



Green Space 2 Grow Support Pack Town & Parish Councils Cumbria



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Introduction

Green Space 2 Grow is a CALC initiative to support Town and Parish Councils in Cumbria to increase the use of available green space in their areas for a range of growing and greening activities.

Green spaces and growing give a range of benefits to our health and wellbeing, our environment and our communities.

As we know Parish Councils have the power to obtain and supply land for allotments, so allotments are the obvious 'available' green space that could be identified. However, there are lots of other potential green spaces that can be used for growing and greening activities in our communities such as:

grass verges along the roadside and in carparks, commons and open spaces, parks, footpaths and bridleways, village greens, and green space around community buildings.

This information pack has been produced with support from partners, organisations, and community groups whose activities are related to climate action, sustainability, growing and greening activities that we hope will help and inspire you.

We know that some town and parishes in Cumbria are already very successful in this area, and we hope that by showcasing some of their activities will encourage you and give ideas to get growing and greening!

CALC can support town and parish councils to:

- **Identify available green space in their areas to:**
 - create their own growing and greening activities
 - connect with growing and greening community groups and organisations who would like to use your green space

Growing and Greening activities can:

- encourage people to reduce their carbon imprint and join local climate action
- support communities around the increased cost of living in relation to food, healthy eating, sourcing food locally and reducing food miles
- support health and wellbeing
- encourage good neighbourliness AND
- be achievable in available green spaces in both our rural and urban town and parishes

CALC will do this by:

- **Asking town and parish councils with available green space to complete this form** to give us more information and details and to see how we can best support them:

[Green Space 2 Grow: Contact details and information of available Green Space in your area](#)

- **Providing town and parish councils with the support they require including:**
 - connecting with community groups who want to create community growing/greening activities
 - supporting town/parish councils with ideas and resources to create and lead their own community growing/greening activities (included in this information pack)
 - providing support where possible to make the green space available to start activities

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Local councils' existing powers relating to Green Space & Greening and Growing Activities

Allotments and markets: [Small Holdings and Allotments Act 1908, ss 23, 26 and 42] (Food Act 1984, s. 50)

- This allows the promotion of local produce and healthy eating
- This can help to reduce food-miles
- Allotments powers also enable the provision of communal food-growing sites and initiatives, run by associations and cooperatives.

Commons, ponds, open spaces, recreation etc (Open Spaces Act 1906, s.15; Highways Act 1980, ss 47]

- Scope to practise good environmental management, accommodate recycling facilities etc on the council's land
- Scope to plant trees on, and maintain, highway verges

Neighbourhood planning [Localism Act, 2011; Neighbourhood Planning Act, 2017 and National Planning Policy Framework,)

- Scope to include environmentally friendly planning policies re design, routes, landscaping etc
- There is a continuing need to ensure that Neighbourhood Plans have 'teeth', and that they can be more than just land-use allocation policies.

Permitted development rights (Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015, part 12):

- Councils may erect and operate, without the need to seek planning permission, a wide variety of small buildings, equipment, and other structures on their land, for the purposes of any of their functions or public services.
- This can include a range of small 'green' developments

Future opportunities- identified by NALC

Recommendations for NALC policies and services: 'legal advice' on the creative use of the powers already available to local councils

- Local councils should be given a direct power to undertake tree planting and other eco-friendly activities on a much wider range of land, beyond just their own recreational spaces and highway verges.
- The 'section 137' expenditure limit on community energy facilities and activities should be removed
- Local councils should be given the power to promote and operate facilities and services to recycle waste and re-use resources.
- The role and effectiveness of neighbourhood plans in relation to Climate Change should be protected and given more weight in decision-making.



Ideas for local green spaces

- Community orchards including avenues of fruit trees along grass verges
<https://www.slorchards.com/>
- Woodland projects- Cumbria Woodland, Woodland Futures Project offers support and training, see page 8
- Fruit bush hedges (e.g., blackcurrants or gooseberries) also consider more traditional fruits, (sloes, bullace, gages, crab apples, quince etc.)
- Wild Harvest hedges - [Free Trees for Schools and Communities - Woodland Trust](#)
- Flowering herbs instead of flower beds e.g., marjoram, rosemary, mint, thyme, chives etc.
- Community allotments for vegetables
- Encourage would-be gardeners to grow vegetables in other people's gardens (with their permission of course!) This could be particularly beneficial for older people who are no longer physically active and cannot maintain their plot.
- Consider access to water and where you could store tools etc.

Think about the produce:

- Ways of storing excess fruit and vegetables e.g., jams, chutneys, dehydrating, juices, flavoured gins etc <https://www.slorchards.com/press-hire>
- WI 'how to...' event.
- Ways of sharing excess - veg swaps or trading local produce to be used in pubs and restaurants for vouchers for a meal out.
- Donate surplus from allotments to Food Banks or local 'meals on wheels' type initiatives supporting vulnerable members of the community.
- School harvest / foraging day

Get people involved:

- Ask people what they would like to see and advertise for volunteer gardeners
- Encourage a sense of 'civic pride' and healthy exercise
- Promote the gardens as way to meet your neighbours and cut down on food costs / your carbon footprint
- Help reduce loneliness and isolation - [Age UK | The UK's leading charity helping every older person who needs us](#)
- Social Prescribing team
- Think about benches, places for people to sit, and interpretation boards that explain what the initiative is all about (e.g., 'eat local, grow local' - 'please do walk on the grass!')

What else could you do?

- Set up a community composting scheme to enable people to get rid of their food waste [Cumbria Master Composters | Garden Organic](#) provide information and training on individual and community composting
- Use the space to promote active transport e.g., bike racks or improved footways to access
- Think about accessibility - opportunities for wheelchair users / people with sensory impairments
- What about a beehive (yes, I can hear the health and safety alarm bells ringing!) [Rent a Beehive | Hosting a Beehive in Your Backyard \(kinnibeas.com\)](#)
<https://thebeecentre.org/> or insect hotels?
- Bughingham Palace, Muncaster Castle - [Conservation Matters at Muncaster Castle](#)

****Ideas for local green spaces was kindly produced for CALC by Nick Lancaster and Helen Attewell, Cumbria Action for Sustainability 22.8.22****

Organisations and Groups who can offer Information, Support or Training related to growing and greening activities

***Cumbria Woodland, Woodland Advisory Service:** [Cumbria Woodlands](#)

Benefit from their FREE Woodland Advisory Service, which provides impartial advice to those looking to create or manage woodland. This can be whether you are looking after ancient woodland, applying for woodland creation grants, information on the Cumbria Coastal Community Forest or getting started with Agroforestry.

Contact info@cumbriawoodlands.co.uk for a free consultation.

***Cumbria Master Composters:** [Cumbria Master Composters | Garden Organic](#) to see how you can get involved and for information on training and events

***Garden Organic:** [Organic growing advice | Garden Organic](#)

***CAfS (Cumbria Action for Sustainability):** There's so much inspirational action going on in towns and villages across Cumbria, as local people come together to raise awareness, support each other, and develop projects to cut carbon emissions.

On this page, [Sustainability groups in Cumbria - CAfS](#) you can find out more about some of the local sustainability groups across Cumbria, but you can also get in touch with CAfS to find out more about setting up your own group if there isn't one near you, and the support we can offer. If you're looking to set up your own activities or groups, [funding is available to help you get started](#). Email helen.attewell@cafs.org.uk

[\(Also see our guide on how to go about making a community more sustainable.\)](#)

***ACTion with Communities Cumbria:** [Rural and community development charity for Cumbria - Action with Communities in Cumbria, Penrith, Cumbria \(cumbriaaction.org.uk\)](#)
ACT can help connect town and parish councils with community groups who are involved with growing and greening activities and also help set up new ones with information and resources available on their website.

***Incredible Edible:** [Start a group - Incredible Edible](#)

'Community is at the very heart of Incredible Edible's work and our growing patches are edible attractions to get people talking. From its inception, Incredible Edible sought to show how ordinary people can transform their own landscapes and turned disused plots into abundant sources of healthy food. Working with whoever is willing, we create powerful connections through food, which lead people to believe that when we act together each of us is stronger for it'.

They have created 10 steps to being Incredible as a handy tool if you're thinking about starting a group in your local community. Once you sign up, you'll get access to their full Get going guide and resources, with everything you need to get started

***Mental Health Foundation:** [Thriving with Nature | Mental Health Foundation](#)

They have created a report outlining activities and resources of how to connect people to nature.

***Royal Horticultural Society:** [Tips on gardening in a changing climate / RHS Gardening](#)

Have lots of great gardening tips and resources to improve wellbeing, tackle climate change and improve biodiversity.

***Hubbub Foundation:** [Tips for getting started with growing | Hubbub Foundation](#)

***West Cumbria Rivers Trust:** [West Cumbria Rivers Trust \(WCRT\)](#)

West Cumbria Rivers Trust has a crucial role to play in raising awareness and increasing understanding of West Cumbria's rivers and lakes. They do this by connecting with people locally to make a positive difference to the health of rivers, lakes, people, and wildlife.

***Woodland Trust:** [UK's Largest Woodland Conservation Charity - Woodland Trust](#)

***Lake District National Park:** [Local communities: Lake District National Park](#)

Community support is available through the [Lake District Communities Fund](#).

Area Rangers work with residents, businesses, community groups, landowners, and farmers. They are the first point of contact for:

- new local initiatives or community projects
- the Lake District Communities Fund
- access and recreation enquiries
- more information about any aspect of the LDNPA's work

***Eden Rivers Trust:** [Your Eden - Eden Rivers Trust](#)

- Connect people with rivers- increasing understanding of how rivers work, encouraging people's enjoyment of the amazing wildlife and special places and inspiring them to take action and help care for our rivers.
- Improve the natural processes within the Eden catchment, on land as well as in the river, nurturing wildlife habitats, reducing flood risk and providing cleaner water.
- Protect the Eden's unique and iconic biodiversity, ensuring our native plants and animals survive and thrive.

***Cumbria Biodiversity Data Centre** [Homepage - Cumbria Biodiversity Data Centre \(cbdc.org.uk\)](http://cbdc.org.uk)

Cumbria Biodiversity Data Centre brings together, analyses and shares information on Cumbria's natural history, wildlife sites and habitats for education, research and to help people make sound decisions when planning to develop and manage land sustainably.

***Cumbria Local Nature Recovery Strategy - Pilot Scheme** [Cumbria Local Nature Recovery Strategy - Pilot Scheme | Cumbria County Council](#)

In August 2020 the government announced that Cumbria will be 1 of 5 Pilot areas trialling the development of a Local Nature Recovery Strategy (LNRS).

The purpose of the LNRS is to restore and link up habitats so that species can thrive, and agree the best places to help nature recover, plant trees and woodland, restore peatland, mitigate flood, and fire risk, and create green spaces for local people to enjoy.

With an agreed LNRS in place, the nature recovery work of everyone in Cumbria - from the designated landscapes and large conservation partnerships, to farmers, local businesses, and community groups- can help to deliver a bigger, better, and more joined up nature recovery network across the whole of the county.

Cumbria County Council is leading this project. Working with a wide range of partnerships, organisations and individuals that have an interest or influence in nature recovery will be key to developing an effective strategy for the county.

To sign up for updates or for more information on how to get involved with the Cumbria LNRS please contact the Cumbria LNRS project manager:

Angela Wakefield
Telephone. 07818809885
Email: angela.wakefield@cumbria.gov.uk

***Natural England**

Can support with connections with other existing projects and partners who may be able to and offer advice and best practice.

Can support with access to research and evidence data around connecting people with nature, barriers to connecting with nature and health and wellbeing in regard to access to nature, for example the [Nature Connection Handbook](#), [Included Outside publications](#)

Publish the national [People and Nature](#) and [MENE surveys](#), with information about who is and isn't connecting with nature.

[Monitor of Engagement with the Natural Environment Report 2019](#)

Have available the [green infrastructure mapping tool](#), allowing you to view local greenspace and access to green infrastructure for local populations

May be able to help support with advice around access to funding opportunities

For more info contact Claire Green, Natural England Cumbria Inclusion Senior Advisor
claire.green@naturalengland.org.uk

***Cumbria In Bloom** [Cumbria In Bloom - Keeping Cumbria Clean and Welcoming \(cumbria-in-bloom.org.uk\)](http://cumbria-in-bloom.org.uk)

Their main purpose is to engage with groups in Cumbria, encouraging participation in a range of competitions that promote improvement of horticulture, floriculture, and environmental issues in our region.

Closely following Britain in Bloom's campaign guidelines, their cohort of judges visit all projects over the summer to evaluate achievement and offer guidance.

Every Autumn, an awards ceremony is held to recognise and publicise the efforts of those who have taken part. We also nominate finalists for national recognition in the Britain in Bloom Competition.

***Zero Carbon Cumbria** [Home - Zero Carbon Cumbria - Carbon reduction action across the county.](http://Home-ZeroCarbonCumbria.org.uk)

A new hub for climate action in Cumbria opens its online doors in November. The new Zero Carbon Cumbria website brings together all the great things happening across Cumbria to cut carbon emissions and help Cumbrians play their part in global action to stop the climate crisis.

***Cumbria Wildlife Trust**

Our Community Development Team is here to help people connect with wildlife [Meet the team](#)

The team works with community groups and schools to make Cumbria wilder

The Community Development Team wants to enable individuals and groups to play their part in creating a *Wilder Cumbria*. We do this by enabling people to take action, by creating opportunities to volunteer, and helping people learn about nature and wildlife.

The team supports community groups to take action for Cumbria's wildlife & wild places. Discover how you can help Cumbria's wildlife through simple acts you can take at home and in your local area. [Browse our list of action pages that give you simple instructions](#) on 'How to' make a difference for wildlife. You'll find all sorts of inspiring and easy ways to help wildlife at home, including 'How to create a hedgehog hole' to 'How to build a pond'.

The team works with schools and other groups to help people learn about Cumbria's wildlife & wild places

We're an experienced team of educators. We're currently developing our specific programme for 2023. In the meantime, please contact us if you've an educational enquiry. In particular, we're looking at Forest Schools training as part of our offer.

We'd love to hear how you want to be part of *Wilder Cumbria* and take action for nature. Please contact any of the team by emailing community@cumbriawildlifetrust.org.uk

Join the conversation using #WilderCumbria

The Community Development Team is building a network of people who want to be involved in creating a *Wilder Cumbria* and always pleased to hear about what you're doing. So, please do share your images and stories with us, using #WilderCumbria in social or via email community@cumbriawildlifetrust.org.uk

Some of the Growing and Greening initiatives that are taking place across Cumbria- to inspire you!

***Ulverston Town Council:** Ulverston in Bloom is a voluntary group which looks after all planting in Ulverston. This includes all tubs and planters, Jubilee gardens and planted beds around the town. The group have an allotment at Dragley Beck and grow and recycle some of their own plants. An orchard has been planted at Dragley Beck and beehives are to be installed enabling the group to harvest and sell its own honey. The planting is as wildlife friendly as possible.

[Ulverston in Bloom - Ulverston Town Council \(ulverstoncouncil.org.uk\)](http://ulverstoncouncil.org.uk)

Find out more about how Rotarians from the Rotary Club of ***Brampton & Longtown** together with residents and community organisations have set up a community gardening initiative based on the “Incredible Edible” model.

Their aim is to enhance some areas of the town whilst introducing residents to the opportunity of growing their own fruit and vegetables.

[Incredible Edible in Brampton and Longtown - Brampton & Longtown Rotary \(rotary-ribi.org\)](http://rotary-ribi.org)

***Windermere Town Council:** Cumbria Windermere Town Council has declared a climate emergency and is implementing strategies to increase the biodiversity of the local woods. Windermere Town Council manages thirty acres of woodland and has worked to actively cut back the overgrown and densely packed woods, intending to bring the woodland floor back to life. The bluebells are reviving and clear of small mammals are returning with the sound of birdsong

[Elleray Wood & Orrest Head - Windermere Town Council \(windermere-tc.gov.uk\)](http://windermere-tc.gov.uk)

Jubilee Garden, ***Greysouthen Parish Council** - this area is being planted with herbs and fruit trees for community purposes.

Parish wild flowering project is taking place in ***Oughterside and Allerby Parish Council**

***Lweswater Parish Council** have created a wildflower meadow on part of Mockerkin Green.

***Coniston PC:** Local group Get Coniston Buzzing, is a project to reintroduce a wildflower meadow in Coniston:

[Get Coniston buzzing - Project Update on this exciting project to reintroduce wildflower meadow in Coniston. - Lake District Foundation](#)

Silloth Green is maintained by **Silloth-on-Solway Town Council**. The Friends of Silloth Green work alongside the Town Council and its grounds maintenance team in ensuring their green spaces are kept to a high standard which has helped them achieve a Green Flag Award for the last 10 years in succession. 'We also allow them to use an allotment at our allotment site free of charge which they use to cultivate things for the Green and to teach the volunteers new skills'.

***Egremont Town Council** provides an allotment free of charge to Calderwood House, a hostel in Egremont, helping homeless people get back on their feet.

https://youtu.be/QwTqF_Vuv8s

***Great Salkeld Parish Council:** A small field known locally as Otteriggs field in Great Salkeld. 'We will continue to develop the field in any way that will encourage biodiversity and provide a pleasant spot for local residents to enjoy'.

***Workington Town Council:** 'Grow Well have a small building and plot within our park'.

[Grow Well | Facebook](#)

'Groundworks use our community room; we are working on projects to use our building as a 'living building'.

***Sedbergh Parish Council:** A Community orchard is on land provided by Sedbergh School. The Sedbergh in Bloom group plants and attends to flowers and bushes around the town including a small garden adjacent to the Information Centre

***Penrith Town Council:** [Green Spaces - \(penrithtowncouncil.gov.uk\)](https://www.penrithtowncouncil.gov.uk)

Their Green Spaces initiatives under Climate Change include:

Grow Nature Fund

The purpose of the Grow Nature Fund is to encourage and support local green projects and its value represents the approximate number of people in Penrith £15,500.

Funded projects must deliver a clear and demonstrable benefit to the natural environment.

Here are some examples:

- Conversion or restoration of community greenspace to wildlife habitat: community orchards, ponds, wildflower meadows/verges, native hedges, street trees or woodlands
- Environmental improvements to a community centre or village hall grounds: installation of bee bricks, bug hotels, swift boxes, nest boxes, tree planting
- Initiatives to reduce single use plastics
- Local wildlife training and monitoring schemes
- Schemes to reduce invasive species, litter, noise, or light pollution in the environment
- Environmental aspects of a heritage restoration scheme
- Initiatives to help local people to connect with their environment.
- Activities which encourage people to grow nature and increase the public understanding and enjoyment of wildlife and heritage

Penrith Woods Project

It's our ambition to significantly increase all forms of canopy cover throughout Penrith, whilst strengthening the protection of our existing backbone of trees, woodlands, and hedges. Penrith Woods is an ambitious tree planting project with the principle aim of fighting climate change.

Value our Green Open Spaces

The Town Council has developed a draft Neighbourhood Plan and Objective 3 purpose is:

To protect green spaces that have been identified as important to both wellbeing and the local community.

***Cummersdale Parish Council:** The Cummersdale Copse provide a relaxing area, which was created in 2004. The Copse provides the community to become involved with growing and conserving wildflowers etc.

<https://cummersdaleparishcouncil.org.uk/community-information/local-walks/>

The PC are hopeful that volunteers will get involved in conserving it.

The PC are supportive of the local Village Hall, that is planning to develop an adjoining garden.

***Millom Town Council:** There are plans to introduce community growing activities i.e., fruit trees/sensory garden (including herbs etc) in Millom Park.

***Cockermouth Town Council:** Trees have been planted in Harris Park extension

***Lowca Parish Council:** 'We have a green space that we have taken over from the Council. It's at the southern approach to the village. It's a combination of short cut grass, flower beds and a designated wildflower area. We took part in the GET CUMBRIA BUZZING initiative in May'.

***Beck Bottom Community Garden in Hensingham** is run by a small group of local volunteers from all age ranges and backgrounds who share a passion for gardening and take great pride in the upkeep of the area.

'We meet up every Saturday morning at 10am (weather permitting) to carry out gardening duties and general upkeep of the area. We welcome anyone, they do not have to have any horticultural knowledge.

We have helped transform a derelict area of former parkland into a cared for and attractive green space accessible to all. We have planted seasonal formal flower beds, rose beds, wildflower meadow areas and blossom trees to attract birds, bees, butterflies, insects, and other wildlife.

We have also constructed our own composting area so we can recycle all of our gardening waste and we practise organic gardening.

Our aim is to maintain and enhance the area known as Beck Bottom, Hensingham for the local community while promoting horticultural education, physical and mental health through gardening in partnership with Copeland Borough Council Open Spaces Department.

We also hope to help people suffering from loneliness and social isolation, we all enjoy a good chat whilst gardening and formed many new friendships. We are also now pleased to announce we are part of Copeland Borough Council's Social Prescribing Programme and can accept referrals from The Joy App.

Beck Bottom Community Garden Group have many plans for the future including herbaceous borders, further wildflower areas, herb garden, footpath improvements to name a few'. For more information look at their FB page: [Beck Bottom Community Garden Group | Facebook](#)

***Planting 4 Pollinators Project: [Planting for pollinators | Cumbria Wildlife Trust](#)**

Cumbria Wildlife Trust together with [Cumbria County Council](#), are working to reverse pollinator decline across north & west Cumbria.

The Planting for Pollinators project will cover over fifty sites. They will create, improve, and connect a mosaic of pollinator-friendly habitats, in turn providing food, shelter and nesting places for the likes of bees, butterflies, wasps and other insects.

Pollinator-friendly habitats include hedges, species rich grassland, scrub, deadwood, banks, glades, and flower rich gardens.

The sites are varied and include roadside verges, farmland, community green spaces, orchards, church grounds, and public & private gardens.

The project is looking to extend to the South West of Cumbria with sites across Barrow and Copeland receiving funding from Cumbria County Council's Environment Fund.

Funding Opportunities

The funding opportunities below relate to the themes of climate change, greening and growing activities.

It is not a definitive list and is as up to date as the most recent version of this document. Each funder has their own application eligibility requirements.

Please click on the relevant links provided to find out more information.

American Express - Community Giving Programme

Grants are available for not-for-profit organisations to help empower more diverse and inclusive workforces and communities, build inclusive economic growth and financial literacy, and advance climate innovation and action.

Funding body:	American Express Company
Maximum value:	Discretionary
Application deadline:	None specified

American Express - Community Giving

<https://about.americanexpress.com/corporate-sustainability/community-giving/community-giving-mission/default.aspx>

Grant applications

<https://about.americanexpress.com/corporate-sustainability/how-to-apply-for-a-grant/default.aspx>

BA Better World Community Fund (with Crowdfunding)

Grants are available for charities, community benefit societies and social enterprises in the UK who can raise their initial funding through a crowdfunding campaign to support projects that deliver benefits for climate, communities, and nature.

Funding body:	British Airways Plc
Maximum value:	£ 50,000
Application deadline:	None specified

BA Better World Community Fund (with Crowdfunding)

https://bacomunityfund.co.uk/eligibility-criteria?utm_source=intercom&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=cf_ba-better-world&utm_content=launch-eligibility

Benefact Trust - General Grants

Grants are available for churches of all denominations and Christian charities in the UK and Ireland that are repairing, restoring, protecting, and improving church buildings, cathedrals, and places of Christian workshops, and helping the most vulnerable by tackling pressing social issues, including homelessness, poverty, climate change and cultural cohesion.

Funding body:	Benefact Trust
Maximum value:	Discretionary
Application deadline:	None specified

Benefact Trust - General Grants

<https://benefacttrust.co.uk/which-grant-is-for-me/general-grants/>

Trees for Climate Fund

Trees for Climate is a woodland creation fund focusing on the Cumbria Coastal Community Forest area which covers the west coast of Cumbria, from Barrow in the south to Carlisle in the north. It is part of Defra's Nature for Climate scheme which is a national initiative for natural solutions to climate change. A Trees for Climate grant is for anyone wanting to plant trees. The grant is highly bespoke and is open to all - whether you are a parish council looking to add some shade to a green space or a farmer looking to diversify income streams.

Cumbria Woodlands are the Delivery Partner for the Cumbria Coastal Community Forest. Their Woodland Advisory Service can help to identify if your land is suitable for woodland creation within the remit of the Cumbria Coastal Community Forest region. This free service allows landowners to receive advice and site visits to assess the suitability of their land and how it can contribute to the Community Forest.

Funding body:	Cumbria County Council
Maximum value:	No maximum - depends on size of scheme
Application deadline:	Fund now open for planting projects for winter 22/23 and beyond

Visit [Cumbria Woodlands' website](#) for more information about the project.

To find out if you are eligible for Trees for Climate funding please complete the [Cumbria Woodlands Online Enquiry Form](#) or get in touch by emailing: info@cumbriawoodlands.co.uk.

To download a copy of the application form, please visit: [Cumbria Coastal Community Forest | Cumbria County Council](#)

Cumbria County Council - Community Grants

Grants are available to locally based voluntary and not-for-profit groups for local community projects and initiatives that make a difference to communities in Cumbria.

This year Cumbria County Council has committed another £1.2m to fund Environmental Projects in each of the 6 local committees. This is on top 2021/22's £1.2m which was matched with a further £1.2m from the Contain Outbreak Management Fund, this means each Local Area Committee has received a total of £600,000 to spend on projects that enhance the local environment.

The purpose of this ring-fenced fund will be to support a range of environmental improvements or enhancements, covering for example: - enhanced verge maintenance; tree maintenance and replacement; footpath maintenance; nature recovery; biodiversity improvements; and improving the environmental conditions and quality of life 'on the doorstep'.

So far there have been a range of environmental improvements including footpath and cycle path improvements, tree and pollinator friendly planting, educational support into schools and community growing events. Some schemes have secured match funding to bring more funding in to the county, including over £220,000 Forestry Commission funding for tree planting on Barrow's highways.

The councillors have worked closely with district councils, communities, charities, parish, and town councils to consider various schemes and have enabled over 150 schemes being approved for funding to-date.

Funding body:	Cumbria County Council
Maximum value:	£ 1,500
Application deadline:	None specified

Cumbria County Council - Community Grants

<http://www.cumbria.gov.uk/yourcommunitysupport/communitygrants.asp>

Cumbria Waste Management Environment Trust

Grants are available to community groups and organisations for environmental and community projects that are within a 10-mile radius of either Hespin Wood or Flusco Pike landfill sites (in parts of Eden, Carlisle and Allerdale).

Funding body:	Cumbria Waste Management Environment Trust
Maximum value:	£ 30,000
Application deadline:	10/01/2023

Cumbria Waste Management

<https://www.cumbriawaste.co.uk/environment-trust/>

Cumbria Waste Management Environment Trust

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

Copeland Community Fund

Grants are available for non-profit community organisations carrying out charitable activities which improve community life in Copeland for a significant number of people and address a specific community issue or need.

Funding body:	Copeland Community Fund
Maximum value:	Discretionary
Application deadline:	None specified

The Copeland Community Fund

<https://www.copelandcommunityfund.co.uk/>

Eden Council - COP26 Community Fund

Grants are available for charities, community and voluntary groups, and other not-for-profit organisations in Eden to support projects and activities that address climate change, and biodiversity, and help local communities to achieve net-zero.

Funding body:	Eden District Council
Maximum value:	£ 30,000
Application deadline:	None specified

Eden Council - COP26 Community Fund

<https://www.eden.gov.uk/your-environment/zero-carbon-eden/cop26-community-fund/>

Energy Redress Scheme - Carbon Emissions Reduction and Innovation Fund

Grants are available to not-for-profit groups in Great Britain for projects that empower householders to reduce their carbon emissions and engage positively with the transition to net zero and for the development of innovative products and services related to energy.

Funding body:	Energy Saving Trust
Maximum value:	£ 1,000,000
Application deadline:	The amount of funding available through the scheme varies throughout the year and will be reviewed on a quarterly basis in January, April, July and October.

Energy Saving Trust

<https://www.energyredress.org.uk/announcements>

E-Mail: energyredress@est.org.uk

England Woodland Creation Partnerships (WCP) Grants

Grants, incentives and other support are available for woodland creation by farmers, landowners/managers, and community groups, as part of the England Woodland Creation Partnerships.

Funding body:	Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra)
Maximum value:	Discretionary
Application deadline:	None specified

England Woodland Creation Partnerships (WCP) Grants

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/england-woodland-creation-partnerships-grants-and-advice-table>

FCC Community Action Fund - England

Grants are available to not-for-profit organisations for public amenity projects eligible under Object D of the Landfill Communities Fund (LCF) and located within 10 miles of an eligible FCC Environment landfill site.

Funding body:	FCC Communities Foundation (formerly WREN)
Maximum value:	£ 100,000
Application deadline:	07/12/2022

FCC Communities Foundation

<https://fcccommunitiesfoundation.org.uk/>

Freshfield Foundation

Grant for charitable organisations in the UK undertaking projects in the areas of sustainable development, climate change mitigation and overseas disaster relief.

Funding body:	Freshfield Foundation
Maximum value:	Discretionary
Application deadline:	None specified

For further information on how to obtain this grant locally, please contact the following:

Paul Kurthausen

Freshfield Foundation

B W MacFarlane LLP

Castle Chambers

43 Castle Street

Liverpool

L2 9SH

Tel: 0151 236 1494

E-Mail: paul.k@bwm.co.uk

Friends of the Lake District Landscape Grants

Grants are available to charitable organisations, voluntary and community groups, schools, social enterprises and local councils or conservation agencies for projects and activities/events that focus on protecting, enhancing, and experiencing the landscape in Cumbria.

Funding body:	Friends of the Lake District
Maximum value:	£ 2,000
Application deadline:	None specified

Friends of the Lake District - Grants

<https://www.friendsofthelakedistrict.org.uk/Pages/Category/landscape-grants>

Green Heat Network Fund (GHNF)

Public, private and third sector organisations in England can access capital grant funding to help new and existing heat networks move to low and zero carbon technologies, such as heat pumps, solar and geothermal energy.

Funding body:	Department for Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy (BEIS)
Maximum value:	Discretionary
Application deadline:	25/11/2022

Government Announces Green Heat Network Fund (GHNF)

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/next-generation-of-heat-networks-to-power-uks-green-revolution>

Green Heat Network Fund (GHNF)

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/green-heat-network-fund-ghnf>

John Gilpin Trust

Small grants are available for small local charities undertaking general charitable activities in Cumbria, Merseyside, or Suffolk.

Funding body:	John Gilpin Trust
Maximum value:	£ 2,000
Application deadline:	None specified

The application process is ongoing and interested applicants may apply at any time in writing.

Contact the John Gilpin Trust for further information.

Addresses and contacts

For further information on how to obtain this grant locally, please contact the following:

Enquiries

John Gilpin Trust
Margary & Miller Solicitors
73 High Street
Southwold

Joseph Rowntree Charitable Trust - Sustainable Future Programme

Grants are available to enable organisations in the UK to develop and promote sustainable, low-carbon alternatives to the current consumerist and growth-based paradigm.

Funding body:	Joseph Rowntree Charitable Trust
Maximum value:	Discretionary
Application deadline:	28/03/2023

Joseph Rowntree Charitable Trust

<http://www.jrct.org.uk/home.aspx>

Joseph Rowntree Charitable Trust Funding

<http://www.jrct.org.uk/funding-priorities#sthash.ubisAC8e.dpbs>

Magic Little Grants Fund

Small one-off grants are available to small local charities and community groups for community projects in Great Britain that address themes set out by the funders.

Fund Information

Funding body:	Postcode Community Trust
Maximum value:	£ 500
Application deadline:	See website

Localgiving - Magic Little Grants

<https://localgiving.org/about/magic-little-grants/>

Mortgage Advice Bureau Foundation (with Crowdfunding)

Grants are available for registered charities and Community Interest Companies who can raise their initial funding through a crowdfunding campaign to support sustainable community projects based across England, Scotland, and Wales.

Funding body:	Mortgage Advice Bureau Foundation
Maximum value:	£ 5,000
Application deadline:	None specified

Mortgage Advice Bureau Foundation (with Crowdfunding)

<https://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/funds/mortgage-advice-bureau-foundation>

National Lottery Awards for All - England

Grants are available for charities, voluntary groups, schools and local authorities in England to carry out projects that will improve their local community.

Funding body:	National Lottery Community Fund
Maximum value:	£ 10,000
Application deadline:	None specified

National Lottery - Awards for All England

<https://www.tnlcommunityfund.org.uk/funding/programmes/national-lottery-awards-for-all-england>

National Lottery Community Fund

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

National Lottery Community Fund - Reaching Communities

Large grants are available to voluntary and community organisations in England for projects that make positive changes in their communities.

Funding body:	National Lottery Community Fund
Maximum value:	Discretionary
Application deadline:	None specified

The National Lottery Community Fund - Reaching Communities England

<https://www.tnlcommunityfund.org.uk/funding/programmes/reaching-communities-england>

Ocado Foundation for Good

Grants are available for registered charities, community interest companies, local authorities, and other organisations to support skills development or sustainability projects that bring benefit to communities across the UK.

Funding body:	Ocado Group
Maximum value:	£ 1,000
Application deadline:	31/12/2022

BizGive - Ocado Foundation for Good

<https://www.bizgive.app/#/shareable/company/programme/566d0256-2547-47f2-9e8d-b689e9865f92/ca7e8992ee568a5c3eb39c634b8094174b6806c3e438d7aca080a7a80d858af35268fff152c09e9e9efd3a812dc2b6ccc438437abfe8c62998c6339b2aad1d41>

Ocado Group - Corporate Responsibility

<https://www.ocadogroup.com/our-responsible-business/corporate-responsibility>

Patagonia International Environmental Grants

Grants are available to small grassroots activist environmental organisations in the UK and Ireland that are working to protect local habitats and frontline communities through bold, original actions.

Funding body:	Patagonia Europe
Maximum value:	£ 13,500 (15,000 USD)
Application deadline:	Next deadline is 31/01/2023

Patagonia - Funding

<https://eu.patagonia.com/gb/en/how-we-fund/>

Sainsbury Family Charitable Trusts - JJ Charitable Trust

Grants are available for organisations undertaking charitable projects focusing on literacy and sustainability of the environment in the UK.

Funding body:	Sainsbury Family Charitable Trusts
Maximum value:	Discretionary
Application deadline:	None specified

Sainsbury Family Charitable Trusts

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

Sellafield Ltd Social Impact Fund

Grants for local community projects addressing social or economic issues in West Cumbria.

Funding body:	Nuclear Decommissioning Authority
Maximum value:	Discretionary
Application deadline:	None specified

of over £10,000, an email must first be sent to the Social Impact team to check that the project meets the criteria.

Sellafield Ltd GOV.UK website

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/apply-for-sellafield-ltd-grants-and-reusable-equipment>

Tree Council - Branching Out Fund

Grants are available to assist schools and community groups in undertaking well-planned tree planting projects across the UK, preferably during National Tree Week.

Funding body:	Tree Council
Maximum value:	£ 2,000
Application deadline:	04/12/2022

The Tree Council

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

The Tree Council - Grants

<https://treecouncil.org.uk/take-action/grants-for-trees/>

Walney Extension Community Fund

Grants are available to a range of not-for-profit organisations for new or existing community and environmental projects that benefit local residents off the Cumbria and Lancashire coast.

Funding body:	Ørsted's
Maximum value:	£ 50,000
Application deadline:	06/01/2023

GrantScape - Walney Extension Community Fund

<https://www.grantscape.org.uk/fund/walney-extension-community-fund/>

GrantScape - Walney Extension Skills Fund

<https://www.grantscape.org.uk/fund/wecf-the-skills-fund/>

Zero Carbon Cumbria - Community Climate Grants

Grants are available to local not-for-profit groups supporting community initiatives to raise awareness of climate change and reduce carbon emissions in Cumbria.

Funding body:	Cumbria Action for Sustainability
Maximum value:	Discretionary
Application deadline:	31/01/2023

Cumbria Action for Sustainability

<https://cafs.org.uk/climate-grants/>

Community Garden Grants - National Garden Scheme (ngs.org.uk)

The National Garden Scheme gives grants to help community gardening projects.

Funding body:	National Garden Scheme
Maximum value:	Individual grants are between minimum £500 and maximum £5000.
Application deadline:	Currently open