

Pembrokeshire Coast Charitable Trust is the official charity of the Pembrokeshire Coast National Park. We are an independent organisation governed by an autonomous and experienced board of trustees who oversee our work.

The Trust is committed to supporting the best projects delivered by the best people and is informed by the Pembrokeshire Coast National Park Management Plan, local communities and environmental and heritage experts.

Our charitable objectives are to:

- Promote the conservation, protection and enhancement of the Pembrokeshire Coast National Park and surrounding areas including wildlife within the National Park
- Advance education about the importance of the National Park, the wildlife within and the natural landscapes
- Advance the physical and mental health of the general public, including encouraging people to walk and take exercise within the National Park
- Promote the provision of facilities for recreation or other leisure time, in the interests of social welfare and with the object of improving the conditions of life.

All grants we undertake will deliver on our charitable objectives.

1. The purpose of the funding

Community groups, charities, organisations and businesses can apply for up to £4,000 for a Force for Nature grant to support projects that deliver positive conservation actions in and around the Pembrokeshire Coast National Park.

Funded projects must contribute to at least one of the following outcomes:

- Creating new community green spaces
- Enhancing existing community green spaces (without any detrimental effects to the native biodiversity already there)
- Encouraging community participation and engagement
- Supporting biodiversity
- A positive conservation or climate change action

This funding has been made available through Local Places for Nature (LPfN). To ensure fair distribution and maximum impact, we aim to avoid double funding of projects that may also be eligible for support through other LPfN strands.

2. Funding Arrangements

Successful applicants will receive funding in two instalments:

- First payment (50%) issued upon confirmation of a successful application.
- **Final payment (50%)** issued upon satisfactory completion of the project and submission of a final report with evidence.

3. Maintenance Commitment

As a condition of receiving a Force for Nature grant, successful applicants must agree to a 5-year maintenance commitment. This means they will be responsible for maintaining any capital items or works funded through the grant for a minimum of five years. This commitment helps ensure that funded projects deliver lasting benefits for nature and communities. By accepting the grant, recipients confirm they have the capacity and intention to sustain the outcomes of their project over the long term.

4. Who can apply

Not-for-profit organisations and businesses* in Pembrokeshire who have a bank account in the name of the organisation, including charities, constituted voluntary groups, community councils, schools, sports clubs and associations.

*Businesses must be able to demonstrate a public benefit, for example tourism providers who have land where people may spend time connecting to nature.

Individuals are not eligible to apply.

Priority will be given to applications coming from the following community and town council areas: Pembroke, Pembroke Dock, Haverfordwest, Milford Haven, Fishguard, Goodwick, Neyland, Maenclochog, Clynderwyn.

5. How to apply

Complete the short application form. The form is available and can be completed in Welsh or English.

Application forms can be found here:

English: https://forms.office.com/e/63R7PHFSZy

Welsh: https://forms.office.com/e/v3rJr77vyW

Deadline for applications is **Monday 8 September 2024 at 23:45**. There is one deadline each year.

The following guidelines may help you with your application. Make sure you complete all the boxes. The word count gives a maximum amount. You do not need to use the maximum.

Contact details

- Please provide the name of your organisation as stated in your governing document and bank statement
- Tell us what your group or business does
- Please tick the type of organisation that you are
- Please provide your organisations social media handles or tags
- Please let us know if you have applied for Local Places for Nature funding previously or are planning to for this project

Project details

- What is the name of the project and where will it be run? Please tell us the community or town council area your project is located
- When are you planning on starting the project? It cannot have already started; we are unable to pay for items retrospectively
- The project must be completed by Monday 2 March 2026
- What will you do with the grant funding? Please be explicit about how your project will benefit nature and people
- Have you done any research about the need? Who wants the project and how do you know this?
- Will it be run in a certain community, village or group of people that will benefit? For example, young people, parents, carers?
- What difference will you make? How will people or the environment benefit?
 What difference will you see?
- How will you know you have done a good job? How will you know how many people will benefit? What will you do at the end of the project to see if it worked?

Budget

- How much money are you requesting? (Maximum £4,000)
- Provide a full breakdown of how you will spend the money. Give clear costings with exact figures
- If the grant funding will not cover the complete costs to deliver the project, where will the remaining funding come from?
- Funding can only be spent on capital items. We are unfortunately unable to fund revenue-based activities. This includes staff salaries, venue hire, travel expenses and general administration costs.

Declaration

Tick the boxes and sign the form to confirm that the details in the application form are correct. Only an authorised person, e.g. a board or committee member may submit the application

6. Decision Making Committee

Each application will be assessed and scored by an expert committee, and a decision will be made within 6 weeks of the application deadline.

7. Delivery

Applicants must complete their project by **Monday 2 March 2026**.

Match funding is not necessary.

All projects funded will be required to complete an end of project report with evidence. Evidence includes all receipts of purchases and images. Once the final report has been received, the final 50% of the grant will be awarded.

8. Data Protection

Any personal data provided through this application will be handled by Pembrokeshire Coast Charitable Trust and in accordance with data protection legislation.

Data will be used solely for the administration and monitoring of the Force for Nature Grant Scheme.

Please note that the names of successful applicants will be shared with Local Places for Nature via Pembrokeshire County Council to ensure that double funding has not taken place. Personal information will not be shared with other third parties without consent, unless required by law.

Your personal data is processed on behalf of Pembrokeshire Coast Charitable Trust by Microsoft Forms, with respect that they are our current survey and form collection software provider only. All submitted information will be downloaded within 30 days of the grant submission deadline and stored securely by the Pembrokeshire Coast Charitable Trust.

Further information about how Pembrokeshire Coast National Park Trust processes your information, including your rights as a data subject and how to exercise them is set out in our privacy policy, found

here: https://pembrokeshirecoasttrust.wales/privacy-policy/









