

Environment

Total grants £6m

Number of grants 86

Average grant size £69,513

One of the priorities of the Foundation is to support the protection and enhancement of the environment of the UK.

One way we do this is by supporting organisations that use market instruments for sound environmental ends. For example, our largest grant in 2006 was to the *Marine Stewardship Council*. Its ambition is to have more than doubled the amount of wild capture fish consumed in the UK from sustainable fisheries from 9% to 20% within three years.

In another use of an enterprising approach to achieve an environmental goal we enabled *ORCA* to hire a full-time co-ordinator for their work in gathering essential data on whales, dolphins, basking sharks and other ‘megafauna’ found in UK waters. *ORCA* gathers this data by using as observation vessels the ferries routinely sailing in and out of British harbours. So trained volunteers can gather essential data in the North Sea, the Bay of Biscay and the Channel – without incurring the expenses of vessel hire. In this efficient and cost-effective way, *ORCA* is compiling data that will help conserve these magnificent species.

Less imposing species deserve a chance as well. That is why in 2006 we also made a significant grant to fund the core purposes of *Pond Conservation*, an organisation dedicated to the well-being and biodiversity of bodies of water with a surface area of less than two hectares. In 1880 there were 1.2 million ponds in the British countryside. Today, there are fewer than 400,000 and many of them are suffering from agricultural and air pollution.

Our impact on the atmosphere is now changing the climate and at Esmée Fairbairn we recognise that the market may have a role in addressing this issue. In 2006 we provided funding that enabled *The Climate Group* to set the standard for voluntary carbon markets. With our help, they are also defining the concept of what it is to be a truly carbon neutral company.

Research shows that butterflies and moths are declining faster than either plants or birds: seven out of every 10 species are now in decline. *Butterfly Conservation* is the leading UK organisation taking action to save butterflies, moths and their habitats. We supported *Butterfly Conservation* to work at a landscape scale across seven English regions to reduce loss and fragmentation of habitat, link important sites and encourage landowners to bring their land into favourable condition. Together the projects will benefit 26 of the 52 butterflies and moths currently listed as UK Biodiversity Action Plan priorities in England and 17 ‘candidate’ priority species.

And for those who want to get away from it all, one of our most highly publicised grants in 2006 was to the *Council for the Protection of Rural England*. Their objective was to find and map the most tranquil areas of England.

Esmée Fairbairn’s environmental support is diverse, with core interests in biodiversity, food and a low carbon economy. Different as our project areas are, they all work towards the same goal of a more sustainable nation.

Environment Grants List

Grants approved over £20,000

Organisation	Amount (£)		
BioRegional Development Group Towards the technical and project staff over three years required to deliver the One Planet Living Project.	174,000	Institute for European Environmental Policy Towards activities over two years for research and analysis as well as publications and workshops to support marine protected areas as a fisheries management tool and its integration into UK and European fisheries policy.	99,490
British Butterfly Conservation Society Ltd Towards the salary over three years of seven regional officers to implement a programme of landscape scale habitat management projects to conserve threatened butterflies and moths in seven English regions.	195,000	John Muir Trust Ltd Towards the salaries over three years of three wildland rangers and a biodiversity officer to improve biodiversity across 26,060 ha of the Scottish Highlands owned by John Muir Trust.	180,000
Buglife Towards core support over three years for the development manager, administrator and a new biodiversity action officer, to halt extinction and achieve sustainable populations of invertebrates.	142,210	Local Food Links Ltd Towards piloting a school meals service for primary schools which supports local and organic producers and promotes healthy eating, by supporting the salary costs of a development manager over two years to roll out the model regionally and nationally.	87,000
Farming and Wildlife Advisory Group Towards core costs over three years for the delivery of advisory services to farmers in Wales.	215,000	Marine Stewardship Council Towards the costs of building a viable UK marketplace for sustainably-sourced seafood.	808,000
Federation of City Farms and Community Gardens Towards core funding over three years to support community gardens and city farms.	100,000	National Trust Towards the salary costs over three years of a project officer to create a landscape scale wetland reserve to benefit people and wildlife by expanding Wicken Fen National Nature Reserve through strategic land acquisition and habitat restoration.	53,130
Food Ethics Council Towards an 18-month programme of research, analysis and policy development involving stakeholders to harness the potential of road pricing in promoting sustainable food systems.	97,875	Northern Ireland Environment Link Towards core costs over five years to support this network of environmental organisations in Northern Ireland.	99,500
Freshwater Biological Association Towards the cost over two years of employing a biological recording promotion and fundraising officer and a biological recording technical officer to support voluntary study and recording of freshwater species.	100,000	ORCA Towards the salary of a director over three years to expand long term monitoring work of cetaceans and their habitat, furthering understanding and supporting policy decisions for their conservation.	84,000
Friends of the Earth International Towards the costs of salaries and legal work on greenhouse gas emission reductions.	50,000	Policy Studies Institute Towards the feasibility stage of a green tax commission for the UK.	35,450
Friends of the Earth Scotland Towards the salaries and costs over two years of staff to undertake research and advocacy targeted at the Scottish Executive and Parliament on energy efficiency and microgeneration.	82,988	Pond Conservation Towards the costs of safeguarding UK ponds through increasing public understanding, reversing current declines, and advancing the scientific basis of their conservation.	234,416
Froglife Towards the salary and costs over three years of a head of conservation to provide Froglife with the scientific expertise to manage existing and future conservation projects and to undertake research.	134,637	Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew Towards the salaries of six staff members over three years for development of the Millennium Seed Bank Project's data and knowledge on germinating wild UK Flora species, in particular to recreate or restore natural habitats.	100,000
Global Action Plan Towards core support for practical energy conservation and waste reduction work.	35,000		
Hymettus Ltd Towards the salary of a project officer over three years to continue and enhance conservation of Aculeates (bees, ants and wasps) through education, advice, survey and research.	77,744	School of Biological Sciences, University of Sussex Towards the salary and travel expenses over two years of a research assistant to develop a reliable monitoring scheme for amphibians that can be widely used by volunteers.	75,532
		School of Civil Engineering and the Environment, University of Southampton Towards assistant/student salary and laboratory costs over two years to provide the information required by DEFRA to enable the reintroduction of the Burbot.	35,000
		Scottish Natural Heritage Towards removing the invasive, non-native mink from the Western Isles of Scotland in order to protect native species.	100,000
		South West Food and Drink Towards the salary and associated costs over three years of a network development officer to develop a network of marine protected areas around the coast and seas of South West England.	95,880
		Staffordshire Wildlife Trust Towards the salary costs over three years of a large areas manager and two part-time members of staff to rebuild biodiversity and achieve social and economic benefits across two large areas of Staffordshire: Weaver Hills and Staffordshire Washlands.	84,600
		Sustain Towards the salaries over two years of two part-time workers to increase routine trading between 30 sustainable food producers and independent stores, and other mainstream outlets in South West England.	99,975
		Sustrans Ltd Towards the core costs to pilot an innovative approach to creating affordable alternatives to home zones, enabling people to walk, cycle, socialise and play safely around their homes.	273,875
		Thames 21 Towards investigating the potential and practicalities of implementing an ecological habitat restoration programme in the central London area of the tidal River Thames.	92,137
		The Ashden Awards for Sustainable Energy Towards the UK awards for energy efficiency in 2006 and 2007 to increase public awareness and understanding of the environmental and ecological benefits of sustainable and renewable energy sources, programmes and products.	135,526
		The Climate Group Towards salary costs to ensure long-term independence for the Voluntary Carbon Standard and to design a framework for carbon neutrality that raises awareness and builds confidence in the low-carbon market.	99,500

Grants approved up to £20,000					
The Hawk and Owl Trust	98,000	Anti-Apathy	20,000	Nettlebed & District Commons Conservators	10,000
Towards the purchase of 55 hectares of arable land, to restore it to wildlife-rich floodplain grazing marsh, as part of the landscape-scale restoration of the Somerset Levels.		Association for Protection of Rural Scotland	575	New Economics Foundation	20,000
The United Kingdom Noise Association	100,000	Botanical Society of the British Isles	17,000	Oxfordshire Nature Conservation Forum	20,000
Towards core costs over two years to lobby Government for improvements in the noise climate.		Calvert Trust Exmoor	20,000	P3 Capital	20,000
The Woodland Trust	150,000	Castlewellan Regeneration Ltd	3,260	Policy Foresight Programme, Institute for Science and Civilization	10,000
Towards the cost of the three-year development phase of the Ancient Tree Hunt, which will map the distribution of ancient trees, raise awareness of their value and ensure their protection throughout the UK.		ClientEarth	20,000	Policy Studies Institute	9,625
Zoological Society of London	95,655	Community of Arran Seabed Trust	20,000	School of Biological Sciences, University of Liverpool	19,500
Towards the salary of an employee for three years to develop the Sampled Red List Index, run a series of conservation assessment workshops to assess the status of ten poorly known groups and to develop a database.		Corporate Watch	10,666	Sponge Sustainability Network Ltd	10,000
UK Biodiversity Programme		Council for National Parks	4,000	Stop Climate Chaos	20,000
An initiative to support the recovery of threatened UK species.		CPRE	6,200	The Climate Group	14,300
Buglife	140,500	Environmental Change Institute	10,300	The Ecology Trust	15,000
Towards an investigation of the relationship between management and ecological quality in grazing marsh ditch systems in England and Wales.		Fairshare Educational Foundation	20,000	The Friends of Wychwood	20,000
Department of Life Sciences, Anglia Ruskin University	129,820	Food Climate Research Network	19,800	The Game Conservancy Trust	20,000
Towards the salary over three years of a researcher to monitor and evaluate landscape fenland restoration projects in lowland England.		Frome, Piddle & West Dorset Fishery Association	12,000	The Herpetological Conservation Trust	9,137
Plantlife International	151,618	Grantham Canal Partnership	20,000	The Institute for Fiscal Studies	14,110
Towards the salary costs over two years of an officer to co-ordinate a programme of trial management, research and information dissemination to protect fenland species and their habitat.		Greater Village Regeneration Trust	19,907	The Noise Abatement Society	11,550
School of Biological Science, University of Plymouth	141,372	Green Light Trust	17,932	The Wildscreen Trust	20,000
Towards the salaries of a post doctoral worker and two assistants to perform surveys of the lower reaches of fourteen river systems and produce a species / habitats database, a predictive model and a summary report with recommendations.		Helford Voluntary Marine Conservation Advisory Group	10,500	Wildlife and Countryside Link	20,000
School of Biological Sciences, University of Plymouth	30,420	IFEES	5,840	Wildlife Conservation Research	3,125
Towards the cost of technical support, laboratory consumables and field work to improve the conservation and management of grazing marsh ditch systems.		Invertebrate Link (JCCBI)	4,475	Wildlife Trust for Birmingham and the Black Country	15,000
		JPM Parry & Associates Ltd	20,000	Wildlife Trust Worcestershire	20,000
		Marine Conservation Society	19,500	Women's Environmental Network Trust	20,000
		Moor Trees	20,000	Total	6,044,422
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