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Sustainable Development Fund 2022/23

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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 one is available) |  |

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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 2023) | | **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 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. **DECLARATION** |
| I certify that all the information provided in this application is true to the best of my knowledge. 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. |