives. Their 'Innovation Fund' supports genuinely innovative ideas and unusual partnerships across our cultural, educational and social interests. For further details please visit: <http://digbig.com/5bdner>

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/5bahtd>

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 BTCV. Groups must be part of the BTCV Community Network to qualify. The grants fall

into two categories: Start-up grants of up to £120 and Support Grants of up to up to £350. For further details please visit: <http://digbig.com/5bcbwj>

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/4wyhs>

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/4xnqm>

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. *Note!* The next deadline is 22nd August. For further details please visit: <http://digbig.com/5bbryj>

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 application deadlines this year are: **15th May**, 31st August and 31st December. For further details please visit: <http://digbig.com/5bdxaq>

E.ON Sustainable Energy Fund ■ WE

The E.ON Sustainable Energy Fund offers grants of up to £20,000 to community groups and not for profit organisations who wish to implement sustainable energy projects in their buildings - from energy efficiency through to micro-generation. For further details please visit: <http://digbig.com/5bahsx>

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/5banas>



The Esmée Fairbairn Foundation ■ CV ■ WE

The Esmée Fairbairn Foundation is a major grant giver. It's 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/4xngg> The Foundation's *Strands* funding programme seeks to fund specific strands of work. Applications are currently open for the following areas of interest; food, museum & heritage collections, new approaches to learning. 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/4ydqa>

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/5bbdee>

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/4wyhw>

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 John Ellerman Foundation ■ CV ■ SD ■ WE

The John Ellerman Foundation makes grants in five categories. The categories are: Health and Disability, Social Welfare, Arts, *Conservation*, Overseas. 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>

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>

The Jephcott Charitable Trust ■ CS ■ CV ■ LS ■ 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/4xnqf>

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/5bcbye>

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>

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>

The Manuka Club

The Manuka Club operates as a donor network for individuals wishing to oppose irreversible losses of the British countryside to unnecessary development. The Club focuses on three areas of activity. For further details please visit: <http://digbig.com/5banaw>

Marine Communities Fund ■ CE

The Marine Communities 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. Projects funded can be; practical; informational or educational. *Note!* Projects from community groups must have a clear link to Crown Estate land. For further details please visit: <http://digbig.com/4xwty>

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 £2,000, regional up to £10,000, national up to £20,000. *Note!* The Trust's programmes are closed to local and national applicants. For further details please visit: <http://digbig.com/4xjpm>

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/4xrrt>

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 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/5baydf>.

The Plunkett Foundation – Village Core Programme ■ WE

The Plunkett Foundation, in partnership with the Esmée Fairbairn Foundation and Co-operative and Community Finance manages the Village CORE Programme which provides dedicated support to communities looking to set up and run a community-owned rural shop. For further details please visit: <http://digbig.com/5bahst>

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 supports projects that fits 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 be making further grants later in the year. For further details please visit: <http://digbig.com/5bcgwi>

The Santander Foundation ■ WE

The Santander Foundation is committed to supporting local communities and disadvantaged people, particularly in those areas where Santander has a significant presence. Their main priorities include 'Education & Training'. The Foundation funds tangible items like equipment, workbooks, training materials and other items which can be bought once and reused. £500 to £4,000. For further details please visit: <http://digbig.com/4xnca>.

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/5bdgmt>

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/4xngc>

Waterloo Foundation ■ LS ■ WE

The Waterloo Foundation is an independent grant-maker, giving grants to local groups that are small in size and detailed in focus. Their main drive is to support the community within the themes of; environment, (particularly in view of the heavy exploitation of the Welsh landscape), relief of poverty, child development. For further details please visit: <http://digbig.com/5bafdf>

The Wates Foundation ■ WE

The Foundation's current priorities include 'conserving and sustaining the built and rural environments'. The Foundation's Grants Committees each meet three times a year in June, October and March. The maximum amount awarded is £30,000 over not less than two years. For further details please visit: <http://digbig.com/5bbryr>



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/5bdcjr>

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 Woodland Trust ■ CS ■ AE ■ CV ■ LS ■ WE

The Woodland Trust offers grants to community woodlands. *Note!* the current round is now closed and the Trust's priorities for funding are being reviewed. For further details please visit: <http://digbig.com/4yxst>

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 visit: <http://digbig.com/4wtax>

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/5bdckn>



Biffaward ■ CS ■ AE ■ CV ■ LS ■ CE ■ WE ■ SD ■ GH

Biffaward 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. Biffaward is managed by the Royal Society of Wildlife Trusts (RSWT) on Biffa's behalf. The Biffa ward 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/5bdfya>

Business in the Community - ProHelp in Wales ■ WE ■ SD

Business in the Community (BiTC) works with responsible companies that share a commitment to acting responsibly to their customers, stakeholders, communities, environment and employees. BiTC has identified that professional firms can make a difference in the community by giving free advice and support to local community groups and voluntary organisations. In Wales a ProHelp project is currently being delivered in South West Wales. It is made up of 15 professional firms, all offering free professional advice to voluntary and community groups in their local area. For further details please visit: <http://digbig.com/5bcsqh>

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 (See page 13). For further details please visit: <http://digbig.com/5bdckp>

Cadw: Civic Initiative and Spring Clean Grants ■ WE

Through the Civic Initiative Cadw is making match funding of up to £5,000 available for voluntary organisations to promote and enhance understanding of local built heritage. For further details please visit: <http://digbig.com/4xnhe>. The 'Spring Clean' grants scheme offers assistance for the maintenance of listed places of worship in Wales. A grant of a maximum of £500 per building is available for a range of minor repairs – for example, cleaning rain water gutters and downpipes or securing slipped roof slates - which are necessary to keep places of worship in good order. For further details please visit: <http://digbig.com/5bafee>

Community Facilities and Activities Programme 2007-2011 ■ WE

CFAP is a capital grant scheme operated by the Welsh Assembly 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. Competition for funds is strong. The next closing date 14th October 2011. For further details please visit: <http://digbig.com/4ypyd>

Communities First Trust Fund ■ WE

The Communities First Trust Fund (CFTF) aims to support any type of activity that involves local people and that benefits their community. The activities must provide some measure of economic, environmental, social or cultural benefit for people living in a Communities First area. A list of the eligible areas is available by going to <http://digbig.com/5bcbxt>. There is no minimum amount but £5,000 is the maximum you can apply for. The deadline date for submitting completed applications with all supporting documents is Wednesday 30 November 2011. For further details please visit: <http://digbig.com/4yshp>

Ecological Footprint Grant ■ WE ■ SD

The Welsh Assembly Government's Ecological Footprint Grant aims to promote a low footprint Wales through encouraging greater use of ecological footprinting techniques. Grants will be awarded up to a maximum of 75% of the total project cost up to a maximum of £5,000 per financial year per organisation. The programme is open to the public sector, private sector and third sector organisations based in Wales. For further details please visit: <http://digbig.com/5bbdeh>

Energy Savings Trust - Ynni'r Fro ■ SD

The Welsh Assembly 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/5bdnka>

Environment Wales Grants ■ CS ■ CV ■ LS ■ WE

Environment Wales (EW) is a Welsh Assembly 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 Assembly 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>

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 Forestry Commission 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 FCW 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>

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. KWT currently run a range of programmes some of which have small grant schemes incorporated within them. For further details please visit: <http://digbig.com/5barej> Through the Tidy Towns Project, Keep Wales Tidy is able to offer financial assistance to constituted community groups who demonstrate a commitment to tackle environmental projects which will restore their local area to its former glory. These grants are available for cover the cost of: Tools and other equipment, refreshments, awareness raising and training. For further details please visit: <http://digbig.com/5bdnjt>

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>

Lets Walk Cymru

'Let's Walk Cymru' is a new Wales-wide initiative developed in partnership with the Sports Council for Wales, the Welsh Assembly Government and Countryside Council for Wales - tasked with increasing the number of people participating in walking as a regular activity. 'Let's Walk Cymru' is providing grants to organisations and groups across Wales. The programme seeks to explore innovative ways of promoting walking to improve health and wellbeing. There are three levels of grants available (ranging from £1K - £15K) and awarded reflecting the size & content of the project. For further details please visit:

<http://digbig.com/5bcbxy>

EU - LIFE+ ■ CS ■ CV

LIFE is the EU's financial instrument supporting environmental and nature conservation projects throughout the EU, as well as in some candidate, acceding and neighbouring countries. Since 1992, LIFE has co-financed some 3104 projects, contributing approximately €2.2 billion to the protection of the environment. For further details please visit: <http://digbig.com/4yxxy>

Low Carbon Buildings Programme Phase 2 ■ WE

The Low Carbon Buildings Programme - Phase 2E (LCBP2E) is a Department for Energy and Climate Change (DECC) scheme offering grants for micro-generation installations by public sector and charitable organisations. Check the Scheme Conditions to confirm your eligibility. Grants are available for installations of up to a maximum of 50kW electricity and 300kW heat. Qualifying organisations can apply for 50% of the project cost of installing micro-generation technologies. Organisations can apply for a maximum of up to £200,000 in grant funds per site. A site may include more than one building and multiple applications from one organisation for different sites will be considered. For further details please visit:

<http://digbig.com/5bahsw>

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 Assembly 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/5bcqsr>

Rural Retail Grants ■ SD

The Rural Retail Programme has been designed to offer support measures to rural communities by way of advice and grant aid to those businesses or community groups where other sources of funding are not available. Rural Retail is currently available for businesses, individuals, social enterprises and community groups in villages and settlements within rural areas of the following counties: Anglesey, Carmarthenshire, Ceredigion, Conwy, Denbighshire, Flintshire, Gwynedd, Monmouthshire, Powys, Pembrokeshire, Vale of Glamorgan & Wrexham. Applicants must also be: the sole village store within a 2 mile radius, able to demonstrate that the business is a vital rural retailer, within a rural electoral ward within the counties listed above. Support is available in the form of initial advice and then if deemed eligible, grants of up to £5,000 for measures to make a business more sustainable and up to £10,000 towards the costs of re-introducing rural services. For further details please visit: <http://digbig.com/5bcqsc>

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 (See page 13 of this Newsletter). 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 can apply. The programme offers two schemes providing both small and large grants. The next deadline for the large grants programme is 25th July 2011. There are 6 funding rounds each calendar year for the small grants scheme. For further details please visit: <http://digbig.com/5bcsss>

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 Assembly 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/4ydgq>

Sustainable Development Fund ■ WE ■ SD

The Sustainable Development Fund is administered by National Parks and Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty (see below). It supports a wide range of projects relating to sustainable development and seeks to encourage communities to find more sustainable ways of living. For further details please visit: <http://digbig.com/4xngw>

- Brecon Beacons National Park <http://digbig.com/4xngx>
- Pembrokeshire National Park <http://digbig.com/4xngy>
- Snowdonia National Park <http://digbig.com/5bcbyb>

A similar scheme is also available for Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty in England and Wales. Up to £70,000 is available for innovative, sustainable, environmental projects, which involve local communities. For further details please follow the appropriate links:

- Anglesey / Môn AONB <http://digbig.com/4wtba>
- Llŷn AONB <http://digbig.com/4wtbb>
- Gower AONB <http://digbig.com/4wtbc> (the first AONB!)
- Wye Valley AONB <http://digbig.com/4wyjc>
- Clwydian Range AONB <http://digbig.com/4wtbd>

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 will provide capital and revenue funding and 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/5bdckm>

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> or contact the following for further advice: WREN Elaine Pestle on 01953 714111 email elaine.pestle@wren.org.uk or Lisa Green on 01953 714106 or email lisa.green@wren.org.uk CCW contact Julia Korn j.korn@ccw.gov.uk

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 Assembly Government's Department of Economy and Transport, Cadw, Countryside Council of Wales, and The Environment Agency 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/5bdfxx>

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/5bcssq>

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/5bcgsf>. 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 three relevant programmes; Community Asset Transfer (CAT), Community Wildlife and People and Places. Further details please visit: <http://digbig.com/5bcgsj> or look at the programme descriptions below.

BIG – Community Asset Transfer (CAT) Programme ■ WE ■ SD

The Big Lottery Fund is working in partnership with the Welsh Assembly Government to deliver a Community Asset Transfer Programme (CAT). This programme provides both capital and revenue funding to support the transfer of assets, such as land and buildings,



from public sector organisations to community ownership. The programme is being delivered in three rounds, the first 'fast-track' round is now closed and the second round is underway. For further details please visit: <http://digbig.com/5bcgsk>

BIG – Community Wildlife Programme ■ CV ■ WE

The BIG – Community Wildlife Programme has now closed to new applicants but for those seeking funding of under £10,000 the Lottery are advising applicants to look at their Awards for All programme instead (See above).

BIG Lottery Innovation Fund ■ SD ■ WE

BIG Innovation Fund has now closed to new applicants but for those seeking funding of under £10,000 the Lottery are advising applicants to look at their Awards for All programme instead (See above).

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 will remain open for applications until mid-2011 and grants between £5,000 and £1M are available. For further details please visit: <http://digbig.com/5bcgsm>

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:

- **Heritage Grants** (Grants above £50,000) 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.
- **Your Heritage** (£3000 to £50,000) 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** (£3000 to 25,000) 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** (£250,000 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 £2million) 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.
- **Repair 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>

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/4ydqq>

A guide to loans for social enterprise

'Social Economy Bristol Development Project' (SEBDP) and Bristol Area Community Enterprise Network (BACEN) have produced a guide which provides information on loans and other forms of finance that are particularly suitable for community businesses and social enterprises. The publication can be downloaded for free at: <http://digbig.com/5bcesp> (PDF download)

Free assistance for rural organisations

Wales' Rural Forum has produced a leaflet outlined the help that is available free of charge to community groups in rural Objective 1 areas. The Rural Resource can offer IT support, event support and general support. For further information please visit: <http://digbig.com/4xnht>

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/5bapcc>

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