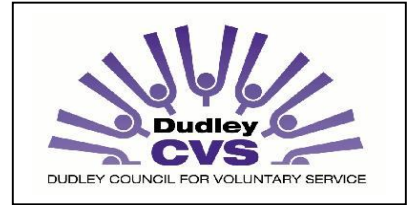


## Small Groups in Dudley - Information Sheet



### Funding for environment activities

## Key Funders

### Awards for All

The Big Lottery administers 'Awards for All' a grants programme where voluntary and community organisations can access grants from £300 - £10,000. Projects must either: extend access and participation, increase skill and creativity or improve the quality of life. Application forms can be obtained from Awards for All, 8<sup>th</sup> Floor, Edmund House, 12-22 Newhall Street, Birmingham, B3 3NL. Telephone: 0121 200 3500. Website: [www.awardsforall.org.uk](http://www.awardsforall.org.uk).

### Grassroots Grants

Managed by Birmingham Community Foundation, grants are aimed at small groups with turnover/income less than £20000 per year. To be eligible for a grant, your work must benefit your local community and meet one of these objectives:

- Encourage community responsibility
- Develop community capacity
- Be unable to access other forms of funding
- Do not duplicate other work being done within the area

Funding is available for purchasing equipment and expanding existing activities, including staff/event costs. Groups can apply for between £250 and £5000 on an application available from Birmingham Community Foundation, Nechells Baths, Nechells Park Road, Birmingham, B7 5PD. Tel: 0121 3225560. Email: [team@bhamfoundation.co.uk](mailto:team@bhamfoundation.co.uk). Website: [www.bhamfoundation.co.uk](http://www.bhamfoundation.co.uk).

### Dudley Area Committees

Dudley Council's Area Committees each have a budget for allocation on capital schemes within their areas. Voluntary organisations and community groups are welcome to apply for funding from their relevant Area Committee for or towards the costs of capital expenditure. Groups can obtain application forms from Democratic Services, Directorate of Law and Property, Dudley MBC, the Council House, Priory Road, Dudley, DY1 1HF. Telephone: 01384 815240/1/2.

### It's Your Community - O2

O2 Phone Company administers a grant scheme 'It's Your Community', which exists to inspire local people to make a positive change to the communities in which they live. Grants should be for the benefit of the community, or to build community spirit. Some examples of what can be funded include:

- **Community Places - Improving the places communities share**  
Revigorating community, amenity and recreation areas, for example, installing new equipment for a playground, repairing a pavilion roof, erecting a community notice board.
- **Community people - Helping bring people together**  
Creating a sense of ownership and social responsibility, for example, promoting personal safety awareness to young people, supporting a self-help group for elderly people.
- **Community pride - Tackling issues head on and restoring a sense of pride**  
Clearing litter and rubbish, removing graffiti

- **Community Landscape - Improving communities natural environments**  
Creating community gardens, planting trees, improving public access to riverbanks

For more information telephone 0800 902 0250. Website: [www.itsyourcommunity.co.uk](http://www.itsyourcommunity.co.uk). Email: [hello@itsyourcommunity.co.uk](mailto:hello@itsyourcommunity.co.uk).

## **The Banks Foundation**

The Banks Foundation distributes grants of up to £5000 for projects that fall into the following criteria:

- Projects that involve reclaiming land, the use of which has been prevented by some previous activity.
- Projects that reduce or prevent pollution on land.
- Projects that provide or maintain public amenities or parks within 10 miles of a landfill site.
- Projects that are for the protection of the environment and the conservation/promotion of biological diversity on land or water.
- Projects to restore or repair buildings or religious worship, or of architectural or historical interest within 10 miles of a landfill site.

Certain criteria must be complied with in order to be able to apply for funding, such as public access and amenity provision. All projects should also fall within the vicinity of a Banks Group development. For more information visit: [www.banksfoundation.org.uk](http://www.banksfoundation.org.uk).

## **Waste Recycling Environmental Limited (WREN)**

WREN distributes grants under the terms and conditions of the Landfill Communities Fund (formerly the Landfill Tax Credit Scheme). By doing so they aim to enhance the social environment, natural conservation and heritage aspects of the world in which we live and create a beneficial and lasting legacy for future generations. Grants are available from £2000 - £15000. Priority will be given to projects that have considered the environmental impact of their project, the use of sustainable materials and processes and energy efficiency. Applications from within a 10 mile radius of the WRG Bubbenhall, Judkins and Edwin Richards landfill sites will be considered. For more information visit: [www.wren.org.uk](http://www.wren.org.uk) or telephone: 01953 717165.

## **SITA Trust - Enhancing Communities**

Sita Trust administers a small and large grants scheme which will fund projects in the following categories:

- Community facilities (museums, village greens, community halls, scout or guide huts)
- Historic buildings (Places of worship, monuments, structures)
- Sport and recreation facilities (public parks, sports fields and facilities, activity centres, cycle paths, sports clubs, public playgrounds, public rights of way and footpaths, bridle ways, country parks and skate parks)

The small grants scheme provides fast-track access to funding of up to £10,000 for community improvement projects that have a total value not exceeding £20,000.

The large grants scheme provides funding for physical improvements to community facilities, with awards between £10,001 and £50,000.

For more information visit: [www.sitatrust.org.uk](http://www.sitatrust.org.uk). Telephone: 01454 262910.

## **Biffaward**

Biffaward award small and medium grants to projects that provide or improve community spaces, cultural facilities and places for outdoor recreation.

The small grants scheme provides grants between £250 - £5000. The main grants scheme provides grants up to £50,000.

The main criteria are:

- The projects site is within 10 miles of a Biffa operation
- The projects site is also within 10 miles of a landfill site (owned by any company)
- The project is eligible to be registered with ENTRUST under category D or, occasionally, category E.
- There will be a minimum of 104 days of full public access to the project per year.
- Any Biffaward grant will be used for site-based improvement work, not for equipment or running costs
- You are applying for money for work that will take place in the future. Biffaward is unable to fund retrospectively.

For more information visit: [www.biffaward.org](http://www.biffaward.org). Telephone: 01636 670000.

## **Mrs Margaret Guildo's Charitable Trust**

The trust funds projects in the range of £100 - £1000 for preservation of the built and natural environment. For more information telephone: 01245 292459.

## **J Paul Getty Jr Charitable Trust**

This trust funds environment and conservation projects in the range of £5000 - £15000. For more information visit: [www.jpgettytrust.org.uk](http://www.jpgettytrust.org.uk). Telephone: 020 7486 1859.

This information sheet outlines some of the main funders in the areas of environmental activities. Information about other possible funders can be accessed through FunderFinder and Grantfinder at Dudley CVS. If you are a small group (income up to £15000) and would like support in identifying other funders please contact Becky Pickin, Small Groups Development Officer on 01384 267431. Email: [smallgroups@dudleycvs.org.uk](mailto:smallgroups@dudleycvs.org.uk).