

Grant Application Form



Bristol2015
European Green Capital

Fund which you are applying to:
Bristol 2015 Small Grants Fund

Contact Details

Name of your organisation	Bristol Naturalists Society (working in partnership with the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds and other organisations)

Address of your organisation
Bristol City Museum BS8 1RL

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Position held in organisation	Editor
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Reference

Please provide details of a referee who holds a professional or public position that knows of your group's work but is independent of your group and this project. Please make sure this person is willing and knows about this particular application and is locally based.

Title	First Name	Surname
Organisation Name		
Position in organisation		
Referee address		
Daytime Phone Number		
Email address		

Organisation details

When did the organisation start?	/	/ 1862
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What type of organisation are you? (tick as appropriate)	
<input type="checkbox"/> A registered charity. If yes please provide your number	235494
<input type="checkbox"/> A registered company. If yes please provide your number	
<input type="checkbox"/> Unincorporated club or association	
<input type="checkbox"/> Community Interest Company	
<input type="checkbox"/> Other:	

Are you part of larger regional or national organisation x <input type="checkbox"/> No
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How many of each of the following are involved in the organisation?			
Full Time Staff	0	Management Committee	18
Part Time Staff	0	Volunteers and helpers	400

What are the main aims and activities of your organisation?

The study of the natural history of the Bristol region, to record and monitor wildlife, to hold meetings, and to support the work of the Bristol Environmental Record centre and the Avon Wildlife Trust

What is your organisation's annual income?	£10,000
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Your application

Please enter the start and end dates of the activities this grant will fund

Project/Funding start date	1/1/2015/	Project/Funding End date	1/1/2016
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Where will the project take place?

Bristol (Please note that only Bristol based projects are eligible for this fund)

What would you like to do with this grant? Please describe your project.

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Promoting swifts as a flagship for urban biodiversity in Bristol

We seek to make Bristol a swift (& nature)-friendly city. We will train/recruit volunteers & residents for survey and action, hold awareness events, provide nesting places, influence urban design and hold a conference for practitioners.

Our aim is to engage people across Bristol in increasing the value of buildings for swifts and other wildlife, promote enjoyment of and knowledge about swifts and adoption of swift friendly actions by professionals and communities alike.

Key activities will be to encourage people to undertake surveys of swifts during summer 2015 to increase knowledge of swifts and improve targeting of conservation action.

We will work with local authority planners, architects and developers to make improved provision for swifts and

other birds and bats through provision of roof spaces in new and restored buildings, and better management of green spaces.

We will organise public awareness events and a special meeting organised for architects and developers at Bristol Zoo to discuss action for swifts across Bristol.

We will recruit and engage volunteers so as to leave a lasting legacy of community based action across the city.

Please explain how you know that the people in Bristol want this project and what evidence have you collected to demonstrate this?

We know that people everywhere like Swifts and enjoy awaiting their arrival each spring, usually after other migrants. Initiatives in other towns and cities have demonstrated the appeal of swifts and their ability to act as a flagship for wider conservation action.

In Bristol the BNS and other conservation organisations have already undertaken some surveys in the past with considerable success. Two Bristol residents the Glanville's have developed a spectacular initiative at their home with 15 swift nest boxes and 7 CCTV cameras which monitor activity. They have invited many people from Bristol into their home to experience this spectacular sight. One of Bristol's MPs Kerry McCarthy has agreed to be a champion for swifts in Parliament and attended an event at the Glanville's home.

Training of Local volunteers and residents and their subsequent involvement in the project will further engender this ownership' of 'their' swifts. We will also ensure professionals are engaged & become more knowledgeable & aware. We will work with Kerry McCarthy, Bristol City Council and other stakeholders to promote civic pride in swifts & nature. Strong links with other themes in BGC programme.

Please explain how your project helps achieve one of the outcomes of the Bristol 2015 Ltd programme. See **Section A** in the guidance notes for further detail. Please clearly state the number of the outcome your project targets.

The project will contribute to each of the nature outcomes

Area 1 - Nature outcomes

1.1 To support wellbeing by connecting people to wildlife

1.2 To inspire and educate people about nature and to care for it

1.3 To improve biological records of Bristol's and the city region's wildlife in order to understand our impact on it and create the next generation of recorders and experts

The key focus of the project will be to engage people in appreciating, valuing and contributing to their local environment. It will provide opportunities for people to attend events which will teach them more about local

wildlife and how to improve it themselves. They will also have opportunities to contribute to improving the state of knowledge about swift populations in the city. Beyond this it will also achieve concrete conservation benefits.

We would also hope to contribute to the two outcomes

6.1. Increasing health and wellbeing in the city

6.2. Promotion of “place-making” and innovative use of the city’s infrastructure

The latter is particularly marked through opportunities to use buildings across the city for the provision of homes for swifts and other urban wildlife.

Please explain how your project helps address to the sustainability principles of the Bristol 2015 Ltd programme. See **Section B** in the guidance notes for further detail.

Our project best contributes to the first two criteria

Inclusivity: we aim to involve all sections of society, but especially those groups who have not previously engaged in sustainability initiatives

The wildlife we are targeting for this project occurs in all kinds of urban areas, not just typically green places. Everybody can observe and contribute to swift conservation and allied species such as house sparrows and starlings. So this work lends itself well to targeting all sections of the community and we will ensure good coverage across all parts of the city.

Health and wellbeing – we aim for our operations to contribute to a healthy, happy workforce and public

There is growing evidence of the health and wellbeing benefits of nature rich landscapes and urbanscapes. The species we are working with are easy to see and a source of joy to many urban residents. Elsewhere in SW England, the RSPB is working with health providers to get health referrals to nature reserves and open spaces and we will explore opportunities to replicate this with health providers in Bristol as part of this project.

Please explain how your project links into existing activities and projects in the city and what steps you have taken to connect with other organisations working on this outcome

The main wildlife organisations in the city are all involved in this project which will has been discussed with and will involve input from Bristol City Council, Avon Wildlife Trust, Bristol Zoo, Swift Conservation, as well as Bristol Naturalists' Society and RSPB.

We will synchronise our activities with those of partner organisations and others – specifically in relation to public events and to policy and development initiatives of BCC in relation to intergrating wildlife features into planning consents. Data will be provided to Bristol ERC as well as to national data sets.

Approximately how many people will benefit from the project?	300 people will attend events, 100+ people will work with us on surveys. In the longer term many more people will benefit from nest provision and wildlife rich green spaces engendered by the project.
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If your project is exclusively targeted at any of the groups below, please select the relevant entry. If not, please select 'Others' and enter who your project will target

Who are the primary beneficiaries for your project/activity?	
<input type="checkbox"/> Children & Young People	
<input type="checkbox"/> Disadvantaged / Low income groups	
<input type="checkbox"/> People with disabilities	
<input type="checkbox"/> Homeless People	
<input type="checkbox"/> Families	
<input type="checkbox"/> Black and Minority Ethnic groups	
<input type="checkbox"/> People in rural areas	
<input type="checkbox"/> People in urban areas	
<input type="checkbox"/> Local Residents	
<input type="checkbox"/> Older People	
<input type="checkbox"/> People with mental health difficulties	
<input type="checkbox"/> Alcohol/drug addiction	
X <input type="checkbox"/> Other	All groups but especially local residents, people in urban areas, children and young people and families

What is the total project cost?	£9,500
How much has been raised so far?	£ Volunteer input and in kind support
How much money are you applying for?	£9,500

By completing this form you confirm: (i) that receipt of this funding will not cause your organisation to breach the state aid rules (including de minimis Regulation (Commission Regulation (EU) 1407/2013) derived from the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union), and (ii) your commitment to repay this grant funding with interest should you breach the state aid *de minimis* ceiling, and either Quartet Community Foundation or Bristol 2015 reasonably consider there to be a risk of unlawful State aid. (Please refer to the Fund guidelines for further information on compliance with State aid law.)

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Please give a breakdown of cost under the following headings (inclusive of VAT)			
Type of cost	Total Cost	Requested Amount	Breakdown of costs
Staff costs	6,000	6,000	To employ one day/week to help deliver project activities
Volunteer expenses	750	750	Including volunteer training workshops
Operation/activity costs	1,000	1,000	For events costs inc major meeting at Zoo
Office/overheads/premises			Will be delivered through in kind support
Capital costs (equipment)			Will be delivered through in kind support
Publicity	1,750	1,750	For information and promotional materials. Publicity delivery will be through in kind support
other			
Total	£9,500	£9,500	

If the total cost is bigger than the grant requested how will you meet the shortfall? Please give details of any other applications you have made and whether any funding has been approved.

Please provide your group's bank details

Name of the bank/ building society

Name of bank account

Please provide the names of the signatories for your bank account. Bank accounts should have at least two signatories, and preferably three. Please highlight where any are related.

Title	First Name	Surname

Checklist

We cannot process your application unless you have:

- Answered every question
- Provided a copy of your most recent accounts / financial statement
- Provided a signed and dated copy of your constitution / governing document
- Provided names and contact details of your management committee/trustees (where appropriate)
- Provided a copy of your child protection policy and/or vulnerable adults policy (if appropriate)

Please return to the office listed on the guidelines via email or post.

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