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Sustainable Development Fund 2020/21

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| **1. APPLICANT DETAILS** | |
| **Name** (main contact) |  |
| **Position in organisation** |  |
| **Daytime telephone number** |  |
| **Email** |  |
| **Group or organisation name** |  |
| **Address of the person dealing with the application** (including postcode): | **Website address** (if applicable) |

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| **2. ORGANISATION STATUS** (Please tick and complete all boxes that apply) | | | |
| **Voluntary organisation** |  |  | |
| **Parish Council** |  |  | |
| **Public Sector** |  |  | |
| **Charity** |  | Charity number: | |
| **Private Individual** |  |  | |
| **Registered Company** |  | Company number: | |
| **Other** |  | Please define: | |
| **Do you have a formal constitution?** | Yes | No |  |
| **Are you VAT registered?** | Yes | No | Vat Number: |

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| **3. PROJECT DETAILS** | | | |
| **Project title** (a catchy name that describes your project) |  | | |
| **Project description** – please include:   1. A brief outline of your project and what you would like to spend the grant on 2. Tell us what your project aims to achieve 3. Who are the key people/organisations involved? | | | |
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| **Timetable for your project**  (all projects should be able to make a final claim by 31 March 2021) | | **Start date** (month/year): |  |
| **Completion date** (month/year): |  |

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| 1. **PROJECT LOCATION** (complete 1 or 2) | |
| 1. If the Project is located within the Blackdown Hills AONB please state where: |  |
| **OR** | |
| 1. The project is located in the following location and will benefit the following AONB parishes: |  |
| **Who owns the land/building where the project will take place (if applicable)?**  (Is there a lease? If so, how many years remain?) Have you obtained all the permissions you require to carry out the project? (e.g. planning permission, landowner’s consent, Local Authority or Environment Agency approval) | |

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| 1. **PROJECT CHECKLIST - BHAONB Management Plan priorities** | |
| Your application will score more if it delivers objectives from the Blackdown Hills AONB Management Plan. See Guidance Notes for further help, or visit [**https://tinyurl.com/y3gdyhla**](https://tinyurl.com/y3gdyhla)  **Please only complete the boxes below that are applicable to your project** | |
| **WILL YOUR PROJECT?** | **HOW?** |
| 1. Encourage local people to conserve and enhance their local landscape and built environment and celebrate local distinctiveness |  |
| 1. Conserve, enhance and celebrate the heritage and cultural traditions of the AONB |  |
| 1. Help to look after the Blackdown Hills AONB’s plants and animals |  |
| 1. Increase understanding of the geology, natural resources, landscape and special qualities of the AONB |  |
| 1. Help to conserve water, energy, soil, wood or other natural resources and support their sustainable use |  |
| 1. Improve access to the AONB and encourage the use of public transport, cycling, riding, walking and healthy exercise |  |
| 1. Support sustainable tourism, farming and economic activity that contributes to and benefits from the AONB’s natural assets |  |
| 1. Help to support local community facilities and services |  |
| 1. Offer new opportunities for volunteering and local participation. |  |
| 1. Offer new opportunities for learning about, understanding and taking action to conserve and enhance the Blackdown Hills AONB |  |

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| 1. **DIRECT & COUNTABLE RESULTS - outputs of your project**: | |
| How many and what type of people, individuals, businesses, community groups, etc. will benefit from your project |  |
| Estimated number of volunteers on the project and volunteer days on the project |  |
| Countable achievements, e.g. trees planted, nest-boxes put up, training sessions completed etc |  |
| Other direct or countable results arising from your project |  |
| **Who will maintain the completed project and how will this be funded in the future?** | |

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| 1. **SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT FUND CRITERIA** | | | |
| The aim of the fund is to promote and enhance the environmental, economic and social wellbeing of the AONB. Please place tick any of the criteria below that your project meets. | | | |
| **Environmental criteria – does the project?** | | **Economic criteria – does the project?** | |
|  | Conserve and enhance the built and/or natural environment |  | Satisfy local economic needs |
|  | Protect or increase biodiversity |  | Provide long-term economic benefit to the community |
|  | Promote or implement ‘reduce; re-use; recycle’ principles |  | Make a contribution to local training and/or employment prospects |
|  | Promote the use and/or generation of renewable energy |  | Make use of local suppliers of products, services and materials |
|  | Reduce the need for car, van and lorry journeys |  | Demonstrate responsible business practices, promote community support for the local economy |
|  | Minimise pollution of the land, air and water |  | |
| **Social criteria – does the project?** | | **Criteria for success – does the project?** | |
|  | Encourage community engagement, ownership or empowerment |  | Promote, enhance or generate greater awareness and understanding of sustainability principles |
|  | Conserve and support the cultural heritage |  | Promote understanding and enjoyment of the AONB’s special qualities |
|  | Encourage links between urban groups and those resident in the AONB |  | Have a clearly defined set of realistic aims and measurable outcomes |
|  | Combat social exclusion, particularly of young people |  | Have a sound management structure to achieve its aims and monitor its outcomes |
|  | Promote local community action |  | Demonstrate innovation, creativity or best practice |
|  | Encourage those involved to engage in a more sustainable lifestyle |  | Bring organisations together in partnership to tackle an identified need |
|  | |  | Explore opportunities to access funds and/or support in kind from other sources |
|  | Add value or new dimension to existing sustainability projects |

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| 1. **STATE AID RULES** (Please note special State Aid guidance notes that accompany this form) | | | | | | | | |
| Has your business or organisation received any public funding where State Aid Rules (de minimus) apply? | | | | | | | | |
|  | YES | | | |  | NO | | |
| If yes, please state how much and when the funding was received (***Allowance is up to 200,000 euros of* De Minimis *state aid over any given three-year period***): | | | | | | | | |
| Is your organisation in any of the following ‘industry’ sectors? Please tick as applicable. | | | | | | | | |
| **Agriculture** | | Yes | No | **Steel/coal** | | | Yes | No |
| **Fisheries** | | Yes | No | **Shipbuilding** | | | Yes | No |
| **Forestry** | | Yes | No | **Transport** | | | Yes | No |
| **Please read and sign the following statements:**  I confirm that our organisation has not received more than the equivalent of 200,000 euros of funding from State Aid within any three year period, and, if successful with this application, will not exceed the equivalent of 200,000 euros State Aid limit within three years of the end of any grant funding under the programme. I also confirm that the applicant is not in any of the above excluded industry sectors. | | | | | | | | |
| **Signature (authorised signatory):** | | | | | | | | |
| **Printed name:** | | | | | | | | |
| **Date:** | | | | | | | | |

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| 1. **DECLARATION** |
| I certify that all the information provided in this application is true to the best of my knowledge and that the statement in the application form regarding State Aid Rules and ‘de minimis’ has been signed by an authorised signatory (i.e. Trustee, Director or office holder such as Chairman or Treasurer). I understand that any misleading statements**,** whether deliberate or accidental, could make the application invalid and therefore liable for the return of any money.  **Signature:**  **Printed name: Date:**  Please return the completed application form to: Blackdown Hills AONB, Riverside, Hemyock, Devon, EX15 3SH or email to: [blackdownhills@devon.gov.uk](mailto:blackdownhills@devon.gov.uk)  The Blackdown Hills AONB Sustainable Development Fund is delivered locally by the Blackdown Hills AONB team and funded by Defra. |