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Nature Works: School Grounds Catalogue





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About Us

Welcome to the **Nature Works: School Grounds Catalogue**. Here at the Wildlife Trust for Lancashire, Greater Manchester & North Merseyside our School Grounds team aims to add unique, creative and eco-friendly elements to your outdoor space.



The Nature Works: School Grounds team has worked with hundreds of schools over the years, installing outdoor learning facilities, boosting biodiversity and helping schools to deliver their climate action plans to become leaders of sustainability and champions for nature.

With expertise in environmental education and landscape contract work, the Nature Works team have the capacity to help you every step of the way - from initial consultation and design, to construction and maintenance.

Our products come with a 2 year warranty, if any repairs or replacements are needed in this period we will repair or replace free of charge. Check out the Maintenance section for plans to ensure your products are kept in top condition for years to come.

To start the ball rolling in transforming your school grounds

Book your free site visit and consultation.

Email the Nature Works: School Grounds team at – schoolgrounds@lancswt.org.uk



Bio-diversity & Habitats

The Department for Education's (DfE) sustainability leadership and climate action plans initiative states:

"By 2025, all education settings will have nominated a sustainability lead and put in place a climate action plan". This includes early years settings, schools, multi-academy trusts, colleges, and universities."

For over a century the Wildlife Trusts have been saving wildlife and wild places, increasing awareness and understanding of the natural world and deepening people's relationship with it. The Nature Works team can help you to meet your climate action plan objectives by supporting you to take positive action for nature by drawing upon the wealth of knowledge and experience available to us. We help 20,000 children engage with nature each year and manage 1300 hectares of land for wildlife. There's no-body better placed to help you take action for nature.

Whether you are part of the National Education Nature Park, developing your Climate Action Plan, setting up a Forest School or simply sprucing up an unloved corner of the yard, the Nature Works: School Grounds team can help you to connect learners with the natural environment and to biodiversity in a practical way, by offering safe and exciting solutions for nature-based learning that complement classroom-based activities.

Biodiversity links directly to the science curriculum, providing knowledge, skills and understanding across the key stages in the following areas:

1. Life cycles & processes.
2. Humans and other animals.
3. Plants.
4. Variation and classification, inheritance and evolution.
5. Living things in their environment.

We can advise and implement ways to boost the biodiversity of your setting, from wildlife ponds to rain gardens to wildflower meadows to bird boxes and hedgehog homes. In the Biodiversity section of the catalogue you'll find the three most effective ways to help nature in your setting.

Items eligible under the National Education Nature Park (NENP) funding are marked with a 



Wildlife Ponds



A wildlife pond is the most beneficial enhancement you can make for local wildlife. Wildlife ponds are not just important habitat for amphibians, but also a haven for invertebrates like insects, crustaceans and molluscs and a vital source of water for birds and mammals.

When combined with a dipping platform, you're really making the most of your space for both wildlife and young learners, who are able to learn about life cycles, habitats and adaptation.

Features of our ponds:

- Highest quality rubber liner and fleece underlay to protect against punctures
- Fully landscaped banks with shallow sides for easy ingress and egress of animals
- Margins and banks planted with native plants and native seed mix for rapid establishment
- South facing pebble beach for basking insects
- 60cm max. depth to strike the perfect balance between safety and optimal habitat conditions
- Optional fencing and lockable gate for peace of mind
- Dipping platform for learning/maintenance access
- Pond dipping equipment



Guide price (exc. VAT):

For a 3m x 4m pond with dipping platform and pond dipping kit = £3546



Wildflower Meadows*

Wildflower meadows not only look beautiful, but they also provide habitat for a broad mix of species. Pollinating insects are attracted by the flowers, which in turn attract birds which feed on both insects and wildflower seeds. Wildflower meadows are also rich foraging ground for amphibians, mammals and other invertebrates and they make the perfect companion to a wildlife pond.



We source the right native seed mix for your soil type to ensure success. The spoil from lifting the turf to create your meadow can be piled into mounds and planted with butterfly and insect friendly species, while scarecrows and bird scarers can be made by pupils to keep the birds from eating freshly sown wildflower seeds.



If you don't have much space, consider raised beds/planters planted with wildflower seeds or a selection of insect friendly plants. Huge gains for nature can be made even with the most modest of interventions.

Guide price (exc. VAT):

For a 50m x 4m wildflower meadow = £1500

**Sowing takes place early spring or autumn. Yearly maintenance required.*



Hedges, Orchards, Woodlands & Living Willow Structures*



Establishing a woodland involves carefully selecting the site, choosing appropriate tree species, and implementing a robust planting and aftercare plan. It can also involve natural regeneration or a combination of both. The process aims to create a diverse, thriving woodland ecosystem that benefits both wildlife and the local environment for years to come.

Establishing a woodland takes time but we are able to source and plant a wide range of bare root tree "whips" or larger saplings, ranging from 20cm to 4m tall, ready for establishing a wildlife/edible hedge, woodland, orchard or shaded area to benefit people and wildlife alike.

Living Willow Structures



Living domes, tunnels, arches and "fedges" (living woven fence) made from willow are ideal for breaking up space, defining boundaries and creating enchanting entrances. Willow tunnels and fedges act like hedgerow highways, providing cover for all sorts of animals as well as provide foraging opportunities for birds and insects alike. Fedges also provide a green alternative to traditional fencing, while new growth can be used for crafts.

Guide price (exc. VAT): 10m fedge/5m tunnel = £608 3m dome = £503

**Please note, tree work is carried out seasonally, between December and March. Yearly maintenance required.*



Minibeast Resort



Our minibeast zones allow your inquisitive learners to get hands on experience hunting for minibeasts, as well as increase the natural value of your outdoor space by providing cover for invertebrates, amphibians and hedgehogs.

These zones are typically comprised of low raised beds filled with woodchip, insect friendly plants, and hibernacula.

The woodchip makes a great habitat for

woodlice and centipedes whilst the insect-friendly plants attract bees and butterflies. One school we worked with even reported finding newts and slow worms in their bug zone!

The deluxe variant of the minibeast zone we call the **Minibeast Resort**, featuring several zones in one. The pond zone (can be fitted with optional mesh security lid), a plant zone for those all-important flowers to attract insects and a discovery zone with hibernacula and trapdoors. We also include a basic pond dipping kit with every raised pond – net, sampling pots, , bug viewer, pipette, sample tray and ID chart.

We also provide stacked pallets for children to stuff with material to create their very own bug hotel. These can be provided pre or partially stuffed.

Guide price (exc. VAT):

Minibeast Resort: 2.4m X 1.2m raised bed with plants and hibernacula = £1055

Deluxe Minibeast Resort: 2.4m X 2.4m with pond, hibernacula and plants = £2585





Raised Ponds



A wildlife pond is the most beneficial enhancements to be made for local wildlife. Not only are they important habitat for amphibians, but a haven for invertebrates and a vital source of water for birds and mammals.

Our raised ponds are ideal for setting that lack green space as we can install them on almost any surface. Raised ponds are lined and filled with aquatic plants, with spoil from inside the pond used to build up the ground around the outside of the pond to help with the ingress and egress of animals. An optional mesh lid can be added for extra security.

- High quality rubber liner and fleece underlay to protect against punctures
- Fully landscaped banks with shallow sides for easy ingress and egress of animals
- Margins and banks are planted with native aquatic plants, with a south facing pebble beach for basking insects
- 60cm max. depth to strike the perfect balance between safety and optimal habitat conditions
- All raised ponds supplied with a basic Pond Dipping Kit – net, sampling pots, , bug viewer, pipette, sample tray and ID chart.



Guide price (exc. VAT):

2.4m X 1.2m sleeper pond = £1329



Forest School & Outdoor Education

What is Forest School?

Forest School is a form of nature-based learning characterised by a learner-led approach, rather than adult or curriculum-lead. Forest School is focused on the holistic development of the child and delivered as a long-term programme in a woodland or other natural setting. Forest School supports play, exploration and supported risk-taking with programmes facilitated by qualified Level 3 Forest School Practitioners. The interests and intrinsic motivations of the individual participants guides the content of the sessions, which should be supported by hands-on learning experiences. This process helps to improve learners' confidence and self-esteem, promoting independence, creativity, resilience and emotional development.



If you're interested in finding out more about the Level 3 Forest School Leadership training offered by LWT, please go to <https://www.lancswt.org.uk/forest-school-training>



Outdoor Education

Outdoor education encompasses a wide range of learning experiences undertaken outside, whether it's reading a book outside or an overseas expedition, planning and the curriculum play a key role. Outdoor learning is adult-led, often with a more structured approach and desired learning outcome(s). Taking education outside the classroom in your own setting provides children with

opportunities for experiential knowledge; this practical style of study can improve engagement and make education more memorable. Spending more time outdoors in nature also helps to decrease stress and anxiety, and has scientifically proven benefits for both physical and mental health.

In this section of the catalogue you will find a range of solutions and products that may be used for both Forest School and Outdoor Education.



Seating Circle †



A seating area makes the perfect hub from which to run your sessions and with our tough, custom made canopy, now you have a temporary shelter from sun and rain. The canopy takes a minute to put up and comes down in 30 seconds and a generous hole at the apex means fires can still be made beneath. The seating circle is 5.5m in diameter and consists of 12 poles, sky-wire, fixtures and a hard-wearing valise storage bag to keep your canopy safe when not in use. Our posts now feature post-wrap technology for longer lasting posts.

Guide price (exc. VAT): £4759 with all extras. £3399 without extras.*

** Optional extras, please add:*

Woodchip base with edging boards = £880, Stone lined firepit = £180, Log benches x 5 = £300.

† inspection and safety of equipment remains the responsibility of the buyer

Mud Kitchen



The classic mud kitchen is a place for messy, creative roleplay. Our mud kitchens include removable sinks, utensil hooks, a rubber lined mud box and a chalk board for that all-important Specials Menu.

“One Mississippi Mud Pie please!”

Approximately 3m x 2.4m. Solid roof options are available upon enquiry.

Guide price (exc. VAT): £2247



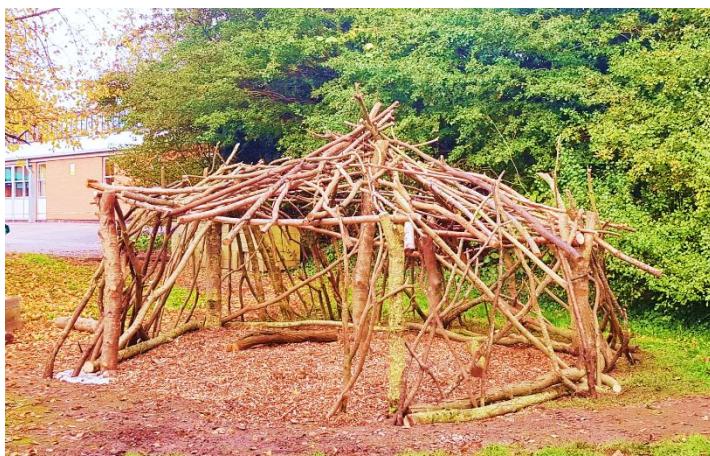
Den Building & Knot Tying



Den building is a great activity to encourage team-building, creativity and the development of gross motor skills in younger learners.

Our den building areas consist of either three or five Y-shaped branches secured into the ground to act as foundations to build around. These are supplied with brash bundles to assemble the dens.

Both brash and log products are produced from trees managed sustainably on our reserves



Knot tying posts are great for developing fine motor skills and consist of two posts between which paracord can be tied to hang tarps as additional shelters. Each post also has 5 eyelets on which to practice knot tying.

Guide price (exc. VAT):

Den Building: 5-Y pieces = £690 3-Y pieces = £520

Knot-tying Posts (x2) = £200



Raised Beds – Vegetable, Sensory & Insect Friendly



Do you have pupils (or staff!) who need a space to calm down and reset? A sensory area might be just the thing, particularly for children with sensory difficulties or autistic spectrum conditions. Our raised sleeper beds are filled with grade-A topsoil, lined with a weed suppressing membrane and topped with a woodchip mulch to retain moisture.



Different planting schemes are available, whether that be sensory or insect friendly, or we can leave them empty, ready for your learners to grow their own plants and vegetables.

Raised beds can be installed virtually anywhere and can be just the thing to brighten up an unused corner. Trellising is used to grow climbing plants such as sweet-smelling honeysuckle, vibrant clematis or tasty runner beans and we can also incorporate bench seating (parents waiting for their children will thank you!).



*Guide price (exc. VAT): £1165**

**based on one L-shaped bed 2.4m x 1.2m raised bed with sensory plants. However, bespoke designs and shapes can be built to suit. Enquire for further details.*



Bird Screen & Feeding Station



Bird screens give learners the means and opportunity to watch birds without disturbing them. Slots are cut within the screen at different heights to allow sight of the bird feeding station. A variant on that design allows you to remove boards to change the height of the viewing slots.

On the “wild” side of the bird screen is a bird feeding station. Water, suet balls, seeds and nuts can be hung out attract an array of bird species to the area.



Bird screens are a great addition for schools with plenty of space and heavily vegetated areas. Combine with a number of nest boxes to encourage a permanent population of native birds.

Guide price (exc. VAT):

X2 2.4m bird screens with bird-feeding station = £900





Chainsaw Sculptures



Enhance your outdoor spaces with beautifully crafted chainsaw art. We source chainsaw sculptures from artist Mike Burgess (mbchainsaw-art.co.uk), with his Gruffalo inspired sculptures proving very popular. Mike also produces mushroom seats, animals and other bespoke carvings.

Guide price (exc. VAT): £POA.

Sheds & Shelters



As you can see, we produce all kinds of structures: birdhides, compost toilets, huts, shelters, sheds and even log amphitheatre! Arrange a site visit with one of our Project Officers to discuss your requirements.

Guide price (exc. VAT): £POA





Fencing



We offer a range of fencing styles to suit your needs:

Rail & Pail (top right) is a popular and attractive fence for securing specific areas, such as wildlife ponds.

Post & Wire (top left) is traditionally used in rural settings for penning in livestock, however, post & wire is also difficult to climb and allows for a clear line of sight through the fence. Ideal for keeping an eye on a class full of little animals.

Chestnut Paling (bottom left) has a more rustic aesthetic, bringing to mind ancient hill forts. This type of fencing works well with hedge planting (which we also offer!), as an immediate and cost-effective barrier while the hedgerow saplings are growing.

Post & Rail (bottom right) is a simple solution for delineating a boundary without completely changing the nature of a space.

Guide price (exc. VAT): £POA



Maintenance

Maintenance is a component of grounds development that is often overlooked. While not very exciting, maintenance is necessary to make the most of your space and keep learners safe.

We offer the following maintenance services.

Seating Circle Maintenance – Yearly

An annual maintenance service to check over your seating circle and canopy. The team will set up your canopy, tighten the sky-wire, check hardware and inspect the poles.

Within warranty period, we will make any repairs free of charge. Outside warranty period, we will charge for materials only.

We will also throw in a free load of woodchip (worth £200) each visit!

Please note: our maintenance programmes do not replace the need for pre-use checks, regular equipment/site inspections and risk assessments. These remain the responsibility of the school or setting.

Seating Circle Maintenance Fee - £600 per year

Pond Maintenance – Yearly (summer to winter)

Each pond we supply comes with a pond maintenance guide, however we understand that schools can be busy with limited man power to carry out some of these tasks.

Our team will check over your pond to ensure it is in the best condition for wildlife. This may include removing debris, algae, cutting back encroaching vegetation and overhanging branches. For raised ponds and dipping platforms we will carry out a thorough inspection and arrange any repairs necessary.

Please note: our maintenance programmes do not replace the need for pre-use checks, regular equipment/site inspections and risk assessments. These remain the responsibility of the school or setting.

Pond Maintenance Fee – From £275 per year

Wildflower Meadow Maintenance – Yearly (usually summer to late summer)

While we will provide advice for you to pass on to your regular ground maintenance teams, we also offer the option to have our team carry out meadow maintenance.

We will cut meadows at the optimal time of year when the weather is dry and then rake off the arisings to help scatter seed for the following year. If meadows need reseeding we will do so free of charge within the first 2 years, with a nominal fee to cover seed cost thereafter.

Wildflower Meadow Maintenance Fee – From £550 per year



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Woodland Maintenance – Yearly (between Nov-March)

Woodland areas can quickly become overgrown with overhanging branches and encroaching vegetation. Our woodland maintenance programme is a bespoke service specific to your setting.

We focus on safety first, removing any dead branches/dangerous trees and clearing pathways. Then we focus on removing sick or spindly trees to create space for healthier trees. Brash can be chipped and/or piled into habitat piles or used for den building activities. Logs can be left on site to be used as benches or taken away by our team. Depending on the setting, maintenance may also include planting understory trees to ensure succession of tree cover for years to come.

Please note: our maintenance programmes do not replace the need for pre-use checks, regular equipment/site inspections and risk assessments. These remain the responsibility of the school or setting.

Woodland Maintenance Fee – From £550 per year

General Maintenance – Minimum yearly

Sometimes you may have an area that doesn't quite fall into any of the categories above. While we can't maintain equipment provided by third parties, we can look after general vegetation maintenance and carry out regular inspections of equipment we have installed.

These are very much bespoke plans and depending on your setting you may require a visit once or twice a year. After a visit from one of our Project Officers we will come up with a bespoke plan which we will review on a yearly basis. We will focus on safety first and then work with nature in mind.

Please note: our maintenance programmes do not replace the need for pre-use checks, regular equipment/site inspections and risk assessments. These remain the responsibility of the school or setting.

General Maintenance Fee – From £275 per year

To find out more about our services or to book a site visit with one of our Project Officers, please contact us via one of the following methods:

Email the Nature Works: School Grounds team at – schoolgrounds@lancswt.org.uk

Fill out the enquiry form on our website - <https://www.lancswt.org.uk/education/school-grounds>

Call the Nature Works: School Grounds office on 01772 872018

*Where possible Nature Works source FSC/PEFC timber to ensure sustainable provenance, where this isn't possible we buy from local suppliers to minimise our carbon footprint.



Testimonials

“We are thrilled with the recent improvements to our school grounds, including new planting areas, a wildlife pond, and raised garden beds. These additions have transformed the space into a vibrant, engaging outdoor classroom that will support hands-on learning, creativity, and wellbeing.

The pond and planting areas are already attracting wildlife, offering excellent opportunities for science and environmental studies. The raised beds have been a big hit with the children, staff and parents and will help them learn about nature, healthy eating, and teamwork.

A huge thank you to the team who carried out the work. They were professional, friendly, and clearly passionate about creating a space that would benefit both students and staff. Thanks to the National Education Nature Park grant and the team’s hard work, we now have a sustainable space that will continue to grow and inspire for years to come.

Their care and attention to detail have made a lasting impact on our school community and we look forward to working with them all again in the future.”

— **Caroline Waring, St Michael with St John Primary, Blackburn**

We are absolutely delighted with the incredible work carried out by the Nature Works: School Grounds team in designing and installing our brand-new Forest School. From the very first conversation through to the final touches, the entire process has been nothing short of outstanding.

The design itself is truly inspired — thoughtful, creative, and perfectly tailored to our site and our children’s needs. Every feature has been carefully considered to create a rich, immersive outdoor learning environment that encourages exploration, imagination, and a deep connection with nature. The attention to detail in the planning phase gave us real confidence that we were in expert hands.

The installation was just as impressive. The team worked with skill, efficiency, and obvious passion for what they do. They took great care to work around the rhythms of our busy school day and made sure everything was left neat, safe, and ready to use. Their professionalism and enthusiasm shone through at every stage, and it was a genuine pleasure to have them on site.

The finished Forest School has exceeded all our expectations. It’s a beautiful, engaging space that is already inspiring our pupils and staff alike. We couldn’t be more grateful to the Wildlife Trust team for bringing our vision to life so brilliantly — and for making the whole journey such a positive and exciting experience.

We wholeheartedly recommend them to any school looking to create something truly special for their children and community. Thank you!

— **Liam Marshall, Clifton Primary School, Lytham**



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Funding Opportunities

The following grants have been identified by the LWT Nature Works: School Grounds team as potential sources of funding for schools and clients who wish to make nature-based improvements to their setting. The Lancashire Wildlife Trust has no affiliation with any of the Funds listed, but we wish you luck in your applications and we're happy to advise where we can.

National Lottery Awards for All – England

Grants are available for charities, voluntary groups, schools and local authorities in England to carry out projects that will improve their local community.

Grants of between £300 and £20,000 are available for up to two years.

<https://www.tnlcommunityfund.org.uk/funding/programmes/national-lottery-awards-for-all-england>

Department for Education – National Education Nature Park

The DfE National Education Nature Park grant is providing £3 million to a select number of schools (up to £5,000) to support young people to learn outdoors.

The eligible schools list can be found here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/national-education-nature-park-grant-funding>

The funding can be spent on:

1. equipment or teaching tools, such as acoustic listening devices
2. purchase of outdoor equipment and clothing
3. creation of outdoor teaching areas
4. accessible routes to nature in schools for pupils with special educational needs and disabilities

GM Green City - Greater Manchester Eco Grants for Schools

Grants of up to £2,000, can be used on sustainability projects that benefit the school community in one of three priority areas: Waste reduction and circular economy; Climate education focused on sustainable lifestyles; and Sustainable food and tackling food waste.

<https://gmgreencity.com/projects-and-campaigns/schools/>



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Postcode Neighbourhood Trust (North of England) Opens 24 June (1 Week to Apply)

Round two is providing unrestricted grants for projects in the North of England that have a clear alignment with one of the Trust's 2025 themes:

- Enabling participation in physical activity
- Enabling participation in the arts
- Improving biodiversity and responding to the climate emergency
- Improving green spaces and increasing access to the outdoors
- Preventing or reducing the impact of poverty
- Providing support to improve mental health
- Supporting marginalised groups and tackling inequality

Depending on their not-for-profit legal structure, organisations can apply either for a grant of between £500 and £2,500 or between £500 and £25,000.

The funding offered is unrestricted and therefore flexible. It can be used however it is most needed.

Applications currently closed. Check back in 2026.

<https://www.postcodeneighbourhoodtrust.org.uk/>

The Greater Manchester Green Spaces Fund

The Greater Manchester Green Spaces Fund gives grants to communities to improve accessible local green spaces or create new ones where they are needed most.

<https://gmet.org.uk/green-spaces-fund>

Tesco Stronger Starts

The focus of Tesco Stronger Starts is getting schools who lack funds and resources to apply for extra financial help they might need to provide healthy food and activities that boost young people's mental and physical wellbeing.

<https://tescocommunitygrants.org.uk/>

The Nineveh Charitable Trust

Grants up to £20,000 are available to not-for-profit organisations and schools in the UK for a broad range of projects and activities that promote a better understanding of the countryside.



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[THE NINEVEH CHARITABLE TRUST | THE NINEVEH CHARITABLE TRUST \(ninevehtrust.org.uk\)](#)

Ernest Cook Trust – Outdoor Essentials Grant

The Outdoor Essentials Grant is an award to UK state-funded schools to remove barriers and enable pupils to connect to nature and learn outdoors.

The Outdoor Essentials Grant is only available to schools located within the following prefixes: BB, CA, FY, LA, PR

<https://ernestcooktrust.org.uk/what-we-do/everything-outdoors/outdoor-essentials-grant/>

Orchards for Schools

Orchards for Schools is our popular grant programme for UK schools that provides a free pack of fruit-bearing, wildlife-enhancing, carbon-storing orchard or fruiting hedgerow for your school!

Schools that are successful in their application will receive their orchard and/or hedgerow pack, an engaging set of supporting resources and training, designed by experts and teachers, that are linked to the national curriculum.

[Orchards for Schools - The Tree Council](#)

OVO Foundation Nature Prize – Let's Go Zero

- Up to £1000
- Annual prizes to support nature projects on school grounds

[The OVO Foundation Nature Prize - Lets Go Zero](#)

Network Rail Community Tree Planting Fund

For the 2023/24 tree planting season the Tree Planting Fund will award funding for projects in three bands:

- **Main Grants** - Projects between £2,500 and £5,000
- **Large Grants** - Projects between £5,000 and £15,000
- **Flagship Grants** - Projects over £15,000

[Network Rail Community Tree Planting Fund - The Tree Council](#)



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Manchester City Council - Neighbourhood Investment Fund

Manchester City Council provides funding to support local projects that can make a difference to people's local neighbourhoods. Established groups, voluntary groups and other community groups, as well as groups of residents working together for the first time can apply. School Parent Teacher Associations can also apply if they have the support of local residents and parents and the project benefits the wider community as well as the school.

The maximum grant available is £10,000.

The grants may be used for:

- Tackling climate change through activities such as:
- Greening.
- Rewilding.
- Local food projects.
- Awareness raising/ engagement activities around climate change.
- Repair workshops/sessions.
- Increasing composting, recycling, and reducing waste.
- Green travel initiatives.
- Improvements to air quality.
- Other activities important to your neighbourhood.

https://www.manchester.gov.uk/info/100003/people_and_communities/202/neighbourhood_investment_funds/2

Arnside & Silverdale National Landscape Grants Fund

Grants are available for projects that conserve and enhance the Arnside & Silverdale National Landscape or connect people with the landscape; open to community groups, schools, businesses, partner organisations, parish councils, landowners and managers, and individuals.

Grants of up to £2,500 are available.

<https://www.arnsidesilverdaleaonb.org.uk/what-we-do/grants/arnside-silverdale-grants-fund/>

Learning through Landscapes – Local School Nature Grants

Grants are available to provide outdoor learning training and equipment to schools and early years providers in England. Successful applicants will receive an assortment of nature equipment up to the value of £500 along with a two-hour training session, a school grounds climate survey and a climate curriculum kit (valued at £150).



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Note: the scheme does not provide cash grants.

[LtL | Nature Grant - https://l1l.org.uk/projects/local-school-nature-grants/](https://l1l.org.uk/projects/local-school-nature-grants/)

Alkit Foundation

The funding is for grassroots direct-action projects that tackle issues such as diversity and inclusion in the outdoors, participation, education, conservation and protection of the natural environment and health and well-being. Grants of between £50 and £500 are available.

[Alkit Foundation | Alkit](#)

BlueSpark Foundation

The BlueSpark Foundation is a registered charity which supports the education and development of children and young people by providing grants for educational, cultural, sporting and other projects. Visit the website here - [Home - Blue Spark Foundation](#)

Moto in the Community Trust

- The average grant size is £1,000. Larger grants will be considered based on the strength of the application.

Grants are available for community organisations and schools operating within a 15-mile radius of a Moto site for projects and activities that deliver benefits to local communities.

<https://moto-way.com/about-us/moto-foundation/grant-process/>

Linnean Society – Our Local Nature Grant

- £1000
- Provides young people with an opportunity to lead projects in their local nature and natural spaces

<https://www.linnean.org/the-society/medals-awards-prizes-grants/our-local-nature-grants>

Lancashire Environment Fund

- Up to £30,000
- The funding is intended for a wide variety of projects to improve the environment and bring community benefits throughout the county of Lancashire



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Projects must:

- Be within 10 miles of a licensed landfill site.
- Have long-term management arrangements where relevant.
- Have full public access (Entrust minimum requirements are four evenings or two days every week, 104 days a year).
- Be located within the Lancashire County Boundary, but excluding Blackpool and Blackburn with Darwen unitary authorities.

Lancashire Environmental Fund - About

West Lancashire – Tree & Hedge Planting Grant Scheme

The scheme is intended for the local voluntary and community sector to plant new trees and hedges in conservation areas within West Lancashire.

Grants of up to 50% of project costs to a maximum of £1,000 per group.

<https://www.westlancs.gov.uk/planning/heritage-and-environment/trees-hedges-and-woodlands/tree-and-hedge-planting-grant-scheme.aspx>

Champion Bowland Smaller Grants Fund

Small grants are available for local projects which benefit the environment, local communities and visitors within the Forest of Bowland Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB).

<https://www.championbowland.org.uk/index.php/small-project-funding>

Ernest Cook Trust – Outdoor Essentials Grant

- £500 per Primary School, £1,000 per Secondary School, £500 per Special School
- The Outdoor Essentials Grant is an award to UK state-funded schools to remove barriers and enable pupils to connect to nature and learn outdoors.

<https://ernestcooktrust.org.uk/what-we-do/everything-outdoors/outdoor-essentials-grant/>

Evolve Get Out! Grant

- £500
- Monthly awards to facilitate outdoor learning in schools for equipment, training, travel or resources



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- Opens for applications in spring 2024

<https://www.evolveadvice.co.uk/grants>

Ford Britain trust

- £250-£3000

Supports projects focusing on education, environment, children, the disabled, youth activities and projects that provide clear benefits to local communities close to Ford's locations

<https://www.ford.co.uk/experience-ford/news/ford-britain-trust>

B&Q Community Reuse

Makes surplus and display items available for free to school and community groups, including plants and planters.

<https://www.diy.com/responsible-business/community/community-re-use>

Outdoor Guide Foundation

State primary schools can nominate themselves to receive discounted or free outdoor clothing and welly sets

<https://theoutdoorguidefoundation.org/>

Sports Fund

Many schools are able to access their Sports Fund to develop their Forest School areas, as Forest School meets many of the requirements for outdoor learning being beneficial for both physical and mental health and wellbeing.

Carrier Bag Levy Schemes

Check with your local supermarkets for any token or carrier bag levy schemes providing grants to schools.

Idverde Community Investment Fund (with Crowdfunding)

- Grants of up to £1000

Grants are available to not-for-profit groups who can raise their initial funding through a crowdfunding campaign for projects that improve local green space or the public realm, enhance the local environment and boost the



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wellbeing of local people. The fund is open for applications from formally constituted, not-for-profit groups, such as charities, volunteer groups, forums, sports teams, societies and schools.

<https://www.spacehive.com/movement/idverde-community-investment-fund>

Earthshot Prize

The Earthshot Prize is an initiative for individuals and organisations from across the world to respond to challenges that aim to restore the environment and ignite a 'decade of action to repair the Earth'. The £1 million in prize money will support environmental and conservation projects that are agreed with the winners.

The Prize will be open individuals, businesses and communities from across the world, across all sectors of industry and society, not just technology. The prizes could be awarded to a range of individuals, teams or collaborations – scientists, activists, economists, leaders, governments, banks, schools, businesses, cities, and countries – anyone who is making a substantial development or outstanding contribution to solving the world's environmental challenges.

<https://earthshotprize.org/the-prize/how-the-earthshot-prize-works/>

'Branching Out' Tree Planting Fund

The Tree Council are once again Branching Out and offering small grants to support a new season of community tree planting to schools, non profit organisations and community groups.

- Grants of between £250 and £2,500 are available per application: Projects must be in England, Scotland or Wales

Dead line: Midnight, 14 November 2025

[Branching Out Fund - The Tree Council](https://www.treecouncil.org.uk/branching-out-fund)