

**This month our feature funding list is  
'Rural Projects'.**

It is widely recognised that providing accessible and good quality services to rural communities poses challenges. However, innovation and good practice can address these challenges through working with local communities, initiated by local people.



Rural England have identified 9 areas reported in [State of Rural Services 2016](#) that can be obstacles to rural life, namely: Local buses and Community Transport, Welfare Service, Access to Cash, Further Education, The Retail Sector, Mental Health Services, Older People's Services, Public Health Services and Community Assets.

**Pages 3-7 have a range of funders that support Rural Projects.**

You may also be interested in partnering with [Action in Rural Sussex \(AiRS\)](#) as they work to reduce the impact of disadvantage and poverty on people living in rural areas, increase the capacity of rural communities to manage change and to amplify the voice of rural communities to influence public policy.

[Campaign to protect rural England](#) (CPRE) is a membership organisation (£3pm) that campaigns to promote, protect and enhance the countryside and make it a better place to work and live. Check them out!

*Our Funding Focus Survey has now closed.* Many thanks to those who returned the questionnaire. 68% of respondents would like the newsletter to remain the same, 7% feel it could be simplified, while others had suggestions of what funds to include. In the light of this, we have put funding opportunities into date order with the amount available and website details together for quick and easy identification. Hope this helps!

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## March Dates

**8th March**

**Fundraising Network Meeting**

**'How to write a successful funding bid**

**Case for Support'**

**9.30-12.30**

**Bersted Green Learning Centre**

**Book your place [here](#)**

**21st March**

**'What is a**

**Community Interest Company'**

**11.30-12.30**

**Bognor Town Hall**

**£5 per organisation**

**Book your place [here](#)**

## April Dates

**17th April**

**Chichester Networking Event**

**10.00-11.30**

**Newell Centre, Tozer Way,**

**Chichester PO19 7LG**

**A chance to meet organisations  
in your area**

**Book your place [here](#)**

**19th April**

**1:1 Funding Surgery**

**Bersted Green**

**Learning Centre**

**Please book your time  
slot via the office on**

**Phone: 01243 840305**

**23rd April**

**'How to write a role  
description and get the  
volunteer you need'.**

**10.00-12.00**

**Tuppenny Barn,  
Southbourne, PO10 8EZ**

**Book you place [here](#)**



**We can help you advertise your Volunteering Opportunities  
and promote them to potential volunteers.**

**Contact us on 01243 864220**

# RURAL PROJECTS

## Sustainable Communities Fund—Small Grants

**Deadline: 26 March 2018**

**Small Grants range from £250 to £2,000**

<https://www.southdowns.gov.uk/care-for/supporting-communities-business/sustainable-communities-fund/>

<http://www.southdowns.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2015/04/SCF-Info-sheet.pdf>

It is important when developing a bid to work with your local National Park Rangers. They will provide information on relevant sources of support for your project, identify if the SCF is the most appropriate fund for your project and link with internal officers who will offer expertise in a range of areas. Additional support could be offered in the form of information and advice or the Volunteer Rangers to assist in practical help. Once you have been advised by an Area Ranger you can contact the External Funding Co-ordinator (01730-819219, [grants@southdowns.gov.uk](mailto:grants@southdowns.gov.uk)) for further detail on the application process.

Contact information for our area teams can be found by following this link:

<http://southdowns.gov.uk/national-park-authority/our-people/rangers/>

Here are some examples of projects that the SCF will support:

- Capital - such as the purchase of equipment. E.g. a trailer with a hydraulic lift to remove trees from heathland, provision of cycling racks or the construction of a bridge for access to historical facilities.
- Start-up – revenue funding at the start of a sustainability project. As part of a project bid community groups can apply for some basic start-up costs.
- Cultural - community arts and heritage projects that encapsulate not only the past but the future of the National Park.
- Events & festivals - development must be beneficial to the National Park and be themed to its Purposes.

## LEADER Grants 2015-20

**Applications must be for at least £2,500 and no more than £75,000.**

<https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/business-and-consumers/start-or-grow-your-business/rural-development-programme-leader-funding-2015-20/>

### Timescale

All our LEADER grants funding must be committed before the UK leaves the European Union. So don't delay - if you have a project idea and would like to apply for a LEADER grant please contact us to discuss it as soon as possible. The LEADER grant scheme will close to new applications later this year (2018).

Eligible project costs typically include capital items and associated costs such as:

- Purchase of equipment and machinery.
- Costs of construction, conversion or improvements to premises.
- Intangible investments such as e-commerce systems.

Central Sussex Local Action Group-The Central Sussex Local Action Group area includes the designated rural areas of Horsham District, Mid Sussex District and Lewes District. The area has outstanding natural assets with almost half designated either as part of the South Downs National Park or the High Weald Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. It is a vibrant area as well as a beautiful one, being home to more than 144,000 people and they estimate around 8,000 businesses providing 53,000 jobs.

Sussex Downs & Coastal Plain Local Action Group-The Sussex Downs & Coastal Plain Local Action Group area includes the designated rural areas of Arun District, Chichester District and Hayling Island and is home to approximately 106,000 people. The area is recognised for its outstanding landscape and environment with more than 70% covered by the South Downs National Park and the Chichester Harbour Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. It is also a working landscape with around 5,900 businesses and 30,000 jobs.

To be considered for funding a LEADER project must address at least one or more of the following:

Priority 1-Small rural enterprises that thrive and grow:

- Delivering products that benefit local communities and visitors.
- Creating a range of quality local employment/self-employment opportunities.

Priority 2-A resilient land based sector:

- Takes advantage of diverse income streams.
- Makes good use of innovation to manage resources and costs and exploit growth opportunities.
- Makes the best use of natural capital and unlocks its potential.

Priority 3-A robust year round visitor economy:

- Celebrates the area's landscape, environment and heritage.

Priority 4-An innovative service infrastructure:

- Addresses the un-met needs of local people and supports communities.

Applications can be made by farmers, growers, foresters, small rural businesses and rural community organisations that are in a Local Action Group area. The projects they're applying for funding towards must also take place in the LEADER area. All LEADER grants funding must be committed before the UK leaves the European Union. Applications must be for at least £2,500 and no more than £75,000. Grants will usually be limited to a maximum of 40% of the project's eligible costs. A higher support rate may be available for applications by not-for-profit organisations to support projects that are not intended to generate economic gain. For further information please go to <http://www.businesswestsussex.co.uk/260-leader-grants-2015-20.html>

## The Prince's Countryside Fund

<http://www.princescountrysidefund.org.uk/grant-giving-programme/grant-programme>

**The Fund will be open for grant applications from April 30th to June 14th 2018.**

We have grants of **up to £50,000** available for innovative projects that will provide a lasting legacy to the individuals and communities they seek to benefit.

Our grant programme currently aims to tackle the following key rural issues:

- To improve the prospects of viability for family farm businesses
- To sustain rural communities and drive economic vibrancy
- To support aid delivery in emergency and building resilience

Each theme is described in more detail in our [Grant Eligibility and Guidance Document](#).

## NFU Mutual Charitable Trust

<https://www.nfumutual.co.uk/about-us/our-charitable-trust/applications-for-funding/>

**Deadline:** Applications for the June meeting must be submitted by **25th May 2018** and for the November meeting they must be submitted by 26th October 2018.

The Trustees are particularly interested in initiatives in the areas of education of young people in rural areas and relief of poverty within rural areas.

### Objectives:

- To advance the education of the public by means of research and dissemination of information in relation to agriculture
- To advance the education of young people within rural areas
- To relieve poverty within rural areas
- To promote the benefit and social welfare of inhabitants of rural communities by associating together with the inhabitants and local authorities, voluntary and other organisations to advance education and leisure
- To promote research into agricultural associated activities
- To advance the education of the public by means of research and dissemination of information in relation to insurance

## **Bernard Sunley Charitable Foundation**

<http://www.bernardsunley.org/key-points.html>

### **No Deadline**

**Majority of grants are under £5,000**

**Capital Projects – such as new builds, refurbishments, equipment and specialised transport.**

The Bernard Sunley Charitable Foundation is a long-established independent grantmaking charity. Unlike many Foundations and Trusts, it solely supports capital projects, such as new builds, refurbishments, equipment and specialised transport.

**The Trustees are particularly interested in supporting projects where rural and isolated communities are concerned.**

Tel: 020 7408 2198 E-mail: [office@bernardsunley.org](mailto:office@bernardsunley.org)

## **Trusthouse Charitable Foundation**

<http://trusthousecharitablefoundation.org.uk/grants/>

### **No deadline dates – rolling programme**

Grants Committee meetings are held in February, late April/early May, July and late October/early November. Applications need to be received **at least six weeks** before a meeting to be included on the agenda

### Rural Issues

We classify 'rural' as areas with less than 10,000 inhabitants. Local postcodes should be ranked within the bottom 50% of the latest Indices of Multiple Deprivation. Your community must be based in a remote, rural, economically deprived area where there are few local facilities, transport may be an issue, incomes are low and there are limited opportunities for fund-raising. Typical projects are:

- village halls which act as the hub of community activity and cohesion;
- projects for young people who are isolated from accessing opportunities available to their urban peers;
- activities which support older people to continue living independently;
- community transport schemes.

This is not an exhaustive list . For all our grants programmes, you will need to have secured a minimum of 50% of the total cost of the work or project for which you are applying to us

### Guidelines:

<http://trusthousecharitablefoundation.org.uk/applications/guidelines/>

When making an application, details that should be included are:

- The project, initiative or organisation for which funding is sought
- An indication of the amount of the donation requested
- Any business plans
- Details of any other funding sought and or obtained
- Any recognition which would be given to the Trust in recognition of its support
- Confirmation of whether or not the applicant is a registered charity

Apply online here <https://www.nfumutual.co.uk/about-us/our-charitable-trust/applications-for-funding/>

# LOCAL FUNDERS



West Sussex County Council is proposing to change its approach to grant funding to voluntary and community groups from 2018/19. They hope to streamline their current three grant pots, moving to one, which will reduce confusion about the funds that are available. They propose to move to an online crowdfunding model where they will pledge support to projects from a single funding pot, alongside others who may wish to contribute to the projects.

They will introduce the proposed new approach at **drop-in sessions which will run from 6pm - 6.45pm** before the next round of County Local Committee (CLC) and Joint Area Committee (JAC) meeting. You are invited to come along to find out more about how crowdfunding works.

## **North Chichester**

6th March at Wisborough Village Hall

## **Joint East Arun**

6th March at The White Swan Hotel, A27 Chichester Road, Arundel

## **Local Giving - LOCAL HERO 2018**

<https://localgiving.org/>

We are delighted to announce that our first campaign of the year, Local Hero, will be launching on **1st April 2018!**

Each year, Local Hero highlights the incredible ideas and feats of local charity fundraisers. So, if you know any budding athletes, artists or acrobats now is the time to turn them into fundraisers for a cause you care about!

Or why not become a fundraiser yourself? All you need to do is set up a fundraising page and persuade as many people as possible to donate between the **1st and 30th April**.

All participating fundraisers will be ranked on the Local Hero Leaderboard according to the number of unique online donors who sponsor their page. There will be a number of prizes awarded at the end of the campaign for the top fundraisers, with the winner receiving a £1,000 donation for their chosen cause. We will be announcing more prizes soon!



## Littlehampton Town Council- Grant Aid

Opens 1st April 2018

Average Grant is £700



The 2018/19 Grant Aid budget has been increased to £20,000 in readiness for allocation to a variety of charitable or not-for-profit clubs, groups and organisations in Littlehampton.

Littlehampton's Grant Aid programme opens for applications on April 1st each year for a period of 6 weeks with successful applicants being notified in late June.

Successful applicants have to demonstrate that their group benefits members of the community by offering cultural enrichment, advice or support, or by providing sporting activities. A summary of all of the applications is presented to the Community Resources Committee in June at which Councillors will decide how the funding should be allocated.

For further information or guidance about your application [email the Assistant Town Clerk](mailto:assistant@littlehampton.gov.uk) or call 01903 732063.

## Ministry of Defence - Armed Forces Day Grant Scheme

<https://www.armedforcesday.org.uk/get-involved/organise-your-own-event/>

**Deadline: 30<sup>th</sup> April 2018**

**Up to £10,000**

Since 2009, Armed Forces Day has been marked annually with events large and small throughout the UK. In support of this event, the Ministry of Defence (MoD) is providing funding to help organisations and individuals in the UK host an Armed Forces Day event this summer. Last year, events took place in all parts of England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland. They included Armed Forces Day tea parties, parades, big band concerts, civil war military re-enactments and live and static demonstrations. Local councils, organisations, schools, ex-service organisations and individuals in the UK are eligible to apply for a grant of up to £10,000 (providing the MoD accounts for no more than 50% of the project costs). The event should be held on or in the weeks around National Armed Forces Day which will be celebrated on Saturday 30th June 2018 with a major national event to be held in the historic North Wales seaside town of Llandudno, and **local events** will be held across the UK.

You could have a... Picnic in the park, Themed BBQ, Knees up in your living room, Street Party, Fete....

Groups need to register their event first. For details on how to apply, first register your event with us <https://www.armedforcesday.org.uk/get-involved/organise-your-own-event/>

# NATIONAL FUNDERS

## Woodroffe Benton Foundation – Small Grants

<http://www.woodroffebenton.org.uk/>

**Deadline 7<sup>th</sup> March 2018**

**Grant are for between £250 - £2,000**

The Foundation provides grants to charitable organisations in respect of:

- Relief of persons in need, hardship or distress by reason of disaster or as a
- consequence of social or economic circumstance
- Provision/Maintenance of care and accommodation for the sick and elderly
- Promotion of education -
- Environmental Conservation/Preservation/Protection/Improvement - in particular where this would encourage the provision of access by members of the general public

It is the trustees' present policy to assist smaller organisations with core costs.

## Greggs Foundation Community Projects Fund

<https://www.greggsfoundation.org.uk/grants/local-community-projects-fund>

**Closes on 9th March with decisions being announced by 27th April 2018**

You can expect a decision within 8 weeks of the closing date.

**The maximum grant is £2,000.**

Local Community Projects Funding is offered to organisations supporting people in need. Any not for profit organisation can apply, however, larger organisations with a turnover in excess of £300,000 are unlikely to be successful.

We are interested in projects that improve **resilience** within your community. This can include sessional activities/respite support, equipment for sessional activities, trips and residential breaks. We are also interested in new approaches and innovative ideas as well as sustainable approaches to supporting your community. We do not fund running costs or continuation of existing and ongoing work.

Our interests are in:

- Disabled or suffering chronic illness
- Living in poverty
- Voluntary carers
- Homeless people
- Isolated older people
- Other demonstrable significant need

Beneficiaries should

- have decreased social isolation
- report improved health and wellbeing
- report improved resilience/coping mechanisms
- have improved life skills
- have improved opportunities

Click on this [link](#) to read more on exclusions and how to apply.

### **Help the Homeless Grant Scheme – Capital Costs**

**The deadlines each year are: 15th March, 15<sup>th</sup> June, 15th September and 15th December.**

**Maximum funding: £5,000**

Help the Homeless provides a grant scheme to support small and medium-sized UK charities that work to help homeless people rebuild their lives and re-enter society.

Funding is targeted at projects to find practical ways to help disadvantaged individuals return to the community through training or residential facility provision, rather than merely providing short term shelter.

Projects must assist individuals in their return to mainstream society, rather than simply offering shelter or other forms of sustenance.

Examples of grants are:

- wardrobes to furnish the bedrooms in this accommodation.
- shelving and storage
- construction of a new workshop for training.

Applicants requiring funding for building work and refurbishment are advised to contact CRASH, the construction industry's charity for homeless people for advice.

Applications are considered quarterly.

**E-mail: [HTH@help-the-homeless.org.uk](mailto:HTH@help-the-homeless.org.uk)**

## **Barbara Whatmore Charitable Trust – Schemes and Bursaries**

**£1,000-£3,500**

**Deadlines: Applications can be received at any time but must be received by 15th March or 15<sup>th</sup> September to be considered at the April or October meeting.**

Support is available for the following:

- Classical music education, to enable young musicians to attend courses or music groups and orchestras, to provide practical experience
- for young singers and instrumentalists
- Conservation and crafts training, to recognised higher educational teaching organisations
- Education projects in museums, the theatre and poetry, which inspire young people and enhance their experience
- Conservation of specific endangered historic artefacts and of the natural heritage
- Environment is also eligible, as are preventive projects to protect historic or natural collections..

The Trust does not have a website or a standard application form.

Applications must be made in writing.

Denise Gardiner

Barbara Whatmore Charitable Trust

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Hindhead Road

Hindhead GU26 6BA

**E-mail: [denise@bwct.org](mailto:denise@bwct.org)**

## **Ulverscroft Foundation**

[www.foundation.ulverscroft.com/guidelinescolour.htm](http://www.foundation.ulverscroft.com/guidelinescolour.htm)

**Deadline: 15<sup>th</sup> March, 15<sup>th</sup> June, 15<sup>th</sup> September**

The Ulverscroft Foundation supports projects which will have a positive effect on the quality of life of visually impaired people (blind and partially sighted). Their funding is channelled via recognised organisations which help the visually impaired, for example, libraries, hospitals, clinics, schools and colleges, and social and welfare organisations.

Applications should be made in writing (they do not have an application form). Make your proposal as detailed as possible. Include details of your current service to the visually impaired, if any, and how the proposed project will be integrated or enhanced. If possible, please give an estimate of how many visually impaired people use/will use your service. Also include the amount of funding obtained to date, if any, and the names of other organisations to whom you have applied. They ask that organisations send a copy of their latest annual report and accounts with their application.

Please note:

- They do not generally grant assistance towards salaries and general running costs
- They rarely give grants to individuals

Contact: The Ulverscroft Foundation, The Green, Bradgate Road, Anstey, Leicestershire, LE7 7FU Tel: 0116 236 1595 Fax: 0116 236 1594 Email: [foundation@ulverscroft.co.uk](mailto:foundation@ulverscroft.co.uk)

### **The Hedley Foundation**

<http://www.hedleyfoundation.org.uk/applications.htm>

**Deadline:** 21st March 2018, 16th May, 18th July, 19th September, 21st November

**Average £3,000**

Applications may be made at any time and will be considered at Trustee meetings which are held six times a year.

The Foundation makes grants to small registered charities working with young people aged of 11 and 25 in the areas of Recreation, Sport, Training, Health and Welfare, Support and outdoor Education.

#### **Criteria:**

- persuading and deterring at-risk young people from proceeding further down the pathway to custody
- helping with disabled and terminally ill young people through funding for specialist equipment and organised respite breaks
- young carers

The Foundation also provides limited bursary type funding to organisations which provide apprenticeships and specialist training for talented young people who, for want of money alone, are unable to develop their talents.

### **Entries Open for National Lottery Awards 2018**

<https://www.lotterygoodcauses.org.uk/>

The 2018 Awards to celebrate the UK's favourite Lottery-funded projects are now open for nominations.

The Awards are open to authorised representatives of projects that have received Lottery funding at any time since the National Lottery began in 1994. The main beneficiaries of the project must be based in the UK.

Entries can be made in the following Award categories:

- Best Arts Project.
- Best Education Project.
- Best Environment Project.
- Best Health Project.
- Best Heritage Project.
- Best Sport Project.
- Best Voluntary/Charity Project.

The winner in each category will receive a **cash prize of £5,000** (an increase from £3,000 offered in previous years), which can be put towards their project.

Winners will be determined by a public vote and will appear at a BBC One Awards Ceremony.

### **WRAP – Food Waste Reduction Fund**

<http://www.wrap.org.uk/content/new-food-waste-reduction-fund-will-help-charities-feed-people>

**Application Deadline: Expression of Interest - 30 March 2018**

**Grants of between £20,000 and £75,000 are available.**

#### Description

The new £500,000 Fund aims to help avoid surplus food produced by food businesses from becoming waste, by enabling not-for-profit organisations across England to redistribute more of this food to people in need.

#### Key Criteria

To be eligible, applicants must:

- Be registered as a not-for-profit organisation in England.
- Supply surplus food from food businesses either directly to those in need, or to other organisations who do the same.
- Be able to demonstrate they plan to work in partnership with food businesses such as retailers, manufacturers, wholesalers, food service and logistics companies.
- Be able to complete the project within 12 months of commencing and must commence by 31 October 2018.

## Expenditure

The grant can be used to support a range of activities, including:

- Training for the people involved in supplying and distributing surplus food, for example IT and food safety skills.
- Equipment such as packaging and labelling machines, storage and containers, refrigeration, refrigerated vehicles, to enable more types of food or larger quantities to be re-distributed.
- Work to help NfPs set up new arrangements and processes for partnership working with food businesses and NfP networks.
- Communication and technology to facilitate logistics between donor and recipient organisations.

A full list of the eligible and ineligible costs can be found in the guidance notes.

Email your EOI to [foodwastereductionfund@wrap.org.uk](mailto:foodwastereductionfund@wrap.org.uk)

### **Football Foundation Invites Applications for a Grow the Game Grant**

**Deadline for applications is 29 March 2018.**

**Up to £1500 available.**

For the 8th year in a row, the Football Foundation is offering grants to grassroots football clubs that are looking to create new teams. The scheme aims to increase participation in football by helping clubs to provide opportunities for new players, or by training volunteers to support new players and teams.

Grow the Game is inclusive of players from different genders, ethnic backgrounds, faiths, ages, sexual orientations and those with disabilities. Applications that originate from, or provide for, underrepresented communities are being encouraged.

This year, applications are being encouraged from not-for-profit clubs who want to start:

Women and girls teams (from age 7 years on).

Disability teams.

A wide range of not-for-profit organisations can apply and eligible organisations can receive a grant of £1,500 per new team created over two or three years with financial support being reduced in the second or third year of the project.

Clubs can use the grant to help with FA coaching courses; FA league affiliation costs; referees' fees; first aid kits; and football kit and equipment through a bespoke voucher.

## **Dunhill Medical Trust - Grants for Community Based Organisations**

<http://dunhillmedical.org.uk/grants-for-community-based-organisations/>

**Deadline: 29th March 2018 (5pm)**

The funding is for community-based organisations who work directly with older people who need some form of extra support to make everyday living that bit easier.

The Trust offers three funding schemes:

- Project grants of between £5,000 and £40,000 for projects lasting up to 36 months
- Building and physical infrastructure grants of between £5,000 and £100,000
- Capability development grants of between £100 and £5,000

Match funding of 50% is required for building and infrastructure grants (this is not required for equipment).

Tel: 0207 403 3299

E-mail: [admin@dunhillmedical.org.uk](mailto:admin@dunhillmedical.org.uk)

## **Association for Industrial Archaeology - Restoration Grants**

<https://industrial-archaeology.org/aia-awards/restoration-grants/>

**Deadline: 31<sup>st</sup> March**

Up to £20,000 to be used a partnership funding, the applicant being in the process of, or having already raised, matching funding from their own resources, fundraising and/or a grant award.

Funding is available for the restoration of historically, technically, architecturally, and/or archaeologically important industrial buildings, structures, machinery, vehicles and vessels within the UK.

The heritage asset must be:

- Covered by a Conservation Policy and/or Statement
- Sustainably managed, displayed and interpreted for the public, therefore the public must have full access to the asset

The application will usually relate to a single, tangible structure or artefact and can be used either for new projects or ones which have begun but need further funding for completion.

Tel: 01952 416026 E-mail: [secretary@industrial-archaeology.org](mailto:secretary@industrial-archaeology.org)



## **Sea-Changers Offers Small Grants for UK Based Marine Conservation Charities**

**The first deadline for 2018 applications is 31 March 2018.**

This charity offers small grants for marine conservation projects in the UK, and it is accepting applications to the first of two funding rounds in 2018.

Marine conservation charities and charitable organisations based and working in the UK can apply now for a small grant of **up to £600** for projects that take place in the UK and address the charity's current objectives, which are:

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

In addition, from Spring 2018, Sea-Changers has a specific fund to address marine litter issues, with the following objectives.

- To address the root causes of marine litter in the UK.
- To add to the body of knowledge about the nature and impact of marine litter in the UK.

For groups applying to conduct beach cleaning activities, Sea-Changers will look favourably on projects that can demonstrate connections to existing wider beach clean activities. It will also look more favourably on activities that are considering potential recycling options for material gathered.

Approximately 60% of this funding will support projects in Scotland with 40% going elsewhere in UK. There is particular interest in grassroots projects which galvanise community action and in projects which increase the number of people taking action for marine conservation. There are normally two funding rounds per year.

## **AmazonSmile Open to all UK Charities**

Amazon is now inviting all registered UK charities to join AmazonSmile. Smile allows Amazon customers to donate to charitable organisation by choosing a charity to support before they start shopping; that charity will receive 0.5% of the total net spend to the charity at no additional cost to the customer or the charity. Amazon Smile launched in the UK in November 2017 with 11 charities available. Enrolment is now open to all UK charities with registered charity numbers who are in good standing with the Charity Commission, regardless of size or locality. Customers will be able to search the newly added selection of charities from 1 March 2018

For more information and to enrol visit <https://org.amazon.co.uk/>

## The Good Help Award

**Application Deadline: 30 April 2018**

Winners will be announced at a celebration event on 13 September.

<http://goodhelp.challenges.org/>

**There are three awards available - one £15,000 winner, and two £5,000 runners up.**

Financial awards available to organisations or teams from within the public, voluntary, community or social enterprise sectors that demonstrates they are helping people transform their lives by helping them develop their sense of purpose and confidence to take action.

### Description

Nesta have launched the Good Help Award to discover more examples of 'good help' projects that are already happening across the country. The Good Help Award will reward an organisation or team that demonstrates they are helping people to find their sense of purpose and develop their confidence to take action to transform their lives, rather than focusing on fixing a problem for them.

The winners of these awards will be asked to spend the money on activities that support their 'good help'.

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