Richmondshire Funding and Grants

Welcome to the 11th edition of the Richmondshire Funding and Grants News - providing a summary of the business and community funding schemes available in Richmondshire. You will find details on schemes - broken down into categories...

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To discuss any of the grants operated by Richmondshire District Council contact Sam Coultish, Business and Community Support Officer:

samantha.coultish@ richmondshire.gov.uk or 01748 901037

For information on any of the other external featured grants, visit the individual scheme's website.

You can also contact John Atkins, Funding and Development Worker for the Richmondshire Community and Voluntary Action: **john@rcva.org.uk** or **01748 822537**. He can provide a range of advice for community and voluntary groups looking to apply for funding for a local project.

The next Funding and Grants Community Newsletter is due to be produced and circulated in February 2017.

Richmondshire District Council Funding Schemes

THREE NEW COUNCIL FUNDING STREAMS

Richmondshire District Councillors have approved the launch of three funding schemes:

- The Social Fund
- The Economic Growth Fund
- Small Business Grant Scheme

Below is a summary of each scheme, however the full criteria should be considered before making an application – available on richmondshire.gov.uk. They opened for business on November 1.

For advice on the scheme or support in pulling together your application or supporting accompanying information, contact Richmondshire District Council's Business and Community Support Officer (Grants):

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Deadlines for bids Applications should be received in full by 5pm on the deadline date to be considered during the following meeting Social Fund & Economic Growth Fund (Quarterly meetings)							
Deadline	1st February 2017	1st May 2017	l st August 2017	1st November 2017			
Decision Expected	22nd February 2017	24th May 2017	23rd August 2017	22nd November 2017			

THE SOCIAL FUND

The Social Fund is designed to support specific community projects or activities taking place within one of the five growth areas of Richmondshire.

It has a total of \pounds 270,000 to allocate for this financial year. Applications received will be considered on a quarterly basis and the scheme will close following the allocation of the total funds available.

- Applications are welcome from organisations which are based within or whose project will predominantly benefit the growth areas of:
 - Colburn
 - Hipswell
 - Leyburn
 - Richmond
 - Scotton
- Applications for grants should be for no less than £7,500 and no more than £50,000.
- Grants can be offered at a maximum grant rate of 30% of the total project costs, and it is expected that the applicants raise the remaining 70% of the costs.
- Eligible organisations are required to have a constitution/evidence of governance which should accompany the application

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- Generally, it is expected that the funding will be spent on tangible projects such as community facilities and infrastructure improvements however revenue projects will be considered providing the applicant can demonstrate the wider social benefit to the project taking place.
- A minimum of three quotes must be provided for each intended purchase
- Applications from public bodies such as Schools or the MOD will be considered where the applicant can demonstrate a social benefit however a Dual Use Agreement may be required to ensure the wider community can also benefit from the project.
- Organisations who already receive core funding from Richmondshire District Council will be considered on a case by case basis.
- Only invoices/receipts dated after the offer of a grant will be accepted as proof of expenditure and grants cannot be claimed retrospectively.
- Applications from Churches or religious affiliated organisations with not be considered however applications from organisations utilising religious premises will be considered where the applicant can demonstrate an inclusive social benefit to the project.
- Applications from political / pressure groups will not be considered
- General day to day running costs for example, staffing, rent or utilities will not be eligible
- Applications to fund the purchase of a vehicle will not be considered

THE ECONOMIC GROWTH FUND

The Economic Growth Fund is designed to support initiatives and projects which aim to achieve growth in the district economy through commercial activity.

This grant scheme has a total of £300,000 to allocate for this financial year. Applications received will be considered on a quarterly basis and the scheme will close following the allocation of the total funds available.

- Applications for grants should be for no less than £4,000 and no more than £100,000.
- Grants can be offered at 100%, however this will be reviewed on a project by project basis
- Applications can be made by businesses or organisations which aim to provide economic growth in the Richmondshire district through their initiatives.
- Purchases can be for capital or revenue projects, for example, business expansion projects training and consultancy, feasibility studies, capital works and so on.
- Grants for general day to day running costs/ on-going revenue costs will generally not be accepted however will be considered on a project by project basis
- The organisation must have been solvent for a period of two years at the time of the application and where appropriate have a good track record with Richmondshire District Council accounts such as business rates
- A minimum of three quotes must be provided for each intended purchase
- Organisations are required to provide an up to date **business plan** to accompany the proposal
- Only invoices/receipts dated after the offer of a grant will be accepted as proof of expenditure and grants cannot be claimed retrospectively.
- Applications from individuals and statutory bodies will not be accepted unless there is evidence of a wider economic benefit to the project assessed on a case by case basis.

CONTINUED... THE SMALL BUSINESS GRANT SCHEME

This grant scheme has been established to support small businesses which aim to generate an increase in business turnover or job creation within the District. A total of £30,000 has been set aside for this financial year.

The scheme will initially be split into five areas which will each have £6,000 available to allocate -Central Richmondshire, North Richmondshire, Lower Wensleydale, The Garrison and Upper Dales.

Applications received will be considered on a monthly basis and the scheme will close following the allocation of the total funds available. Any funds not allocated after the first three months will be placed into a central pot after the third deadline of 1 February 2017 and businesses from any location within the district will be able to apply from this pot.

- Applications can be for no more than £1,000
- The maximum percentage of the total project costs which can be applied for is 75%
- Applications can be made by existing or new/start-up businesses however previously supported businesses are not eligible to re-apply.
- Purchases can be for capital or revenue projects for example the purchase of machinery/equipment, ICT hardware/ software, staff training, consultancy fees etc.
- The scheme will not fund the 'running costs' of any business including: rent, utilities, travel costs, salaries, legal fees or insurance.
- Grants are for businesses which are based within the Richmondshire District boundary only and which have a maximum of four Full Time Equivalent Employees.
- The business must be solvent and up to date with all Richmondshire District Council accounts business rates.
- Eligible businesses should have no more than £25,000 un-ringfenced business reserves which they must evidence by providing a minimum of two years' worth of accounts
- Applicants should obtain local District Councillor support for your proposal and include evidence of this within your application submission
- All successful grants must be claimed within six months of the offer letter date

Deadlines for bids

Applications should be received in full by 5pm on the deadline date to be considered during the following meeting

Small Business Grant Fund (monthly meetings)

Please note further meetings will be scheduled should funds remaining available at April

Deadline	6 December 2016	10 January 2017	1 February 2017	7 March 2017	4 April 2017
Decision Expected	19 December 2016	23 January 2017	22 February 2017	20 March 2017	17 April 2017



Arts, Health, Culture, Sports and Youth Grant Schemes

ARTS IMPACT FUND

Art organisations that can demonstrate they are sustainable, have great artistic ambition and have a positive impact on society, can apply for repayable finance grants of £150,000 to £600,000 from the Arts Council England Arts Impact Fund.

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The funding can be used for a range of activities - to refurbish a building, purchase equipment, pay salaries or buy-in additional services to help the organisation generate more income.

To apply organisations must be:

- one with primary activity in the arts
- a regulated body with a charitable purpose
- registered as operating in England
- working in at least one area of social need that the fund supports.

Applications are accepted on a rolling basis.

For more information check out: artscouncil.org.uk/funding/arts-impact-fund

GRANTS FOR THE ARTS - ARTS COUNCIL ENGLAND

Grants of between £1000 and £100,000 are available for eligible individuals, organisations, libraries and museums.

They can cover a range of activities including: audiovisual, broadcast and transmission, buildings and infrastructure, capacity building, commissioning, digital creation, diversity and equality, education and learning, exhibition, festival, organisational development, original work, participation, performance, production, professional development, publishing, research and development, sector development, talent development and touring.

This is a rolling programme with no deadlines.

For more information check out: artscouncil.org.uk/funding/applyinggrants-arts

ARTS COUNCIL ENGLAND "FUNDING FINDER"

Arts Council England has now developed a 'Funding Finder' to make it easier to find the right funding stream. It is available at:

artscouncil.org.uk/funding/funding-finder

For more information check out: artscouncil.org.uk/funding/applying-grants-arts



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Community Grant Schemes

AWARDS FOR ALL

Awards for All offers grants of between £300 and £10,000 for grassroots and community activity that aims to improve life for local people and neighbourhoods.

It doesn't have a deadline, so you can apply at any time.

It is our most popular grants programme so we will prioritise groups with smaller incomes. Due to high demand on the programme, organisations that have a large annual income may not be able to get funding through Awards for All. You are recommended to send your application at least four months before you want your project to start.

There is very clear criteria as to what can and cannot be funded – check out: biglotteryfund.org.uk/global-content/programmes/england/awards-for-all-england

MORE THAN A PUB - PLUNKETT FOUNDATION

The Community Pub Business Support Programme is a unique two year programme established to help support community ownership of pubs in England.

Its value is £3.62 million and is jointly funded by the Department for Communities and Local Government and Power to Change. A comprehensive package



A comprehensive package of business development support, advice and loan

Improving rural lives together

and grant funding has been developed to assist community pub businesses consider their viability at all stages of their development.

It includes:

- A flexible package of support including:
 - an advice line
 - events
 - workshops
 - peer-to-peer study visits
 - business development advice.
- Flexible bursary awards of up to £2,500 (inclusive of VAT) to fund pre-feasibility costs such as public consultation and valuations.
- Combined loan and grant funding up to £150,000 but not exceeding £75,000 in grant

For more information check out: **plunkett.co.uk/more-than-a-pub**

SANTANDER FOUNDATION NAME CHANGE TO LAUNCH NEW GRANT PROGRAMMES

Discovery Foundation

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The Santander Foundation has changed its name to the Discovery Foundation - to reflect the importance of its new flagship community programme.

The Discovery Project will provide grants for local projects that give disadvantaged people the confidence to discover and create new opportunities. The Foundation's previous three grants schemes have been combined into a single new scheme called Discovery Grants making it simpler to apply for funding.

Discovery Grants of up to £5,000 are available to UK registered charities, Community Interest Companies and Credit Unions to fund local projects helping disadvantaged people.

Funding is available to cover part time salaries, equipment or materials but is for one year and must deliver a local project, not a national initiative. Applicants need to complete a Discovery Grant nomination form which is available in all Santander branches

There are no closing dates and grants are made every month.

For more information check out: santanderfoundation.org.uk

'TEST IT' AND 'BUILD IT' AWARDS -SPORT RELIEF

This year, Sport Relief are building on their partnership with UnLtd and Spirit of 2012 to help savvy young people become Sport Relief social entrepreneurs and put on events and services in their local area.

UnLtd is looking for young people from across the UK who want to start, grow or build their social enterprise idea. And for people wanting to take their Sport Relief event further they can apply for an award from UnLtd by submitting an online form. There is a Test it Award of up to £500 cash or a Build it Award of up to £15,000 cash. Awards can be applied for by an individual or small group of up to four people aged 11-30.

For more information check out: <u>sportrelief.com/schools/youth-groups/carry-</u> <u>on-your-good-work</u>

TRUSTHOUSE CHARITABLE FOUNDATION

Trusthouse Charitable Foundation

Grants of up to £40,000 are available from this medium-sized grant making foundation for small, well-established organisations in the UK who address local issues in areas of extreme urban deprivation, or in remote and fragile rural communities.

Trusthouse gives grants for running costs or one-off capital costs to charities and not-for-profit organisations.

'Rural' in this context means cities, towns, villages and areas with 10,000 or less inhabitants which are classified in the latest government indices of Multiple Deprivation as being in the most deprived 50%.

The Foundation is interested in projects providing transport for the elderly, disabled or disadvantaged; contact networks for the young disabled; projects which encourage a sense of community such as community centres and village halls; employment training schemes especially those promoting local, traditional crafts; projects addressing issues such as drug/alcohol misuse or homelessness.

For more information check out: trusthousecharitablefoundation.org.uk

BIG POTENTIAL -BIG LOTTERY FUND

Big Potential will deliver approximately £10m of grant funding over three years to eligible voluntary, community and social enterprise organisations –



to improve their sustainability, capacity and scale so they may deliver greater social impact.

The programme aims to raise awareness of the social investment market and support these organisations who want to prepare themselves for social investment.

Two application routes are available:

Breakthrough - specialist one to one support for organisations from Big Potential programme partners followed by a potential application for grants between £20,000 and £75,000 for more in-depth investment readiness work.

Advanced - for groups that are clear about how social investment could work for them and need help to close possible deals with investors or need help securing a contract. Grants of between £50,000 and £150,000 are available.

For more information check out: **bigpotential.org.uk**

TRANSFORM FOUNDATION

This funding programme can cover the upfront costs of a new charity -specific website including strategy, design, development and training. The grant will pay for the entire upfront costs of $\pounds18,000$.

The Foundation will be rolling out other grant programmes later in the year, which are currently being designed. The website grant is aimed at small to medium-sized charities and other not for profit organisations with a social mission - including Community Interest Companies. The grant is most suitable for non-profit making organisations with an income between £500,000 and £20 million.

Applications can currently be made on a rolling basis.

For more information check out: transformfoundation.org.uk



LLOYDS BANK FOUNDATION FUNDING

The Lloyds Bank Foundation for England and Wales - which provides funding to charities for projects to help people break their cycle of disadvantage – is open for applications.

The Foundation operates two funding programmes - invest and enable...

Invest is a flexible, long term core funding programme for charities helping disadvantaged people. Grants are up to £25,000 per year for between two and six years, with the opportunity for continuation funding for up to six years in total.

Enable is a smaller and shorter grants programme for charities that have identified clear development needs. This funding aims to help the organisations deliver their mission more effectively. The grants are up to a total £15,000 for up to two years.

Funding is available to registered charities and charitable incorporated organisations (CIOs) with an income of between $\pounds 25,000$ and $\pounds 1$ million. To be eligible, organisations are expected to be working with people

LLOYDS BANK FOUNDATION

aged 17 years or older, experiencing multiple disadvantage at one of the critical points in their life. The only exceptions are young people who are under 17 years of age and young parents or looked after children and disabled young people moving into independent living.

Further details are available at: foylefoundation.org.uk

FUNDING TO SUPPORT DISADVANTAGED YOUNG PEOPLE

The Weavers' Company - a textile-related, charitable and sociable organisation - has announced that the next closing date for its grants programme is August 1, 2016.

The Weaver's Company Benevolent Fund supports projects working with disadvantaged young people, aged five to 30 years, to ensure they are given every possible chance to meet their full potential and to participate fully in society.

The Fund also aims to help young people at risk of criminal involvement to stay out of trouble and assist in the rehabilitation of offenders, particularly young offenders both in prison and after release.

Grants are usually no more than £15,000 per annum, and to make sure grants of this size have an impact, large organisations will not be funded. To be eligible for funding, local organisations such as those working in a village, estate or small town should normally have an income of less than £100,000. Those working across the UK should normally have an income of not more than £250,000.



For more information check out: weavers.org.uk/charitable-grants/grant-application-guidelines



DELIVERY OF LOCAL SERVICES

The Armed Forces Covenant sets out the relationship between the nation, the government and the armed forces.

It recognises that the whole nation has a moral obligation to current and former member of the armed forces and their families, and it sets out how they should expect to be treate

The Covenant Fund has £10million each year to support the Armed Forces Covenant by funding projects which address specific priorities.

Priorities for 2016-17 and 2017-18 – which will be reviewed for 2018-19 are:

- Veterans' Gateway
- Families in Stress
- Improving Local Covenant Delivery
- Community Integration / Local Service Delivery



The following guidance is only to be used for the 'Community Integration/ Local Service Delivery' priority area. There are separate guidance and application processes for the other priorities. If you wish to apply for funding under any of the other priorities read the relevant guidance and materials available on:

gov.uk/government/publications/covenant-fund-guidance-on-how-to-apply

Community Integration projects must create strong local links between the Armed Forces community - current and former members of their armed forces and their families - and civilian communities, and be able to clearly demonstrate how they will have impact in overcoming barriers to better integration, improve perceptions, attitudes and understanding.

Delivery of local service projects must offer financial, housing, mental and physical health, employability or social support for serving armed forces personnel, veterans, and their families and be well connected, both to their beneficiaries and to other relevant organisation. They must also be able to demonstrate how the services they provide will be well-publicised, accessible and joined up. This is not a general fund for organisations to support their core activities simply by adding members of the armed forces community to their beneficiary group in order to apply for funding - applicants are expected to have experience and a track record of working with the Armed Forces Community, as well as a real understanding of the issues facing the Armed Forces Community.

All applicants must work closely with their Local Partnerships to ensure that their project is properly connected locally, responds to recognised need and does not duplicate other provision. The bid size is up to £20,000. Applicants can be charities; community interest companies; schools; local authorities and Armed Forces units with a UIN. There are two application rounds – the first has a deadline of June 22, 2016. The second opens September 23, 2016 with a deadline November 2, 2016.

NEAR NEIGHBOURS FUND



The Near Neighbours small grants programme has reopened for applications following an additional £1.5m investment from the UK Government.

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The idea is to bring people together that are religiously and ethnically diverse, so that they can get to know each other better, build relationships of trust and collaborate together on initiatives that improve the local community they live in. The funding covers a broad range of activities across the arts, the environment and sport.

groups to help them run projects that bring about lasting benefits to neighbourhoods with significant religious diversity.

For more information check out:

gov.uk/government/news/new-15-million-funding-to-bring-communities-together

SPORT ENGLAND UPDATE

Sport England is always keen to hear about new, exciting and effective ways to get more people active and improve lives.

Tell us about your project idea... maybe it's an exercise class in a care home, an inner city basketball project or a new combined leisure centre, GP surgery and library in the heart of a rural community. Whatever it is – we would like to hear about it and discuss whether it's something we could potentially fund.

Either call us on 0345 8508 508 or email:

funding@sportengland.org

Initial details will be taken before an investment fund lead contacts you to have a more detailed conversation. They will decide if it is right for one of our current funding schemes - the Small Grants or Strategic Facilities funds.



If not, we'll be able to tell you about the new investment programmes we're developing and when they're likely to be open for new applications. And don't worry – you won't be making an application at this stage, so you don't have to prepare any long documents or fill in a form. We'd just like to discuss your idea.

You can also sign up to our newsletter to be kept up to date on all of our funding options.

What we're looking for

Following publication of our new strategy 'Towards an Active Nation' in May this year, we're changing the way we invest money, including simplifying our funding programmes, the application process and our approach to evaluation.

Our seven new investment programmes are:

- Tackling inactivity: to help the 28% of people in England who don't currently do any sport or physical activity
- Children and young people: to work with children from the age of five to increase children's basic competence and enjoyment in relation to sport and physical activity
- Volunteering: focusing on the motivations and needs of the volunteers so that volunteering in sport attracts more people from a wider range of backgrounds
- Taking sport and activity into the mass market: focusing on the sports and activities that have mass appeal and can get large numbers of people active
- Supporting sport's core markets (including talented athletes): supporting those who already have a strong affinity for sport in a more efficient and sustainable way
- Local delivery: exploring new ways of working locally by investing in up to 10 specific areas to pilot new, more joined up approaches to getting people active
- Creating welcoming sports facilities: with a new Community Asset Fund, and continuing our successful Strategic Facilities Fund, prioritising multi-sport facilities and, wherever possible, co-locating them with other local services.

The new strategy is available at: **sportengland.org/funding/funding-update-2016/**



NORTH YORKSHIRE REWARD GRANT FUND

The North Yorkshire Reward Grant Fund is available to small community groups and charities in North Yorkshire. A variety of local community groups and charitable projects that help make North Yorkshire a better place have been funded by the scheme.

Created by North Yorkshire County Council, grants are made from the investment yield from endowed funds invested for the long term to support our local communities well into the future. The amount available for grant making each year will fluctuate with investment returns.

The fund is designed for projects which help communities to meet priorities that are contained within the North Yorkshire Community Plan at the time the grant is made and the criteria for the scheme will change from time to time to concentrate on a particular area of the plan.

This year priorities for funding will centre around projects that aim to improve the health and wellbeing of beneficiaries/ communities through increasing participation in activities and / or removing barriers to involvement in activities that promote healthy lifestyles in disadvantaged communities. This could mean geographical disadvantage or communities of interest disadvantaged for some other reason.

ELIGIBILITY

This fund is available to voluntary and community groups, small registered charities and other not for profit organisations. **Groups must:**

- be serving a community within the North Yorkshire local authority area
- have an annual income of less than £50,000 (in their last financial year)
- have a governing document (constitution/ rules/ memorandum/ articles of association) with a suitable charitable dissolution clause
- be a voluntary organisation, community group, small charity or other not for profit organisation
- have a bank account in the group's name
- have been in existence for at least six months

AVAILABLE FOR

- Projects aimed at increasing participation or removing barriers to involvement in activities that promote healthy lifestyles.
- Groups working in geographically disadvantaged areas or with communities of interest disadvantaged for some other reason to encourage healthy activity and promote wellbeing.

RESTRICTIONS

This fund is not available to/ for:

- Private businesses, national organisations and affiliates
- Capital costs alone, there must be some activity
- Sports clubs for general running costs there must be some activity to reach out to engage with new beneficiaries to encourage sustainable and ongoing participation
- General appeals or sponsorship
- Work that has already started or taken place
- Projects relating to the development of broadband
- Work normally funded/ undertaken by or on behalf of statutory bodies (including parish, town, district, borough, city and county councils; police, probation, national parks, NHS bodies)
- Work undertaken by/ on behalf of schools, colleges or universities as part of their normal statutory curricular activities
- Work where the main beneficiaries are animals
- The advancement of religion
- Overseas holidays or trips

WHEN TO APPLY

Applications to this fund will be assessed on an ongoing basis and decisions on awards in 2016 made in March, June, September and December.

The deadline for applications to be considered at the next meeting is 8th November. Applications received after these deadlines will go forward into the next decision-making meeting.

Forms are available here: ukcf.secure.force.com/forms/ northyorkshirereward

Environmental and Heritage Grant Schemes

YORKSHIRE DALES LEADER PROGRAMME

The Yorkshire Dales LEADER Programme aims to address the problems of 'rurality' within the Yorkshire Dales.

The multi-agency partnership brings together representatives from voluntary sector organisations, public bodies and private businesses working in the Yorkshire Dales LEADER area.

The three areas for project applications are:

- tourism development scheme
- enterprise scheme for farm diversification
- enterprise scheme for micro and small businesses

The Yorkshire Dales 2014 - 2020

For more information contact Rima Berry on: 01524 251002; Rima.berry@ydmt.org; or check out: yorkshiredalesleader.co.uk/apply

RURAL COMMUNITY ENERGY FUND

The Rural Community Energy Fund supports rural communities in England to develop renewable energy projects which provide economic and social benefits to the community.

The fund will provide up to approximately £150,000 of funding for feasibility and pre-planning development work to help projects become investment ready.

It provides support in two stages:

- Stage 1 provides a grant of up to approximately £20,000 to pay for an initial investigation into the feasibility of a renewable energy project.
- Stage 2 provides an unsecured loan of up to approximately £130,000 to support planning applications and develop a robust business case to attract further investment.

The fund is being delivered on behalf of the government by the Waste and Resources Action Programme. Applications will be reviewed on a monthly basis and there is no set deadline for bids.

For more information check out: wrap.org.uk/content/rural-community-energy-fund



YORKSHIRE DALES NATIONAL PARK AUTHORITY SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT FUND

The Sustainable Development Fund (SDF) is a small fund of £140,000 available each year.

The Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority fund supports projects that promote a more sustainable way of living and working in and visiting the National Park, whilst conserving and enhancing local culture, wildlife, landscape, land use and communities.

The Sustainable Development Fund:

- is now in its 15th year of operation
- has given out £2.3 million to 272 projects
- is open to everyone including community groups, businesses and individuals and offers money to either to kick-start a project or to develop it for the good of the local community and the National Park
- gave out just over £140,000 in 2015 -16, supporting 32 projects.

Projects can be far-ranging from community composting, appropriate renewable energy schemes to sustainable transport and eco-tourism. Grants can also be used to support businesses and economic development projects.

For more information contact: **info@yorkshiredales.org.uk** or call: **0300 456 0030**; or check out: **yorkshiredales.org.uk/living-and-working/sdf**

FIELDS IN TRUST COUNTY FUND

The Fields in Trust County Fund is open for applications, with funding available to Queen Elizabeth II Fields in a number of areas across the UK.

Since 1925, the aim of Fields in Trust has been to ensure that everyone – young or old, living in urban or rural areas – has access to free, local facilities for healthy outdoor activity.

Fields in Trust protects and supports a wide range of sites including playing fields, multi-sport pitches, children's play areas, bicycle trails, nature reserves, country parks and many more.

Funding is available to sites protected with Fields in Trust under the Queen Elizabeth II Fields Challenge. This is a small funding round and not all counties are eligible to receive funds. Up to £5000 is available per application and the fund will close when all funds are allocated.

For more information check out: fieldsintrust.org/County_Fund.aspx

Help and Advice

Prior to applying to any scheme or funding stream you are advised to contact John Atkins, at Richmondshire Community and Voluntary Action (RCVA) to discuss your project. John is a trained funding advisor and has worked with communities and businesses alike on many local projects in Richmondshire - ensuring they put forward the best possible application to secure funding. John can be contacted on john@rcva.org.uk; 01748 822537; or John Atkins, RCVA, 6 Flints Terrace, Richmond, North Yorkshire DL10 7AH.

Alternatively, if you would like to speak to a member of the Business and Community Team, responsible for grants and funding from the District Council, please contact:

Samantha Coultish, Business and Community Support Officer: 01748 901037

samantha.coultish@richmondshire.gov.uk

or write to the team at

Richmondshire District Council, Mercury House, Station Road, Richmond, North Yorkshire DL10 4JX

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