



FIFE ENVIRONMENT TRUST

Newsletter

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FET Funding Available

The Scottish Landfill Communities Fund (SLCF) and FET Awards

The Scottish Landfill Communities Fund (SLCF) is a tax credit scheme linked to Scottish Landfill Tax. The Scheme encourages landfill site operators to provide contributions to Approved Bodies who can then pass the funds onto community and environmental projects. Fife Environment Trust (FET) is one such Approved Body.

Since the establishment of the Scottish Landfill Communities Fund, Fife Environment Trust (FET) has awarded grants to **214 eligible projects** with a combined award figure of over **£6.5 million**. The FET contribution to projects has helped lever in match funding totaling approximately **£18.2 million**.

The Board of Fife Environment Trust recently met to consider 15 large grant requests for funding. Of the 15 applications submitted, the Board agreed to approve funding towards 12 projects including:

- £24,956.86 to BRAG Enterprise towards costs associated with creating a community growing space and creating a training and test space;
- £33,228 to Dalgety Community Trust towards costs associated with creation of a pump track promoting cycling and other wheeled sports for all ages and abilities;
- £50,000 to St Andrews Preservation Trust towards costs associated with the redevelopment of St Andrews Heritage Museum and Garden;
- £50,000 to Camphill Rudolf Steiner Schools Ltd towards costs associated with retrofitting a disused building on Murtle Estate into an energy efficient building operating a community recycling project;

- £30,000 to Forth River Trust towards costs associated with delivering a series of landscape scale restorative intervention on Balcaskie Estate, in the upper reaches of the Dreel Burn.

In total, **£477,757.62** was committed by the Trust for projects to improve public amenities.

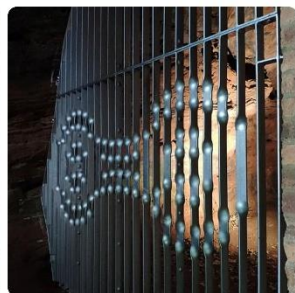
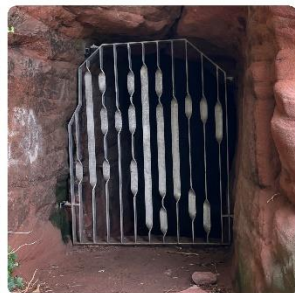
Selection of Large Projects Recently Completed

Maspie Den

The Maspie Den paths were laid out as a showplace in the nineteenth century. Falkland Stewardship Trust applied to Fife Environment Trust for a contribution towards the costs of stabilising and rejuvenating the Maspie Den.

Total Project Cost - £26,709.15

FET Contribution - £13,709.15



Wemyss Caves Protective Gates

The Wemyss Caves are a nationally important heritage site. Save Wemyss Ancient Caves Society applied to Fife Environment Trust for a contribution towards installing protective gates in Court Cave and Jonathan's Cave in East Wemyss.

Total Project Cost - £56,971.86

FET Contribution - £40,350.56

Forth Street Hall Renovations

Leven Baptist Church applied to Fife Environment Trust for a contribution towards the costs of renovating the Forth Street Hall.

Total Project Cost - £14,946.96

FET Contribution - £10,773.83

Before



After



Upgrade of new Community Hub

Rosyth Community Projects Limited (EATS Rosyth) applied to Fife Environment Trust for a contribution to upgrade a newly acquired building to create a vibrant, community use space for their EATS Rosyth project.

Total Project Cost - £402,728.42

FET Contribution - £50,000

Selection of Small Projects Recently Completed



Methil/Buckhaven Green Network
Enhancement

Awarded £9,678.01

Strathmiglo Conservation
Community Woodland Upgrade

Awarded £7,580

Bleachers at Fife Cycle Speedway

Awarded £10,000

Application Deadlines and Funding Threshold Levels

The next deadline for the submission of large grant applications for awards up to £50,000 is Friday 29th September 2023. The Board will meet to discuss all September submissions at the next meeting of the Trustees scheduled for Thursday 30th November 2023.

Applications to our Small Grants Scheme for awards up to £10,000 are considered on a rolling basis.

The Board can consider applications from community groups/organisations looking to improve public amenities, restore historic buildings/structures or undertake biodiversity projects.

If you would like to find out more about the funding available from Fife Environment Trust, please visit our website or contact our Policy Officer via the details listed below.

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