

Community Climate and Nature Grant Scheme

Theme 3: Nature Information Leaflet

Aims

We are looking to fund a variety of nature-based solutions to help combat climate change and increase biodiversity. Consideration will be given to projects which capture Carbon dioxide (CO₂) from the atmosphere or prevent its release, whilst at the same time creating or restoring natural habitats.

Project examples

- Tree and hedge management tools and training e.g. hedge laying
- Creation of wildlife corridors e.g. hedgehog corridors on housing estates
- Community allotment project
- Planting wildflower areas
- Creation or enhancement of a community nature area
- Tree consultancy fees

Assessment

In your application you will need to demonstrate how your organisation has the capacity and resources to deliver your project and what your plans are for its long-term sustainability.

In addition to the general assessment criteria (see general information), applications for nature projects will be assessed on the following points:

- Priority will be given to schemes supporting and using locally characteristic species fully considering climate change, pests and pathogens
- All plants should be locally grown and sourced
- All schemes should demonstrate they utilise local, professional and experienced advisors and trainers
- Benefits and required maintenance and management should be secured for at least 30 years
- The secure storage, maintenance and community access to tools and equipment funded by this grant must be demonstrated
- A management plan e.g. watering, cutting, maintenance is in place.
- Please demonstrate how your project fits with the priorities and action plans of [Zero Carbon Herefordshire](#) and/or your local parish/neighbourhood plan.

Other grants for trees, hedges and orchards

The Tree Council has a grant scheme open to community groups and schools to plant trees, hedges and orchards. The deadline for is Friday 17 December but they encourage early applications to ensure availability of stock. For more information please visit <https://treecouncil.org.uk/take-action/grants-for-trees/>

The Woodland Trust offer free trees to schools and community groups. They are currently taking applications for trees to be delivered in March 2022. For more information please visit <https://www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/plant-trees/schools-and-communities/>