

The Sustainable Development Fund

Since 2006 the Sustainable Development Fund has:

- Awarded over £1 million in funding
- Funded more than 100 projects
- Attracted over £1.8 million in match funding
- Involved in excess of 55,000 people

Who can apply?

We welcome applications from individuals, businesses, organisations and community groups. Unfortunately we are unable to fund private individuals to fit eco-technologies to their homes.

How much can I apply for?

Grants of up to £50,000 are available. The fund can finance up to 75% of project costs although this is restricted to 40% for businesses. The application form and checklist for the fund are available on the website.

Fairweather's Learning Garden, Beaulieu

We strongly recommend that you contact the Sustainable Development Fund officer to talk through your project to ensure it meets the criteria of the Fund before completing any forms.



“We are very proud of our sustainable build, there is now a much wider interest by the community about sustainable issues.”

**Margaret Richens,
Milford-on-Sea Community Centre.**

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Milford-on-Sea Community Centre eco-build



NEW FOREST NATIONAL PARK

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APPLY TODAY!

A grant scheme for local projects that encourage sustainable living

What is sustainable development?

Sustainable development is living in a way that has a positive effect on the environmental, community and economic wellbeing of the New Forest National Park. Education, conservation, the use of green technologies, building in environmentally friendly ways, and the production of local food and goods all contribute to sustainable living.

“Our farm will enable young children to develop a real understanding of the cycle of food production and the importance of eating both seasonally and locally.”

Claudia Bailey,
Lymington Montessori School.

SDF projects - some examples



1 Honey Pot Forest Schools Programme allowed 165 children to try their hand at pond dipping, bug hunting, natural art, den building and campfire cooking. The sessions enabled the children to explore and learn about the National Park in a fun way, raising awareness of and respect for the natural environment.

2 Lyndhurst Scouts replaced their old wooden hut with a purpose built centre which incorporated features such as rainwater harvesting, sheep's wool insulation and solar water heating.

3 Avon Tyrrell Activity Centre constructed a strawbale classroom as a base for environmental education. The classroom has a timber frame with strawbale in-fill, a green roof, wood-burning stove and a composting toilet.

4 Thatching is one of the principle roofing traditions in the New Forest. Recently this tradition has come under threat due to a lack of suitable material and changes in agriculture. A grant was awarded to a thatcher to grow thatch in keeping with the local area.

5 Ashurst & Colbury Allotments were created for residents to grow their own food locally. The parish council received funding towards the creation of allotment plots including a raised bed, a composting toilet, water troughs and deer proof fencing.

6 New Forest Non-Native Plants project aims to remove invasive plants that have a serious impact on the native wildlife of the National Park. This is achieved through advice, research, practical management and volunteers.

