

Neighbourhood Fund 2022 - Round 11

By South West Water

Applications close on: **26/02/2023**

Grants up to: **£2,000**

Application format: **Text & video**

Location: **Custom catchment area near EX27HR.**

Focus area: **Animal welfare - Education and employment**

Fund details & criteria Fund purpose at South West Water we believe in the value of togetherness. Never has it been more important to celebrate being a part of a South West community that comes together to do good for the environment, the places that we live and for each other. The Neighbourhood Fund is our way of contributing to the celebration, where we can not only help realise projects across our service areas but be a part of the journey. Through our fund we aim to be the best next door neighbours; listening to our communities stories, getting hands on with projects and playing our part in creating a South West community that we are proud to be a part of. The Neighbourhood Fund will give £10K in each round, and aims to have multiple rounds until the end of the year.

The types of projects we're looking to fund ...

1. Protect nature and the environment for the benefit of community health and well-being
2. Provide new opportunities for people to learn and develop
3. Assist local projects which bring communities together, virtually or physically – when safe to do so
4. Support the upkeep of local neighbourhood centres and facilities to keep communities strong To be eligible for funding, projects must be located within our Devon, Cornwall, Isles of Scilly or Bournemouth service area. If you have a project that meets this criteria, we would love to get on board. Applications are open and will be considered on a rolling basis, so don't delay submitting a project.

Proposal from Saltash Town Council Community Library Hub

In 2023 Saltash Community Library Hub is planning to have two Spring and Summer environment months in April and June. Our proposal is to have a series of events and activities to promote the care for our environment and wildlife.

This will range from giving out packets of bee/butterfly friendly seeds for urban gardens to having Plymouth junk band 'Weapons of Sound' workshops promoting re-cycling to children and families. We will also have specialist presentations from organisations such as RSPB, Cornwall Wildlife Trust, Schumacher college regen farming, Tamar Valley Foods and others to educate the future of local land management, food production and 'human footprint' responsibilities.

We liaise with local schools as well as our local community to offer a wide selection of educational events and activities specifically though these seasons. We have our own in-house cardboard re-cycle tree where we centre education on our local indigenous tree species (Partnered with Tree Saltash) as well as learning about our friends the 'bug' population.

Our aim is to reach out to all ages as well as promote the local landscapes and wildlife on our doorstep as well as educate with a 'soft' touch. It is also an education to promote potential areas of employment in land management, food production and many areas of wildlife protection etc.

To achieve these aims I would like to apply for £500 split between the two environment months. Therefore £250 per month to help us achieve our ambition.