

The Kent Downs AONB Sustainable Development Fund

2005/6

1. **Sounds of the Downs** - a fun way of raising awareness amongst young people living in the Kent Downs, using sounds and music. Grant £5000 Total Value £10000
2. **Horish Wood** – Community purchase of woodland near Detling, located between M20 and Channel Tunnel Rail Link - Grant £5000 Total Value £49000
3. **Torry Hill Woodchip Heating System** – Installation of a wood fuelled district heating system at a holiday cottage development Grant £25000 Total Value £69000
4. **Pines Garden Reed Bed System** - Installation of a reed bed sewage filtration system for the Pines Calyx at St Margaret's Bay Grant £25000 Total Value £70000
5. **Bowers Meadow** – Development of a design brief for a community green space at Sundridge. Grant £1800 Total value £4000
6. **Beachborough Toad Crossing** - Contribution towards the installation of 3 toad tunnels under a busy b road near Folkestone Grant £3000 Total Value £38000
7. **Chalk and Channel Way** – Development of a walking/cycle route between Folkestone and dover, including the development of telepoetry (mobile phone accessible commissioned poetry for the route) Grant £3000 Total Value £10000
8. **Leisure Plots** – Contribution towards the purchase of lotted woodland, to bring the area under one ownership and management. Grant £3800 Total Value £7500
9. **Brockhill Green Cones** – The trial of the green cone food digester at a commercial property. Grant £500 Total value £1000

2006/7

1. **Pooh Corner** – Construction of a composting toilet at a school owner woodland near Cobham. Grant £14877 Total Value £20000
2. **Ashenbank Wood** – Purchase of additional 11 acres of woodland at Woodland Trust site near Gravesend. Grant £1800 Total value £35000
3. **Rural Skills Centre** – Construction of a straw bale office and training centre at Rippledawn Environmental Education Centre. Grant £10000 Total Value £38000
4. **East Kent Moths** - A project to assist with the monitoring of butterflies and moths on farms being supported by Defra's environmental stewardship schemes. Grant £700 Total value £3000
5. **Bowers Meadow** – Implementation of the previously funded plan to enhance the community owned green space. Grant £9000 Total value £18000
6. **Walks from Thurnham** – Development of a number of walking routes from the Black Horse pub at Thurnham. Grant £1800 Total Value £3600
7. **Orchards Project** - A contribution towards a community orchards project, based in the four parishes of the Mid Kent Downs. Grant £9400 Total Value £140000
8. **Hawkinge Environment Group** – Contribution toward the establishment of a volunteer group to work on footpaths and open space around Hawkinge. Grant £5000 Total Value £1000
9. **Dover Flower** – Creation of a living sculpture, a wild flower meadow in the shape of a flower. Located on the urban fringe of Dover. Grant £5000 Total Value £12500
10. **Access for All** – creation of access routes around the Warren Country Park, whilst preventing access by motorbikes Grant £2500 Total Value £5000
11. **Rural Energy Access Programme** – A creative environmental networks project to offer advice to community groups, businesses on renewable energy options. Grant £10000 Total Value £23800



12. **Wood Fuel Training** – Training scheme for potential suppliers of wood chip for heating and energy. Grant £600 Total Value £2300
13. **Kent Downs Rural Advice Service** - A contribution towards a pilot project providing support to farmers and land owners who are seeking to make a change to their land management or business. Grant £10000 Total Value £40271

2007/8

1. **Lyminge Forest Cycle Route** – Development of a cycle route around the Forestry Commission owned woodland and linking the route to the national cycle route network and nearby villages. Grant £10 000 Total value £20000
2. **Hawkinge Environment Access and Landscape** – Contribution towards the work of the environment group, allowing them to continue working on access and landscape enhancement around Hawkinge. Grant £5000 Total Value £15000
3. **White Cliffs Countryside Project events** – Contribution towards public environment based events in and around Folkestone and Dover. Grant £3000 Total Value £15000
4. **Wye Community land Trust** – Contribution towards the establishment of the trust, with a view to establishing a community farm. Grant £7500 Total Value £10000
5. **Exploring the Downs** - Public events based at Trosley country Park, aimed at encouraging young people out into the countryside. Grant £1900 Total Value £3900
6. **Farm Water Plans** – A FWAG project to sustain the natural resources of water in the Downs by giving integrated environmental management advice to farmers and land managers. Grant £11 000 Total Value £15000
7. **Shrubs Wood** – Enhancement of a neolithic Oval Barrow Scheduled Ancient Monument near Bodsham. Grant £2300 Total Value £3100
8. **Commonwork Land Trust** – Installation of a woodchip/pellet boiler system at the trust office and education centre. Grant £20000 total Value £40000
9. **Bredhurst Woods** – Access improvements to community owned woodland near Maidstone Grant £1000 Total value £42703
10. **Developing Farmers Markets** – A project to develop farmers markets in the AONB, including surveys to establish patterns of market useage. Grant £3000 Total Value £17 300
11. **Jubilee Field** – Landscape enhancement project led by Lyminge Youth Action, aiming at improving the landscape around to playing field/play area at Lyminge. Grant £1650 Total Value £3035

2008/9

1. **Ground Up** – An education project encouraging young people from urban areas to learn about and appreciate the environment through the use of art. Grant £10000 Total Value £13 500
2. **Green Gang** – Contribution towards the costs of running a programme of educational and interpretive events on the downs around Folkestone and Dover Grant £5000 Total Value £20000
3. **Holly Hill** – Development of a conservation management plan for the picnic site near Maidstone Grant £3030 Total Value £5780
4. **Coppice Cutter Signs** – Contribution towards the production of educational signs to be used by coppice cutters when working on site Grant £652 Total Value £3657
5. **Kent Coastal Week** – A number of events aimed at families including a number of events on the Heritage Coast Grant £500 Total Value £6000
6. **Young Recorders Pack** – Production of biodiversity based interpretive material aimed at young people. Grant £500 Total Value £3500
7. **Heritage Trees** – A project looking towards collecting data on heritage trees in the AONB. Grant £3000 Total Value £5000
8. **Logs and Charcoal** – Development of a wood fuel and charcoal business by a community owned farm at Wye near Ashford Grant £8095 Total Value £12545



9. **Kent Downs Landscape Education Project** – A project to gather information on landscape history, geology and geography. To be used to organise primary schools visits to the AONB. Grant £1575 Total Value £3150
10. **Renewable Energy at St Stephens Church** – Installation of a ground source heat pump at the church at Lympe. Grant £10000 Total Value £66510
11. **Walled Garden** – Restoration of Victorian Green house and walled garden at Brockhill Park School and to develop a vegetable growing project with pupils. Grant £10 000 Total Value £17000
12. **Free Trees Scheme** – Contribution towards the Kent Free Trees scheme. Supplying trees appropriate to landscape character to residents of the county. Grant £500 Total Value £45000
13. **Brook School Wildlife Garden** – Creation of a school wildlife area. Grant £1000 Total Value £2034
14. **Clue Corner** – Development of landscape based interpretive exhibition at Maidstone museum Grant £642 Total Value £4392
15. **Brabner Play Area** – Major enhancements to an urban fringe play area at Folkestone, project included engagement with local community on awareness of AONB. Grant £9900 Total Value £50000
16. **Stelling Minnis Common** – Training for volunteers in the use of chainsaws and the replacement of mowing equipment, both to improve the work of the volunteer group on the common. Grant £2342 Total Value £3132

2009/10

1. **Wye Undercroft Restoration** – Major works to restore the 13th century Undercroft in Bridge Street in Wye, near Ashford. Grant £12000 Total Value £74000
2. **Alkham Valley Community Project** – Creation of an easy access trail allowing users to walk or ride through the woodland. Grant £3000 Total value £5625
3. **Hawkinge Allotments** – Creation of new community allotments at Hawkinge, including the installation of a composting toilet. Grant £9970 Total Value £41 961
4. **Smarter Choices** – A number of road shows going to schools highlighting the use of electric vehicles and cycling. Grant £2756 Total Value £3675
5. **Farmstead Project** – Development of guidance on historic farmsteads for Kent and the Kent Downs AONB in order to sustain the important heritage assets. Grant £6000 Total Value £14000
6. **Spaces that Speak** – Transformation of a trail at the Commonwork farm at Chiddingstone, looking at the landscape, farming and food. Grant £6000 Total Value £7932
7. **Orchards for All** – Development of a HLF bid looking at developing a community orchards project covering the 2 fruit belts of Kent and Sussex Grant £500 Total Value £2000
8. **Free Trees Scheme** – Contribution towards the Countywide free tree scheme Grant £1000 Total Value £33920
9. **WCF After School Club** – Installation of Photovoltaic panels to the barn used by the club, enabling them to use the buildings in the dark winter evenings. Grant £1000 Total Value £1874

