

Nature Recovery Award Application Guidance Notes

Nature Recovery Award

Wilder Horsham District has a fund available to support landowners and community groups wishing to implement practical schemes to expand and improve networks for wildlife across the Horsham District landscape. Applicants should state clearly in their application how they think their project will contribute to a Nature Recovery Network through the District.

Applications will be judged by a professional panel and awarded quarterly. Successful applicants will be awarded up to a maximum of £5000.

Assessment Criteria

All applications will be considered against:

- Contribution to the Horsham District Nature Recovery Network
- Wilder Horsham District habitat priorities and nature based solutions
- Wilder Horsham District geographical priorities
- Value for money
- Informed design and management of the works

Project proposals that best reflect the factors in our assessment criteria will be more likely to be successful.

The Application Process

Application rounds are run quarterly.

If you wish to apply, please complete the application form on our website and email to WilderHorshamDistrict@sussexwt.org.uk or post to Wilder Horsham District, Sussex Wildlife Trust, Woods Mill, Henfield, BN5 9SD.

Following submission, we will mail or email confirming receipt of your application. If we feel your submission requires further information to be considered for the award, we will be in touch prior to the application round deadline to support you in your application, which may involve requesting a site visit.

A panel of Sussex Wildlife Trust and Horsham District Council staff will review all submitted applications, selecting to award funding to project proposals that best reflect the assessment criteria issued above.

All applicants will be contacted whether successful or not. If applications exceed the funding allocation for the given period, you may be invited to resubmit your application during the next funding round. Unsuccessful applicants will receive feedback on why their proposal was rejected, and are welcome to reapply with a modified or new proposal.

If you have any questions or require further support throughout the application process, please email WilderHorshamDistrict@sussexwt.org.uk.

Conditions of Funding

If you are successful in your application, we will issue you a formal offer of funding and set out the terms and conditions attached to the award.

Successful projects will receive funding following completion of project. Monies will be paid upon receipt of invoice for materials or work done and supporting evidence of project completion on a quarterly basis. The invoicing procedures will be agreed by the application on notification of a successful application. If you are unable to pay for project costs upfront, it may be possible to make alternative arrangements. Please contact Wilder Horsham District staff to discuss.

Wilder Horsham District will be celebrating successful applications to this award, and so projects receiving funding will be asked to supply media images and or video clips show-casing your part in the Horsham Nature Recovery Network for use on social media and project reports. Successful applicants are also asked to provide a short report with media photos showing the progress of, or completion of the work.

Wilder Horsham District requests that recipients shall acknowledge the funder in any materials or spoken presentations that refer to the project, and that such acknowledgements (where appropriate) shall include the project name and logo using templates provided.

Project Monitoring

Award recipients will be closely monitored and supported to ensure the Agreement is being adhered to and that the project aims and objectives are being met. Recipients will provide the funder with a financial and operational report on its use of project funding every quarter. Further monitoring arrangements will be included within the funding agreement.