

GUIDANCE FOR APPLICANTS

Applicants are strongly advised to read Natural Cambridgeshire's Local Nature Recovery Toolkit before applying, and must demonstrate how their project will contribute towards the development of a Local Nature Recovery Plan for their community.

The aims of a Local Nature Recovery Plan are to:

1. Increase and enhance key wildlife habitats.
2. Help communities understand, appreciate and enjoy their natural spaces.
3. Promote public health and wellbeing.
4. Create resilient countryside and communities, where nature is at the heart of the approach to tackling the climate emergency.
5. Champion examples of best practice for sustainable development and management of parks and green open space.

Projects and plans should be developed by local people to meet local aspirations and reflect the nature that inspires them, and project sites should be public and accessible to all.

Projects can be for both advice and grant funding. If you are seeking advice, please say what sort of advice this is. This may be to help to undertake an ecological survey of a piece of public green space or to build a pond, or guidance about an approach to mapping, or it may be help with an aspect of project management or community organising.

Projects and actions that you and your community might wish to undertake include:

- Planning for nature – working together with your community using the [Local Nature Recovery Toolkit](#) to secure nature-rich areas now and for the future. Plan and priorities the actions needed to transform your community space.
- Growing your community – working with your community to look after existing natural areas and public green spaces to ensure that they are providing the best support for nature and create new nature-rich spaces, such as woodlands and community ponds.
- Creating local wild spots – seek support to create wildflower verges and wild community spaces in your neighbourhood.
- Or something else – tell us about a project you would like to do to support Doubling Nature where you live.

Applicant organisations might be a parish or town council, a neighbourhood group, a sports club or a youth group, a faith group, and everything else in between.

Grants of between £250 and £1000 are available. Applications should be submitted by email to info@naturalcambridgeshire.org.uk by **Tuesday 31 August 2021**.

It is anticipated successful applications will be notified by **1 October 2021**. Projects, or the stage of the project for which you are making the application, must be completed by **31 January 2022**.

For further information, please email info@naturalcambridgeshire.org.uk.