



Green Scythe Fair Grants

Introduction

The Green Scythe Fair was the coming together, in 2007, of two local events: the South Somerset Green Fair and the South West Scything Championships. Held in June every year, it exists to raise environmental awareness and promote local sustainability, green crafts and scything.

Now that we have built up sufficient reserves to tide us over a lean year, the organising committee is keen to use further additional surpluses to support local initiatives that are aligned to our ethos with grants for specific projects that will make a positive difference to them and their communities.

Criteria

The grant programme is available to help new and existing community businesses or voluntary organisations to do one or more of the following:

1. Raise environmental awareness
2. Promoting sustainable projects
3. Promoting green crafts
4. Revive the rural skill of scything

We would like to fund projects that our grant will make a noticeable difference to, for instance those that don't normally get grant funding.

The area focus is Somerset and surrounding counties.

The type of legal or organisational structure is immaterial; our emphasis is on its mission and purpose (eg benefiting the wider community and not for private profit), and of course the nature and impact of the project being applied for.

Applicants cannot use the money to pay themselves or be involved in any activity that is illegal or harmful to people, animals, plants or the environment.

We would expect that successful projects will take an interest in the Green Scythe Fair and we hope those involved will get involved in some way, such as by volunteering, exhibiting at the fair, etc. We may also request some projects to come and present at our AGM.

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Application Process

Please send an email to grants@greenfair.org.uk with the following information:

- Contact person, contact details and position in the organisation;
 - A bit about the organisation – aims and objectives, current activities, structure, size, financial overview, and any other relevant information;
 - A brief description of the initiative being applied for, how it delivers one or more of the four criteria listed above, the specific activities the grant will enable, duration, budget, amount of grant requested (including the minimum that would make a difference, in case we cannot fund all of it);
 - Commitment to report on progress after one year (or other appropriate timescale); and
 - What ways the initiative might interact with or contribute to the Green Scythe Fair in the future.
- Make sure that in your application you adequately address all the criteria above, and that you supply all the information requested. We will normally evaluate all applications during January and February, so please make sure that you send your application by 31st December to give enough time to circulate and review it.

Thank you!

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