



Wild About Devon Grant application guidelines

We're looking forward to reading about your projects! This year the Grants are being supported by the Devon Local Nature Recovery Strategy, and so this has been incorporated into the awarding criteria.

Please read the below carefully in order to prepare your application. You can find an [online version of these guidelines here](#).

Key details to include in your application:

- Tell us about your project, including why it's needed, what you'll be doing, and how you'll be following it up in the future
- Tell us how the [Local Nature Recovery Strategy](#) will guide your work. You could use one or more of the below suggestions:
 - Look at the [habitats](#) section and tell us how you will use the LNRS to create, restore or enhance a habitat
 - Look at the [species](#) section and tell us how you will use the LNRS to support particular species in need
 - Look at the [mapping tool](#) and tell us how your project will meet the needs of your local nature
- Tell us how it engages people – will they be involved in delivery, will it help them access nature or understand more?
 - You can use the LNRS here too! It includes a section on [connecting people and nature](#), and where to focus action for communities (Community Access to Nature Opportunity Areas in the [mapping tool](#))
- Keep your answers clear and concise – we're very happy with bullet points!
- Budget – we're happy to fund an element of a larger project so you can tell us your total project cost and then break down what you're asking us for
- Give us some details, for example where you'll be sourcing materials (particularly seeds and trees), who is advising you, what skills you have etc.



Who do we fund?

We consider applications from community groups across the whole of Devon (including Plymouth). This includes not for profit clubs, registered charities, CICs, Parish and Town Councils, church groups, schools and PTFAs. Previous applicants may apply.

What do we fund?

We will consider applications that demonstrate **community action for nature**, projects that clearly demonstrate a benefit to local wildlife and demonstrate community involvement or benefit. We can fund whole projects or a specific element of a larger project. Applications will need to demonstrate a planned budget (showing how shortfalls will be met) and a clear timeline for delivering the project (by April 2027).

What we don't fund:

- Non-native planting, including bulbs (unless you have a very clear reason, like adapting to climate change!)
- Poorly-sourced wildflower seeds or trees (some retail wildflower packs can be inappropriate for Devon habitats, so do double check)
- Tree planting projects – these are adequately supported by numerous organisations across Devon. If you are planning to plant trees, hedgerows, orchards please apply elsewhere first, before applying to us
- Purely garden projects without obvious wildlife benefit
- Beekeeping projects
- School trips (although we are happy to support wildlife projects in schools)

Useful links and information:

The below links may be useful in planning your project. Wild About Devon cannot guarantee the accuracy of external information. If you have suggestions for other useful links, please do send them to bridie.devonnature@gmail.com

Equipment:

- [NHBS – Wildlife, Ecology & Conservation](#)

Trees:

- [Moor Trees](#)



- [Woodland Trust](#)
- [Devon Wildlife Trust: Saving Devon's Treescapes](#)
- [People's Trust for Endangered Species – Orchards](#)
- [People's Trust for Endangered Species – Hedgerows](#)
- [Devon Hedge Group \(advice\)](#)

Wildflowers:

- [Devon Based: Goren Farm Seeds](#)
- [Emorsgate Seeds](#)
- [Meadowmania UK](#)
- [Moor Meadows advice](#)
- [Plantlife – Managing Meadows](#)
- [Verges – Life on the Verge in Devon](#)
- [Verges – Life on the Verge – Tarka Country Trust](#)

Wildlife Gardens:

- [Devon Wildlife Trust – Gardening for Wildlife](#)
- [RHS Wildlife Gardening](#)

Ponds:

- [RHS Gardening – Wildlife Pond](#)
- [The Wildlife Trusts – How to build a pond](#)

Nest boxes dimensions or supplier:

- [British Trust for Ornithology – Make your own guides](#)

Hedgehogs

- [RSPB – Build a Hedgehog House](#)
- [RSPB Shop – Buy Hedgehog Houses](#)

Bats

- [Bat Conservation Trust – Bat Box Information Pack](#)
- [The Wildlife Trusts – How to build a bat box](#)