

Summaries of Grant Applications

Cotswold Canal Trust

Aims - The Cotswold Canal Trust, a registered charity founded in 1972. Its aims are:

- To promote for the benefit of the community, the reopening of the Cotswold Canals;
- To promote the restoration of the two waterways to give a balance between the needs of navigation, development, recreation, heritage, landscape conservation, wildlife and natural habitats;
- To promote the use of the towpath as the Thames and Severn Way long distance footpath;
- To achieve the restoration of the Cotswold Canals as a navigable route from Saul Junction to the River Thames.

Application: Covering letter, Project Report detailing activities under headings set out in NWDC Environmental Grant Conditions and End of Year Accounts for 2004/05.

Supporting documentation: budget for current financial year.

Does the project work towards the aims of the Countryside and Open Space Strategy: yes.

Wilts and Berks Canal Trust

Aims:

- To foster interest and raise awareness of the canal;
- To restore the complete canal for navigation, using, where practicable, the historic line of the canal.

Application: Covering letter detailing proposed projects for the current year:

- Reconstruction of Hayes Knoll lock chamber
- Reconstruction of Seven Locks (Bowds Lane) lock chamber
- Construction of spill weir at Bincknoll Lane, Wootton Bassett
- Towpath refurbishment, Woodshaw, Wootton Bassett

Supporting documentation (on file): 5 year Business Plan of the Wilts and Berks Canal Project.

Does the project work towards the aims of the Countryside and Open Space Strategy: yes.

Wiltshire Wildlife Trust

Aim – A sustainable future for wildlife and people.

The largest wildlife charity in the county; through projects the Trust undertakes:

- Surveying, monitoring and protection of County Wildlife Sites;
- Implementation of Biodiversity Action Plan priorities and targets;
- Protection of natural heritage within the wider countryside, through the planning screening service. North Wiltshire District Council is the biggest user of this service;
- Influencing land management and developing access;
- Contribution towards the aims of the Cotswolds and North Wessex Downs AONB, Cultural Strategy for North Wiltshire and other strategies.

Application: Letter of application (other documentation on file)

Does the project work towards the aims of the Countryside and Open Space Strategy: yes.

BTCV

BTCV's vision is 'of a world where people value their environment and take practical action to improve it':

Activities in North Wiltshire during 2005/06 included:

- Chippenham Operation Gate-It: Bought in £10,000 of government funding to improve access to Mortimores and Vincients Woods.
- Working with young Carers, providing respite opportunities undertaking practical tasks
- Hedge planting for Borough Lands Charity
- Scrub clearance at Colerne Park
- Supported Wiltshire College's Enrichment Activity Programme
- Supported community groups

Application: Covering letter and Annual Review for 2005/06.

Does the project work towards the aims of the Countryside and Open Space Strategy: yes.