



Sustainability Checklist

This checklist is to help you assess whether your project will contribute to the **environmental, economic and community** well being of the New Forest and is an important part of our Sustainable Development Fund application process. Please complete the boxes that are relevant to your project and attach to your application form.

1. Environmental benefits	My project will help deliver these benefits by:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conserve or enhance biodiversity <p>Biodiversity means the ecological richness and diversity of an area. This is often reflected in the number and different types of native plants and animals it supports.</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduce, reuse, recycle <p>Reducing, re-using or recycling materials will reduce consumption and therefore lessen the impact on the natural environment e.g. plastic, water.</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Encourage energy efficiency <p>Energy efficiency means using energy resources such as power, heat and light as wisely as possible - keeping consumption to a minimum or substituting with renewable forms of energy where appropriate.</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduce need for fossil fuel <p>This will play a local part in reducing consumption of the world's finite oil resources and emission of greenhouse gases (which contribute to global warming). It may mean using an alternative form of transport such as cycling or using renewable forms of fuel such as bio-diesel.</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minimise pollution to air, water or land <p>Products which are non-polluting or come from an environmentally friendly source will reduce any negative impacts of your project on the environment e.g. FSC wood, not toxic chemicals</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use of locally produced materials <p>Where materials can be produced in a way which does not deplete the original sources, the use of local materials such as timber can help sustain the local economy.</p>	
2. Community benefits	My project will help deliver these benefits by:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting local needs <p>Addressing an <u>identified</u> local need can have a positive benefit on the local community and will raise the quality of life for everyone.</p>	

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2. Community benefits (cont)	My project will help deliver these benefits by:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Involving young people <p>Involving young people in your project will encourage a new generation to positively contribute to their community and surroundings.</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Encouraging urban-rural links <p>Encouraging our urban neighbours to enjoy, understand and respect the New Forest will create more guardians of this special area.</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Encouraging people who may have difficulty enjoying, living or working in the area <p>This helps raise the quality of life for all members of the local community. This might involve making provision for people with disabilities or access problems.</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local involvement and ownership <p>Projects which have the support of the local community and are developed and run by motivated local people are more likely to address local needs in a successful and long-lived way.</p>	
3. Economic benefits	My project will help deliver these benefits by:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Is financially viable <p>A sustainable business should be able to generate enough income to service the business and provide a profit. Good for the local economy and good for your business.</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provides a useful local service/product <p>The ability to create a resource, service or activity for which there is a demand and a willingness to pay, improves its long-term sustainability.</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contributes to a diverse local economy <p>A diverse range of economic activities, which actively trade with each other helps sustain the local economy, making it less vulnerable to destabilising external influences.</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provides job, training or volunteering opportunities <p>New jobs, training or volunteering opportunities help improve the quality of life for a range of age groups from young people to the retired.</p>	
4. National Park Purposes are to:	My project will help deliver this purposes by:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conserve and enhance the natural beauty, wildlife and cultural heritage of the Park 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Promote opportunities for the understanding and enjoyment of the Park's special qualities by the public 	

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