

Climate Change

Annual Report 2020/21



Appendix 3

Climate Change Action Fund

The climate change action fund ran from 2 November 2020 to 26 February 2021. Grants of up to £1000 were invited from schools, voluntary and community groups, societies, charities and parish councils. To encourage a spread of funding across the county, each county councillor received an allocation of £2,000 to award to their area.

148 funding requests were received, with £76,074 being awarded across 115 applicants. Of the 115 successful applicants, 72 of these received the full amount requested. Lower levels of funding were awarded to applicants where parts of the project were not considered eligible for funding or Councillors had insufficient budget to fund a project in full. Reduced funding was awarded to 43 applicants.

Projects which were considered high priority to receive full funding included:

- energy efficiency measures including LED lighting upgrades, improved insulation and improvements to glazing either to reduce excessive solar gain or improve thermal efficiency.

- bike racks and scooter pods to encourage more active travel and reduced car use
- tree planting

Projects representing little or no medium to long term carbon benefit or adapting to our changing climate were not funded and included:

- general biodiversity improvements, such as wildflower planting on areas not currently intensively managed
- outdoor play areas and equipment
- Improving environmental awareness, unless it specifically related to climate change.

For any project to be delivered the landowner had to demonstrate permission for the project was granted, a number of projects were unable to receive landowner permission.

