

Greening projects

Protecting our planet and finding ways of reducing our impact on the environment is something lots of us are thinking about. To support this journey, groups applying to the Community Grant Programme can access additional funding to help.

The Community Grants application form now contains an optional question, where you can tell us how you could use £500 to make your project greener.

You may already have some ideas you want to try, but if not here are some options to explore.

<p>Energy... could £500 fund:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ An energy audit of your centre ○ Installing a smart meter ○ Purchasing timer switches for equipment ○ Adding insulation measures ○ Choosing 'A'-rated equipment eg cookers etc 	<p>People... could £500 fund some staff time to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Attend awareness training ○ Run community / volunteer days ○ Train up advocates / champions ○ Explores sustainable pension investmenta
<p>Resources.. could £500 fund:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Creating a waste and recycling plan ○ Choosing sustainable purchasing – second hand, recycled content ○ Catering using seasonal food, waste food, vegetarian only, no sachets, reusable crockery & cutlery ○ Installing water butts ○ Increasing your office recycling options ○ Installing no flush urinals, dual flush toilets ○ Turning your office plastic free 	<p>Transport... could £500 fund:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Forming a transport audit & plan ○ Installing charging points ○ Encouraging use of public transport ○ A cycling allowance / bike to work scheme ○ A Walking allowance ○ Carbon off-setting ○ Setting up a car share / car clubs ○ Equipment for on-line meetings
<p>Environment... could £500 fund:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Planting some native species in outdoor spaces ○ Creating some habitat areas that are good for wildlife ○ Switching to peat-free compost 	<p>References</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Carbon Trust Guides https://www.carbontrust.com/resources/better-business-guide-to-energy-saving ○ https://www.carbontrust.com/resources/office-energy-efficiency-guides ○ Fit for the Future https://www.fft.org.uk/successes ○ Durham County Council plastic pledge https://www.durham.gov.uk/singleuseplastics

