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Sustainable Development Fund open for Tamar Valley projects

This year's Sustainable Development Fund is open once again for small grants to support projects that help to conserve and enhance the Tamar Valley Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. There is £5,000 in total available for grant requests of between £500-£1,000 for projects that will benefit the area.

The Fund was first created for Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty in 2005 to encourage individuals, community groups and businesses to work together to develop practical and sustainable solutions to the management of their activities.

The range of projects previously supported in the Tamar Valley include the enhancement of village halls, wildlife conservation projects, small scale renewable energy schemes, water-based recreation, advice for rural businesses and a number of exciting education-based projects.

New for 2019

Tamar TLC is running a small community grants scheme alongside SDF, for community groups and individuals to access smaller sums of money to help their projects. Four grants of £250 each are available to bid for.

If you have an idea for a project, where £250-£1,000 would help to conserve or enhance the area, or get people involved with the work of the Tamar Valley AONB, please get in touch.

- Closing date for applications – Friday 28 June 2019.
- Applicants to be notified by mid August 2019.
- Successful projects must be completed by 31 December 2019 (1 March 2020 for Tamar TLC small community grant).

Please visit www.tamarvalley.org.uk for guidance notes/application forms.

Applicants are strongly advised to discuss project ideas with AONB staff before submitting a completed application to ensure eligibility. Please call 01822 835030 or email enquiries@tamarvalley.org.uk

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Notes to Editor

- The main aim of the Tamar Valley Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) team is to protect and enhance the landscape of this special area.
- It is a partnership of Cornwall and Devon County Councils, South Hams District Council, West Devon Borough Council, Plymouth City Council and Natural England.
- The AONB team supports the work of the Tamar Valley Partnership – a forum of government and non-government bodies working for the Tamar Valley Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty.
- Natural England helps protect our finest landscapes – Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty, Heritage Coasts and National Parks – through legislation.
- We must all work together to protect our finest countryside
- For further details please contact Charlotte Dancer (Information & Communications Officer) on 01822 835030, or email cdancer@tamarvalley.org.uk at the Tamar Valley Centre.
- Did you know you can hire the Tamar Valley Centre, just 5-minutes' walk from Gunnislake Train Station, for your meeting or event? Please call for details.