

# RUSHMOOR BOROUGH COUNCIL RECORD OF EXECUTIVE DECISION



## Decision taken by individual Cabinet Member

### DECISION MAKER

Councillor Sue Carter, Democracy, Strategy and Partnerships Portfolio Holder

### DECISION AND THE REASON(S) FOR IT

#### Farnborough Airport Community Environmental Fund grants of

- **£6,750 awarded to The Source Young People's Charity** for their Bikes for Good project
- **£4,500 awarded to The Species Recovery Trust** for Marsh Clubmoss conservation

The Community Environmental Fund commenced in 2001. It is levied by Farnborough Airport on business aviation movements at a rate of £2 per aircraft movement and £5 per aircraft movement where the aircraft is a Boeing Business Jet or an Airbus Corporate Jet.

The fund is available to groups and organisations under the following criteria:

- Located within 5 kilometres (3 miles) from the centre of Farnborough Airport (taken to be halfway down the main runway) and is demonstrably and regularly affected by aircrafts travelling to and from Farnborough Airport
- Has public access to be available to be enjoyed by the community as a whole and result in the improvement of an outdoor facility or area
- Includes an environmental improvement
- Projects may include: -
  - Green or open spaces
  - Natural habitats
  - Environmental improvements
  - Outdoor play
  - Community projects with an emphasis on improving the local environment

Annual top up funding from Farnborough Airport of £67,200 for business aviation movements in 2022 has been received, bringing the total to £108,320. Following these awards, the Community Environmental Fund now has £97,070 available for allocation.

### DATE DECISION TAKEN

8 March 2023

### ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED

*(Those examined by officers and generated by consultation, etc)*

None.

### ANY CONFLICTS OF INTERESTS DECLARED

*(conflict of interests of any executive member who is consulted by the officer which relates to the decision. A note of dispensation should be attached).*

N/A

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ **Sue Carter** \_\_\_\_\_

Designation \_\_\_\_\_ **Democracy, Strategy and Partnerships Portfolio Holder** \_\_\_\_\_

## Farnborough Airport Community Environmental Fund applicant bid

<b>Applicant name and address of project site:</b>	The Source Young People's Charity BikeStart Workshop, Browning Barracks, Alison's Road, Aldershot GU11 2BU		
<b>Purpose of grant:</b>	Bikes for Good Project		
<b>Grant amount requested:</b>	£6,750	<b>Total cost of project:</b>	£8,350
<b>Previous grants from this fund:</b>	2014 - £15,000 towards set up costs for BikeStart social enterprise		
<b>Criteria met?</b>	<b>Y/N</b>	<b>Comment</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Located within distance?</li> <li>• Regularly affected by air movements?</li> <li>• Public access enjoyed by whole community?</li> <li>• Result in improvement of outdoor facility/area?</li> <li>• Include an environmental improvement?</li> </ul>	Y Y Y Y Y	BikeStart is a combination of a recycling project and a sustainable source of income for The Source Young People's Charity. It is also a volunteering project for local people with an interest in cycling/bikes to meet together with a shared passion, and to use their bike maintenance skills to support the local community.  The workshop is also used as a training environment for local young people, particularly those with disabilities or support needs, often through work experience placements from their schools/colleges.	
<b>Other sources of funding for this project:</b>	£1,600	Own funds	
<b>Accounts:</b>	<b>Income:</b> £128,836	<b>Expenditure:</b> £123,714	<b>Balances:</b> £58,143
<b>Additional information:</b>	<p>Over the past 12 months, BikeStart has received a growing number of requests for refurbished bikes from refugees and asylum seekers, looking for a "free" cost effective mode of transport. In 2022 a number of bikes were provided free of charge, but this reduced the amount of time the team of volunteers could work on other bikes to sell, so funding is required to continue to provide free bikes for those in need.</p> <p>The funding will be used to provide good quality refurbished bikes, helmets and locks for up to 50 local refugees, asylum seekers, and local people in need. In addition, group workshops on basic bike maintenance would be offered, providing additional support to the recipients of the bikes.</p>		
<b>Aim of organisation/group:</b>	<p>The Source is a Christian charity supporting local young people aged 11 to 25 years old struggling with their wellbeing and mental health through personalised one to one youth counselling, mentoring, and creative group activities. This helps their confidence, resilience, and self-esteem, enabling them to live healthy, hopeful, and fulfilled lives.</p> <p>This work is supported by the BikeStart social enterprise, which is a further way of diversifying funding towards the charity.</p>		
<b>Application recommendation:</b>	£6,750		

## Farnborough Airport Community Environmental Fund applicant bid

<b>Applicant name and address of project site:</b>	The Species Recovery Trust, GU52 9EP, including Forest of Eversley, Church and Crookham Commons, Eelmoor Marsh and Hawley Common		
<b>Purpose of grant:</b>	Marsh Clubmoss in the South-east of England		
<b>Grant amount requested:</b>	£4,500	<b>Total cost of project:</b>	£5,385
<b>Previous grants from this fund:</b>	2015 - £2,500: conserving the biodiversity hotspots of the Rushmoor heathland 2018 - £4,000: the rare plants of the Rushmoor heathland and an open day 2020 - £3,000: rare plants of the Rushmoor heathland		
<b>Criteria met?</b>	<b>Y/N</b>	<b>Comment</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Located within distance?</li> <li>• Regularly affected by air movements?</li> <li>• Public access enjoyed by whole community?</li> <li>• Result in improvement of outdoor facility/area?</li> <li>• Include an environmental improvement?</li> </ul>	Y Y Y Y Y	Data collected will also be shared with local organisations. The re-introduction project will provide knowledge and incite to broaden the project across more areas in the south-east, and will have a huge positive effect on the ecology and diversity of the heathland.  Healthy, natural places are especially important for well-being, and the tranquillity that walking amongst the heathland brings will have huge benefits for people of the local area. Heathland is so rare now that communities surrounding these special habitats are extremely lucky to have these resources on their doorstep.	
<b>Other sources of funding for this project:</b>	£885 £1,000	The Species Recovery Trust Natural England – awaiting decision	
<b>Accounts:</b>	<b>Income:</b>	£137,066	<b>Expenditure:</b> £116,960 <b>Balances:</b> £160,435
<b>Additional information:</b>	<p>The project aims to conserve Marsh Clubmoss and the rare mire habitat it grows in. The area around Farnborough is one of the few locations in the south-east where it grows, but it continues to suffer declines and local extinctions in this area. By saving the habitat it occurs in, this also provides a resource for a wealth of other plants and animals including dragonflies and damselflies.</p> <p>The project continues previous work which monitored the health of these populations and surrounding environments and will explore the most appropriate places for re-introduction, identify good donor sites and then introduction of plants followed by close monitoring.</p>		
<b>Aim of organisation/group:</b>	<p>The Species Recovery Trust is a small conservation charity with the aim of conserving the UK's biodiversity. This done by carrying out targeted conservation programmes on 30 species of plants and animal which have been on the brink of extinction in the UK.</p>		
<b>Application recommendation:</b>	£4,500		