

## Caring for the Cotswolds Funded Projects

Caring for the Cotswolds has awarded £75,000 to 54 projects across the Cotswolds National Landscape.

Education – Case Studies			
Year	Applicant	Summary	Grant Awarded
2023	Common Soil Community Farm	38 half-day sessions to teach groups about growing food without chemicals, connection to the landscape, growing and biodiversity, and use of produce. The sessions are targeted to involve those less likely to access the land without support; benefiting local people with learning disabilities and young people not in education, employment or training.	£1,774
2022	Tysoe Parish Council	A series of educational interactive sessions for the residents of the parish to learn more about their local wildlife. Sessions focused on bats, butterflies, wildflowers and approaches to sustainable living. Other days include a full day survey of a nature reserve, and a 'Wildlife Workshop' to engage local children and their families.	£558
2021	Friends of Westonbirt Arboretum	Creation of a community shelter built by young people from rural communities alongside experienced craftspeople, allowing the community participants the opportunity to contribute to their new space and learn new skills. The finished roundhouse is publicly accessible to youth groups wanting to connect with Westonbirt.	£7,200

### Previous Awards:

- **2022, Yatton Keynell Parish Council** - £300 to engage local schoolchildren in the restoration of the village pond.
- **2021, Sladebank Woods CIC** - £1,375 to construct an education shelter for events to bring young people with learning difficulties into nature, and develop practical skills.
- **2019, Limpley Stoke Parish Council** - £1,200 to install information boards detailing village history and a habitat and species map.
- **2019, Ascott Martyrs** - £323 to install commemorative plaques in the village green for the Ascott Martyrs.
- **2018, Kings Stanley Parish Council** - £650 to install two interpretation panels, set within stone blocks, on Selsey Common SSSI.
- **2018, Tomarton Village Pond Committee** - £783 to install an interpretation board with a map and illustrations of species living in and around the village pond.
- **2016, Durham University** - £820 to the creation of a PDF walking guide and an interactive guide on the Iron Age settlement at Bagendon, and across the CNL.

**Total awards for Education - £14, 983**

## Conservation of Habitats and Species – Case Studies

Year	Applicant	Project Details	Grant Awarded
2023	Wychwood Wild Garden	Restoration of a Victorian pond in order to protect the site as a habitat, and increase biodiversity. The site is valued by the local community and is maintained by a weekly voluntary group, who meet to manage the woodland, garden and ponds.	£2,500
2023	Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust	Propagating, growing and planting 100 saplings of one of Britain's rarest native trees -the Black Poplar. The saplings will be grown in the Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust nursery and planted at sites across the Cotswolds, introducing a vital habitat and food source.	£1,945
2023	Leckhampton with Warden Hill Parish Council	Reinstatement of a traditional community orchard; planting 20 new fruit trees and managing existing plum trees. Community volunteers, including schoolchildren, have been involved in every step of the planting process and the installation of interpretation boards will further the community's education of orchards.	£2,500

### Previous Awards:

- **2023, The Campden Society** - £900 to restore 10 veteran trees.
- **2022, Long Newnton Parish Council** – £1,000 to plant wildflower verges and 3 years of maintenance.
- **2022, The Campden Society** – £1,705 to restore a 3-acre traditional orchard.
- **2022, Wotton Area Climate Action Network** – £703 to establish wildflowers verges and install an interpretation board.
- **2021, Bradford-on-Avon Town Council** - £1,763 to install bat, bird and mammal boxes and ecological surveys.
- **2021, Box Parish Council** – £2,010 to improve habitat, seating and interpretation on a walking route.
- **2021, National Trust** – £1,750 to install a new drinking trough and facilitate conservation grazing.
- **2021, Wiltshire Wildlife Trust** – £1,326 to manage invasive species with eradication of Himalayan Balsam.
- **2019, Sustainable Woodstock** – £1,069 to manage a community orchard and woodland with new trees, materials and tools.
- **2019, Wild Woodland Celebrations** – £1,125 to install a charcoal ring, facilitating woodland management.
- **2019 Batsford Foundation, Moreton in Marsh** – £515 to create half-acre wildflower meadow.
- **2019 Minchinhampton Commoners, Stroud** – £1,584.21 to install new troughs and facilitate conservation grazing.
- **2018, Butterfly Conservation, Gloucestershire** – £1,052 to restore the habitat of the declining Pearl Bordered Fritillary Butterfly.
- **2018, Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust** – £1,250 to install Barn Owl nest boxes.
- **2016, North Cotswolds Deer Management Group** – £1,481 to install eight trail cameras to collect deer population data.
- **2016, Bristol Avon Rivers Trust** – £1,000 to complete woodland management work and clear access to a historic well.
- **2013, Cotswolds Rivers Trust** – £500 towards river restoration work.
- **2013, World Land Trust** – £500 towards woodland management and interpretation panels.

**Total awards for Conservation of Habitats and Species - £28, 178**

## Improving Access – Case Studies

Year	Applicant	Summary	Grant Awarded
2023	Horsley Cycling and Walking Project	Improvement of four key popular, connective walking routes around the village. Ten sites have been noted as being barriers to access along these walking routes and the works will include replacing unsafe stiles and gates, adding steps to steep gradients. The parish will hold a celebratory village walk to commemorate the improvements.	£2,500
2022	Friendship Café	Improvement of the walking experience for a women's walking group with the purchase of walking equipment, maps and high vis jackets. The group supports local women who would not have ordinarily explored the Cotswolds; increasing their confidence and understanding.	£874
2021	Tetbury Rail Lands Regeneration Trust	Re-surfacing 1km of the Tetbury Trail that was inaccessible to a number of users – creating a fully accessible path connecting to a café/restaurant. The trail is a multi-user path where wheelchair, mobility scooter and pushchair users all enjoy other sections.	£2,500

### Previous Awards:

- **2023, Asthal Parish Council** - £1,500 to install new steps as a way of safe access for volunteers and visitors to the new biodiversity site.
- **2023, Friends of Westonbirt Arboretum** - £1,000 to a 5-day neurodivergence training event for staff and volunteers.
- **2021, Chalford Parish Council**- £1,315 to create a guided walking trail of village wildlife sites.
- **2021, Beckford Nature Reserve** - £1,676 to install new steps, improving safety and accessibility of the Nature Reserve.
- **2021, Tysoe Parish Council** - £1,262 to create a nature trail, connecting wildlife sites, and a series of information boards.
- **2019, Sustainable Woodstock** - £1,069 to improve access of a community orchard and woodland.
- **2019, Quenington Parish Council** - £500 to produce a leaflet promoting three circular walks from the village.
- **2018, Batheaston Parish Council** - £1,084 to complete a detailed riverbank and footpath survey with recommendations for maintenance.
- **2017, Ilmington Parish Council** - £770 to restore the 1953 Coronation Gate, and renewal of access noticeboard content.
- **2016, Nailsworth Town Council** - £730 to replace unsafe steps at access point for a footpath and woodland.
- **2013, Winchcombe town Council** - £500 to complete a missing section of hard-surface footpath on the Winchcombe Way.

**Total awards for Improving Access - £17, 280**

## Heritage and Landscape – Case Studies

Year	Applicant	Summary	Grant Awarded
2023	Tetbury Town Council	Restoration of four original Great Western Railway benches situated on the converted rail line and commonly used as a meeting spot for a number of walking routes that begin there. The work will be completed by Men's Sheds volunteers – a community group offering a place for men to connect, converse and create.	£900
2021	The Bath Stone Museum Quarry Trust	Restoration of the 1864 Box Quarry Crane – thought to be the oldest surviving crane built by Stothert & Pitt in the world. The restored crane has been placed in Bath with an information board, acting as a tangible reminder of the stone quarrying history of the Cotswolds.	£1,900
2021	Leafield Parish Council	Restoration of the Grade II listed Leafield Lychgate. The impressive war memorial was in need of repair as its support beams, and internal fencing showed signs of rot. The Lychgate serves as spark for community commemoration of the war, bringing together the village in acts of remembrance.	£2,313

### Previous Awards:

- **2023, Wychwood Forest Trust** - £1,500 to promote and celebrate the rural skill of hedge-laying through a hedge-laying championship.
- **2021, Radway Parish Council** - £1,001 to improve access to a churchyard with interpretation of the site's Civil War history, and the production of a heritage trail leaflet.
- **2018, Avon Wildlife Trust** – £1,115 to run a training day on restoring orchards, and work with volunteers to support the restoration of an orchard with new tree planting.
- **2016, Bourton-on-the-Water Parish Council** - £1,352 to repair the riverbank wall, where the Windrush flows through the village centre.
- **2016, Nailsworth Town Council** - £200 to repair the spring head at Glendower; the home of poet WH Davies in Watledge, Nailsworth.
- **2015, Gloucestershire Warwickshire Railways Trust** - £2,500 to reconstruct a single platform railway halt for passengers wishing to walk to/from Hailes Abbey. The construction will involve replica signs, shelter and fencing.

**Total awards for Heritage and Landscape - £12, 781**