



 **Viridor Credits**
Opportunities for communities

Viridor Credits Environmental Company
Annual Review 2021/22



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Since 2001, Viridor Environmental Company has been funding projects in England through the Landfill Communities Fund. In Scotland, this funding has been through the Scottish Landfill Communities Fund. Funding has helped communities by supporting applications from sports clubs to churches, village halls to museums, wildlife trusts and historic buildings. Many communities have benefited from the funding we have been able to distribute.

Viridor Credits Environmental Company is one of the largest Environmental Bodies in the UK. We provide funding opportunities for heritage, biodiversity, and community projects in England and Scotland.

The last two years have been difficult due to the worldwide pandemic, and we have had to adapt to a new way of working to administer the funding, resulting in the permanent closure of our office in Taunton and all staff working from home.

Over the last 21 years approximately £150,984,000 has been awarded by Viridor Credits.

Viridor Credits administers funds donated voluntarily to the Landfill Communities Fund and the Scottish Landfill Communities Fund by Viridor, a company that is working to give the world's resources new life.

Within this brochure are some of the achievements of our applicants over the last 12 months.



Opportunities for communities



New Diorama Theatre, London



What another incredible year for Viridor Credits. The team have proved yet again what can be done from home whilst negotiating actual and threatened lockdowns. Overall, site visits have been re-introduced with great success and only the occasional understandable cancellation. It has been truly inspirational to hear stories of local communities pulling together through the toughest of times

and despite contractor withdrawals and supply chain issues, almost all our funded projects are still managing to complete on time and even more importantly on budget. It is a great testament to the volunteers that are often the backbone of these amenities and in times of immense mental health pressures volunteering has proven to reduce stress, help combat depression and loneliness and provides a sense of purpose. It is wonderful to see so many people choosing to get involved.

Deposits to landfill sites have risen back to their pre-pandemic levels and we are delighted to have been able to award over £4 million to projects in England and over £300,000 to projects in Scotland. There has been a slight decline in applications received which has been another knock-on effect of the pandemic, but all the signs are there to show that these are beginning to climb back up too. We know most of these facilities so enjoyed being able to welcome residents of their communities back in and are once again looking to the future and seeing what vital improvements are needed. Changes have been seen in use of these facilities too as so many were vital hubs for

vaccinations and foodbanks. During the coming year we anticipate the LCF and SLCF to be in even greater demand and will be seen as ever more essential to the provision of such amenities and to improvements to wildlife and habitats as funding elsewhere becomes scarcer.

All landfill site operators agree that they must work hard to recycle and reuse as much waste as technology allows but we must all also accept that even with much improved recycling rates, there is still general waste (anything that cannot be recycled) to be managed safely and effectively. Landfill sites will be part of the waste management solution for the foreseeable future which is great news for the communities we will continue to be able to help. As part of the Budget announcement in October 2021, HM Revenue & Customs announced that the government will set the value of the LCF for 2022 to 2023 at £30.9 million, with the cap on contributions by landfill operators remaining at 5.3 per cent of their Landfill Tax liability. In Scotland the extension to the ban on Biodegradable Municipal Waste going to landfill from January 2021 until January 2025 has meant contributions have been maintained at a level which has allowed funding to continue, and we hope to maintain funding for at least another year.

As Chairman and on behalf of the Trustees, I remain incredibly proud of the continued achievements of Viridor Credits and the benefits brought to many communities. On behalf of the Board, I would also like to thank the team for their ongoing commitment especially in such recent unprecedented times of worry and uncertainty. Not only have the team had to contend with the pandemic but also the news that our donor company, Viridor, were looking to sell their landfill sites. Now after conversations with the new owners, Valencia Waste Management, we are all looking forward to getting back to work in anticipation of another busy and successful year.

Peter Renshaw
Chairman



It has been fantastic to be able to finally get out and about to visit some of our applicants prior to funding and to see some of the amazing, completed projects. We love to see and hear, first hand, about the difference the work has made to the local communities. Finally it seems that the worries caused by the pandemic may be almost behind us. Coronavirus certainly showed us how vital these accessible spaces are to local

communities. Many halls and centres became vital hubs as vaccination centres and foodbanks, and we all appreciated the ability to get together with our friends and neighbours so much more once sports centres, churches and other local hubs had to suddenly and almost without warning, close their doors.

For the second year running we maintained our funding and supported applicants from our home offices and maintained the ongoing mantra of 'business as usual'. I am so pleased to be able to report that in 2021-22 we were able to fund 127 well deserving community, heritage, and biodiversity projects with over £4.4 million. All of them have told us how delighted they have been with the award which will allow them to improve the community facilities, heritage sites and habitats as they begin to re-open their doors (or gates) and welcome their communities back in. We have all heard how loneliness had become an increasing concern for many people and these projects provide a vital support network for many. We have worked tirelessly with the help of our regulators to ensure that our projects have been able to complete their work despite rocketing prices and the worrying shortage of

available contractors and necessary building supplies. Our impact report, which can be seen on the news section of our website, shows the sometimes-forgotten additional implications of our funding. In 2020-21 our funding led to a reported 117 jobs created or maintained, £700,000 of vital additional income for applicants which increases sustainability and £9.7m in match funding from other sources. Often it is our funding which is the springboard for other funders to come on board with additional much needed funding. In total £3.98 has been shown to be the economic value to communities for each £1 of LCF monies we have spent.

Zoom remains the go to method for our meetings and it is likely that this will continue into the future. As with many organisations we have learnt how cost effective, timely and straightforward technology can make meetings and I am proud of how everyone has embraced this change. On the other hand, I have truly enjoyed being able to meet most of the Board of Trustees and my team face to face on some occasions over this last year and look forward to seeing them again soon.

I must thank Viridor for their ongoing support of the LCF and SLCF despite their desire to sell the landfill business as they concentrate on growing their core business areas of Energy Recovery and Polymers. As of 31st March 2022, Viridor Waste Management's landfill and gas generation businesses have been brought into private ownership and we look forward to continuing our support of such vital projects which enrich the lives of residents with the new owners, Valencia Waste Management.

As always I must take this opportunity to thank my team and the trustees who have continued to work faithfully and calmly to ensure all this great work continues to happen regardless of the challenges and ongoing uncertainty we have undoubtedly faced over the last few years.

Alison Salvador
General Manager

Introduction

In 1996 the Government introduced landfill tax to discourage the disposal of waste to landfill and promote more environmentally sustainable methods of managing waste.

The Landfill Communities Fund (LCF) is an innovative tax credit scheme which enables operators of landfill sites in England (and Northern Ireland) to contribute money to organisations enrolled with ENTRUST as Environmental Bodies (EBs).

EBs can use this money to deliver projects in England and Northern Ireland. ENTRUST was appointed as the regulator of the LCF scheme in 1996, their role is to ensure that LCF monies are spent in compliance with the Landfill Tax Regulations 1996 (Regulations).

Landfill Operators (LOs) are organisations which are licensed to run landfill sites. LOs may be private companies, local authority owned companies, local authorities, or even sole traders. LOs contribute to the LCF by claiming a tax credit against the landfill tax liability for a contribution to an enrolled EB.

Since its inception in 1996, the LCF has supported projects across England with contributions from landfill operators totalling £1.75 billion.

(Stats correct as of 31 March 2022 – www.entrust.org.uk)



Pawlett Hams, Somerset



Ellenroad Engine House, Rochdale

Financial Information

Viridor Credits has allocated £4,149,824 from the Landfill Communities Fund to 104 projects throughout England in 2021/22.

Funding of £3,409,678 was awarded between 84 projects to create, sustain, or develop a community facility.

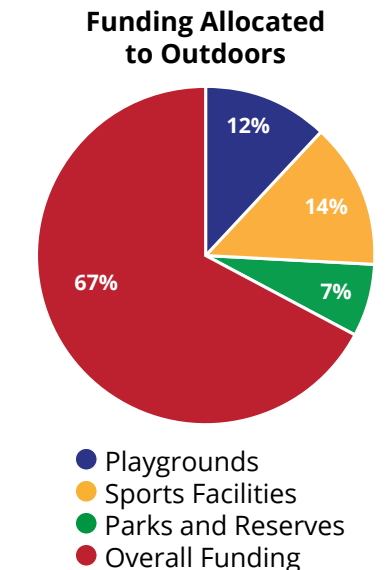
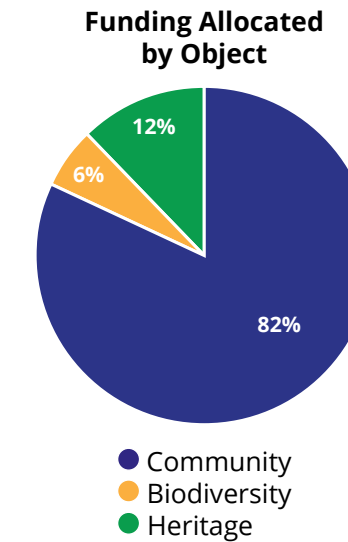
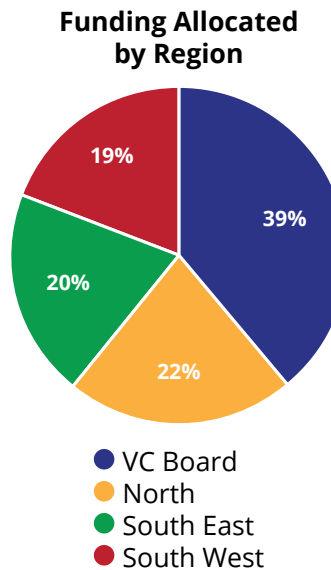
Funds of £481,799 was allocated to 15 projects to repair, preserve, or renovate places of historical or architectural interest or places of worship.

Funding of £258,347 was allocated to 6 projects to conserve habitats and native species.

This year, a total of £2,082,684 was awarded to projects that were mainly outdoors, these included playgrounds, parks and reserves and sporting facilities.



St Peter and Paul's Church, Mitcham



All Regions Biodiversity Projects

Shillingford Community Wood
Land Purchase
£22,500

**New Hill and Tannager SSSI
Nature Reserve, Somerton**
Stock Fencing
£43,944

Wildwood, Kent
Red-billed Chough
Reintroduction
£22,409

Boyton Marshes, Suffolk
Lagoon Creation
£47,865

**Old Moor, Bolton upon
Dearne, South Yorkshire**
Water Management
£91,629

Pawlett Hams, Somerset
Land Purchase
£30,000

North Heritage Projects

**St John the Baptist
RC Church, Rochdale**
Restoration
£100,000

**The Ellenroad Engine House,
Newhey**
Renovation of Chimney
£48,500

North Community Projects

St Andrew's CE Church, Eccles
Replacement Heating
£65,385

The Whitaker, Rossendale
Community Classroom
£93,493

St James' Church, Manchester
Community Space
£100,000

**Welbeck Street Recreation
Ground, Whitwell**
Refurbishment
£80,852

Stubbylee Park, Bacup
Skate Park
£98,900

**Prestwich Cricket,
Tennis & Bowling Club**
Outside Weather Cover
£58,777

**Edgeside Community
Park, Waterfoot**
Pump Track
£28,000

Milnrow Cricket Club
Toilet Refurbishment
£16,800

Portico ARLC, St Helens
Extension
£50,000

**Badger Recreation
Ground, Chesterfield**
Play Space
£47,657

**Staveley King George V Park,
Derbyshire**
Roof Canopies, Floodlights
and Scarifier
£42,022

**Fitton Hill & Hathershaw
Bulldogs, Oldham**
Clubhouse Refurbishment
£15,480

**Bradshaw Cricket, Tennis
and Bowling Club, Bolton**
Fencing
£21,720

**Syke Methodist Church,
Rochdale**
Community Area Lift
£22,086

Crompton Cricket Club
New Clubhouse Roof
£41,700

Brimington Community Centre
Toilet Refurbishment
£2,435

**St Mary Magdalene Church,
Stilton**
Roof Repairs
£15,419

Bowring Park, Merseyside
Toddler Play Area
£49,901

**422 Community Hub,
Manchester**
Lift
£30,820

Cuckney Cricket Club
Practice Facilities
£37,740

**Nene Valley Railway,
Stibbington**
Carriage Restoration
£50,000

Hillstown Village Hall
Windows and Doors
£32,033

Cutthorpe Cricket Club
Replacement Nets
£37,116

Shaw Cricket Club
Roof and Heating
£42,500

**Brushfield Recreation Ground,
Chesterfield**
Upgrade
£49,000

**King George V Playing Fields,
Prescot**
Play Area
£50,000

**Farnworth Social Circle
Cricket Club**
Kitchen Renovation
£9,000

Bacup Cricket Club
Improvements
£42,856

Markham Vale, Chesterfield
Heritage Trail Phase 4
£17,830

Austerlands Cricket Club
Clubhouse Upgrade
£35,343

**Castor & Ailsworth Cricket
Club**
Grounds Equipment
£10,807

Rossendale Sports Club
Clubhouse Upgrade
£47,450

**Kiveton Park Colliery
Cricket Club**
Replacement Cricket Nets
£29,994

South East Heritage Projects

Herne Windmill
Renovation
£12,700

**St Peter & St Paul's
Church, Mitcham**
Tower, Vestry &
South Aisle Roof Repairs
£50,000

**St Barnabas' Church,
Boughton under Blean**
Tower Repairs
£12,308

**All Saints' Church,
Middleton Stoney**
Roof Repair
£13,950

**St Andrew's Church,
Wickhambreaux**
Roof and Stonework Repair
£50,000

**Christ Church (United
Reformed), Petts Wood**
Hall Reroofing
£49,581

**St Nicholas' Church,
Piddington**
Repairs to Bell Tower
£9,000

**St Mary's Church,
Great Bealings**
Bells Refurbishment
£3,035

South East Community Projects

**Dinnington Community
Centre**
Multi-Use Games Area
£100,000

Claydon Football Club
Extend & Upgrade
£56,980

**Grist Memorial Sports
Ground, Surrey**
Cricket Club Improvements
£50,000

**Crowley Park,
Needham Market**
Multi-Use Games Area
£100,000

**St Edward the Confessor,
Mottingham**
Interior Refurbishment
£50,000

**St Laurence Church,
Catford**
Boiler Upgrade
£50,000

**Old Newton Village Hall,
Stowmarket**
Play Equipment
£10,000

**The Coddham Centre,
Suffolk**
Heating
£16,644

**St Michael's Church,
Teddington**
Hall Regeneration
£49,478

Purley Bury Tennis Club
Access
£22,803

Peckham Rye Park
The American Garden
Regeneration
£48,572

**Whitstable United
Reformed Church**
Refurbishment
£25,987

**St Mary's Church,
Wooton**
Boiler Housing
£33,735

Great Finborough Play Park
Refurbishment
£20,049

**Grundisburgh
Community Playpark**
New Play Equipment
£49,604

**West Wickham
& Shirley Baptist Church**
Refurbishment of Flat Roofs
£12,900

**The Clifton Centre,
Bicester**
Repairs to Flat Roof
£22,441

Carshalton Lawn Tennis Club
Floodlights
£16,734

Ashted Cricket Club
Practice nets
£29,515

**Claydon and Barham
Recreation Ground**
Improvements
£17,038

Horton Chapel, Epsom
Interior and Exterior Renovation
£25,122

**St George the
Martyr Church, Shirley**
Furniture
£49,908

Ashted Tennis Players Club
Community Courts
Floodlights
£29,782

**St Peter's Church,
Vauxhall**
Kitchen
£48,580

South West Heritage Projects

**St Andrew's Church,
Moretonhampstead**
Tower Clock & Rainwater
Goods Refurbishment
£10,690

**St Michael and All Angels'
Church, Cadbury**
Bell Restoration
£29,274

St Mary's Church, East Brent
Restoration
£10,000

**St Thomas of Canterbury
Parish Church, Thorverton**
External Repairs
£40,261

**St Michael's Churchyard,
Brent Knoll**
Symes Table Tomb
Conservation
£2,500

**St Boniface's Church,
Whipton**
Replacement Roof
and Ceiling
£50,000

South West Community Projects

Holy Cross Church, Mark
Reordering
£38,000

Middlezoy Rovers Football Club
Floodlights
£60,000

Bridgwater Baptist Church
Community Café & Access
£100,000

**St Peter & All Hallows'
Church, West Huntspill**
Internal Reordering
£99,700

**Westfield United Reformed
Church, Bridgwater**
Access and Roof
£71,678

Clifford Park, Kingsteignton
Regeneration
£72,632

Ogwell Memorial Hall
Roof
£100,000

Exeter Mosque
Peace Garden
£24,410

**Heavitree Park Life Cafe
and Community Hub**
Internal Fit Out
£48,167

**Wickham Community Hall,
Bovey Tracey**
Renovation
£50,000

**St Peter & St Paul's
Church, Bishops Hull**
Church Hall Extension
£19,601

Fiddington Village Hall
New Playground
£27,000

**Pinhoe Target Sports
Club, Exeter**
Link & Access
£50,000

Paignton Bowling Club
Safety Improvements
£26,832

1st Dawlish Scout Group
New Roof
£37,244

**St Boniface's Church,
Whipton**
Renovation
£50,000

Cossington Playing Field
New Play Equipment
£32,737

Torquay Cricket Club
New Roller
£10,830

Victorian Orchard, Ide
Land Purchase and
Enclosure
£33,499

Kenn Cricket Club
Practice Nets
£33,714

East Huntspill Cricket Club
Electronic Scoreboard
£3,363

**Barley Valley Park,
Exeter**
Access Improvements
£12,800

**Silverton Recreation
Ground, Exeter**
New Equipment
£25,503

**Royal Albert Memorial
Museum, Exeter**
Galleries Lighting Upgrade
£49,980

**Withycombe Rugby
Football Club**
Solar Panels
£10,000

Tupton Play Area, Chesterfield

The play area was a large rectangular grassy field enclosed by housing, with 70-year-old swings and a slide. The project was developed alongside consultation with the community to create a fully accessible multi-use recreational area in stages, with a play area that would include equipment for use by children of all ages and accessible to all. The design included a separate area for older children. Viridor Credits was approached to fund the majority of the costs. Further plans will include adult gym equipment and sensory garden.



Play Area Before



Overall Play Area Before



Fenced Toddler Area



New Blue Climber



Climber and Toddler Area

Swinton Salvation Army, Manchester

Swinton Salvation Army's project was to create a new extension to their small single hall with new entrance and community hall, WCs, and kitchenette.

The local community and use of the hall had grown to the extent that many activities had to be relocated to several Portacabins in the garden behind the main hall. Uninsulated and lacking facilities, this was not ideal.

Viridor Credits was approached for funding towards the external groundworks, drainage, external works, and the roof. However, it was discovered that the building would be sitting over the top of a mine shaft. This was made safe, and a lighter log cabin was built instead, providing much-needed facilities for the growing community.

“On behalf of Swinton Salvation Army and the surrounding Community we want to say, “Thank you” to Viridor Credits for your amazing financial support which enabled us to provide extra community space in our area of Swinton.

Major Michael West, Minister of Swinton Salvation Army

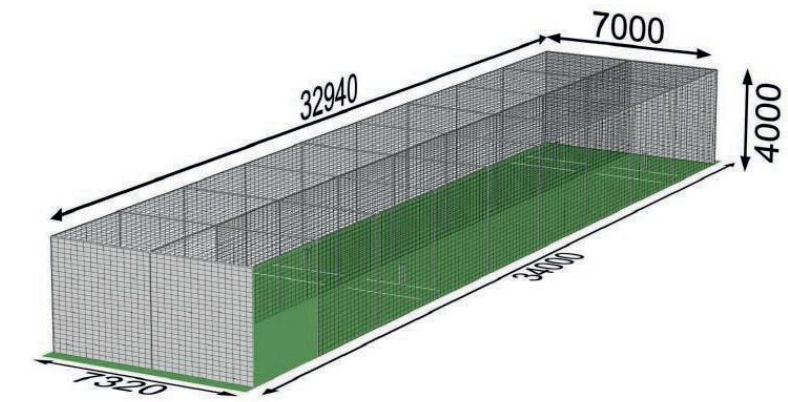


Farnworth Cricket Club, Bolton

Farnworth Cricket Club is a large club with a big clubhouse in Bolton. Unfortunately, the club did not possess any practice nets and was only able to practice on the grass square with a mobile cage.

Practice was often cancelled due to poor weather which impacted on the users of the grounds. Viridor Credits were approached to fund a new two-lane practice wicket with nets to provide an all-weather facility for club and schools use.

The outcome of the project has been welcomed by the club.



Finished Nets

Thornberry Animal Sanctuary

Thornberry Animal Sanctuary is a rescue centre based in South Yorkshire. It is well managed with very strong community links, supporters, and volunteer base. The original café was small and outdated and could only serve ten customers at one time.

The new, larger café is fully accessible and has a capacity for 60, plus educational space, generating more income that will be invested in the sanctuary's core aims.

Viridor Credits was approached for funding towards a new kitchen with commercial standard units and fittings.

The new café has created further full-time jobs, more volunteer roles, and offers a greater range of foods. The completed kitchen is to commercial standard as envisaged and the sanctuary continues to provide a safe, inclusive community of volunteers for many local disadvantaged people.



Old Cafe Exterior



Old Cafe Interior



New Cafe

Whalley Range Cricket and Lawn Tennis Club

The club is well-managed and has attracted a lot of players, but this has limited the training and practice capacity. The club has 14 teams and have the use of a two-lane practice net and one practice pitch on the square.

Viridor Credits was approached to provide funding for a new simple practice base that can be used in conjunction with their moveable batting cage.



Aerial View



Exterior Club and Field



In Progress



Completed Project

Ferry Meadows, Peterborough

Ferry Meadows is part of the large Nene Valley Country Park established in the 1970s around old gravel pits and lakes with the idea to form the green lungs and recreation for Peterborough. The play area was 20 years old and deteriorating and some elements had already been removed due to safety concerns.

The new play facilities link to surrounding trees and woodland via 230 metres of paths to encourage exploration of green space for many children who would not otherwise visit such places.

Viridor Credits was approached to fund the variety of different surfaces designed to go with the new play equipment.

Since the opening of the new play area, which contains 13 different pieces of play equipment and covers 7,800m², it has been attended by hundreds of families who have been enjoying the new challenging play equipment. Feedback from the public has been overwhelmingly positive.



Old Play Area



Old Equipment Removed



View from Path



Work in Progress



Work in Progress



Work in Progress



Work in Progress



Hex and Toddler Swings and Wavy Seat



Carshalton Lawn Tennis Club

During the lockdown in 2020, the membership of Carshalton Lawn Tennis Club increased as the local population sought a way to include exercise into their daily routines. This was in addition to free schools coaching and other outreach programmes. The increase in use brought into stark relief the condition of the courts, which were 18 years old and past their expected operational life. In order to retain the new membership, and to keep them safe on the court after a couple of falls, the club approached Viridor Credits with a bid to resurface five of the seven courts.

Following a successful bid to Viridor Credits, the club has installed new carpet across five courts that mimics the feel of playing on clay. Though they require a little more maintenance than a hard court; the court has to be brushed between sets; the new courts have been well-received by members.

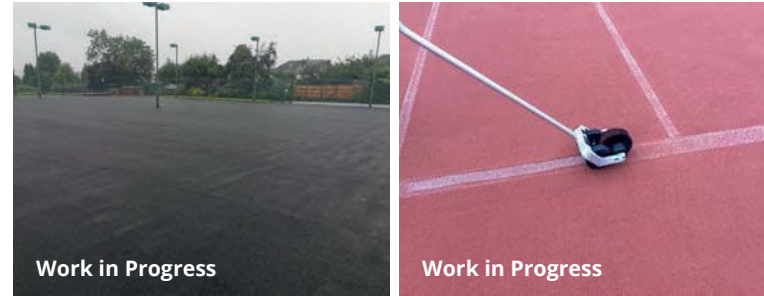


Old Court

Old Court



Clubhouse



Work in Progress

Work in Progress



New Court



New Court

Oyster Bowls Club, Whitstable

A bowling club is only as good as its playing surface, and the carpet at Oyster Bowls Club had been stretched and relaid to the limit over its 20-year life. The club was advised by an indoor carpet specialist that the carpet could not be stretched again and need replacing, resulting in a successful application to Viridor Credits for the full cost of the new carpet.

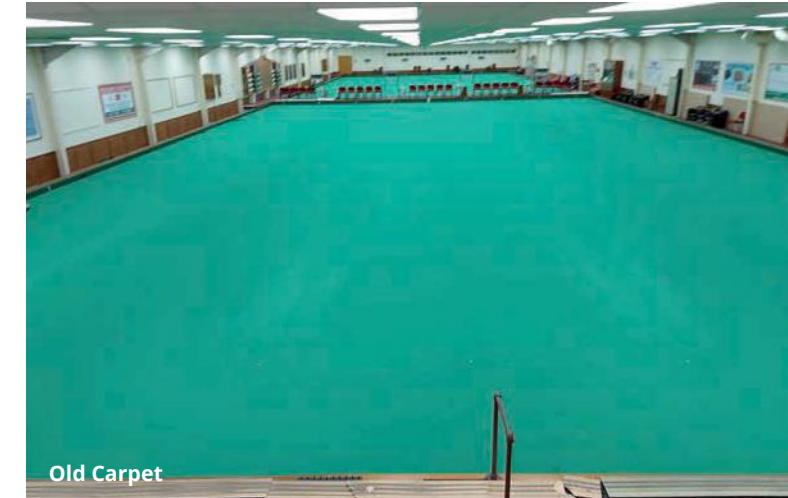
In March of 2021, approximately 2400 square meters of new carpet and underlay were laid, bringing a change of colour carpeting to the playing area. The new playing surface is an enormous improvement and has also enhanced the ambience within our club. The members, which number around 460 are extremely happy with the new surface and its new colour.

“ Our thanks and gratitude go to Viridor Credits for their support as without them the Oyster Indoor Bowls Club would not have been able to have afforded a new carpet which has hugely improved our club. ”

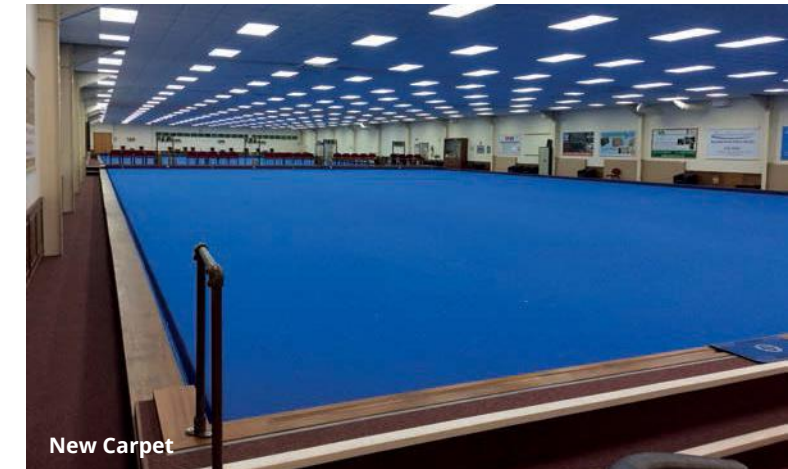
Oyster Bowls Club



Old Carpet



Old Carpet



New Carpet

Ashcombe Village Club, Dawlish

The Village Club is an old wooden village hall in a very rural Community. It was built in 1939 and has been extended several times as use of the hall and its community has grown. Electrics had been added ad hoc over the years and this and the old decking at the rear of the hall presented safety risks to users, and the hall risked losing custom.

Damp was also an issue, and the pot-holed car park filled with water during wet weather and was difficult to navigate for wheelchair users. On top of all that, the septic tank needed replacement as it was failing.

The Viridor Credits-funded project saw complete rewiring of the hall to modern standards, installation of a damp-proof course, car park resurfacing, a new septic tank and replacement of the old decking. The new decking was more accessible for people with mobility issues.

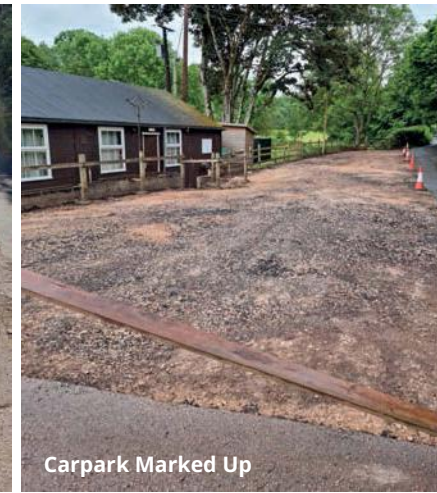
“ Due to COVID lock-down restrictions, which made it impossible to self-fund this project, it would not have been a success without Viridor Credits funding.
Ralph Rayner, Chair AVC ”



Carpark Poor Surface



Carpark Overview



Carpark Marked Up



Carpark in Progress



Carpark Finished



Old Electrics



Old Electrics



Septic Tank Before



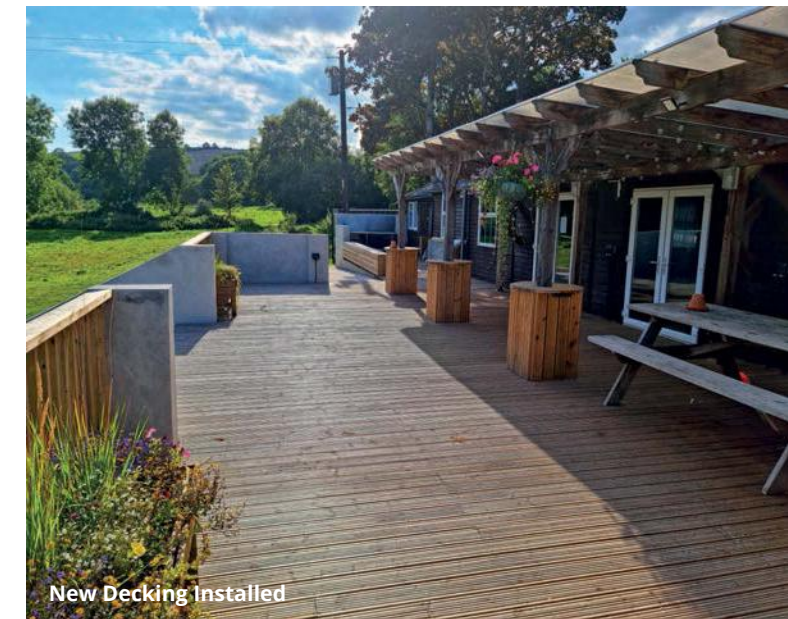
New Tank Installed



New Tank Being Installed



New Decking In Progress



New Decking Installed



Rear of Village Hall

Batcombe Playing Field, Shepton Mallet

Batcombe is a small village in south-east Somerset with no public transport and a relatively large number of young families. Since 1937 generations of children and young people have enjoyed the facilities of the King George V Playing Field, but recently most of the wooden play equipment had to be removed for their safety when it began to rot, leaving only a set of metal swings dating from the 1950s. It was decided to replace the removed equipment with new metal play equipment, long-lasting and suitable for a wide range of ages and abilities, but this was beyond the budget of the Parish Council.

Determined local fundraising, generous donations from parish residents and a successful application to Viridor Credits for a grant for most of the funding allowed the Parish Council to purchase and install a range of new equipment in the Spring of 2021. Items included an inclusive multi-play apparatus with tower, slide, scramble net and ramp; a roundabout suitable for wheelchair users; a new nest swing; and for older children a new zip wire, basketball stand and new goals for the football pitch. Covid restrictions delayed the official opening celebration until August, but by then the new equipment was already greatly valued and much used by children and young people from Batcombe and farther afield.



Original Playing Field



Old Play Equipment



Old Play Equipment



Old Play Equipment



In Progress



New Roundabout



New Nest Swing



New Multi-play



Zip-wire

Zip-wire

Trent Village Green, Sherborne

Trent is a small village in rural northwest Dorset with few facilities, particularly for children. The play area next to the Memorial Hall has been without equipment since 2017, when it was removed because of its age and deterioration.

The Memorial Hall has been modernised and extended over recent years but local families requested new play equipment so fund raising began in earnest in 2020 and they were delighted when Viridor Credits awarded just over half the project costs.

The work began in May 2021 with the digging of a new land drain and the provision of a sub-base to take the plasticised play surface under the two larger pieces of equipment.

In June 2021, the equipment installation began in earnest. Construction was completed within a couple of weeks and a small ceremony to mark the opening of the new facilities was held on 10 July 2021.

“ Since the project was completed, it has proved an enormous success locally. Children from Trent and from the neighbouring school use the playground a lot, especially at the end of the school day. Feedback from parents and others has been universally positive.”

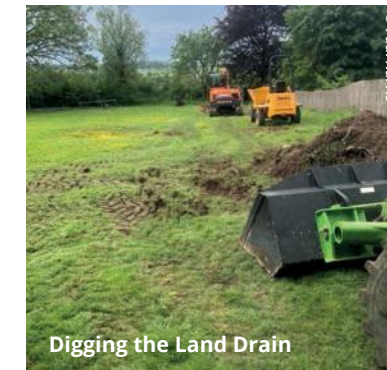
David Walden, Secretary of Trent Memorial Hall



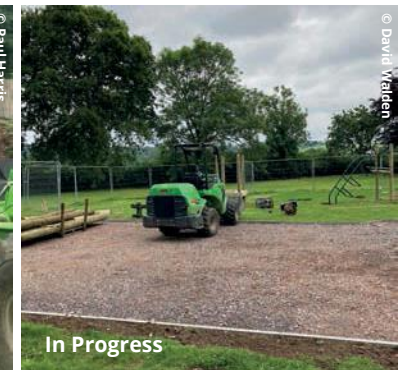
Site Before



Site Before



Digging the Land Drain



In Progress



Sub Base Ready



Finished Play Area

Puriton pump track, Bridgwater

Puriton Parish Council was approached by a working group that wanted to build a Pump Track in the village to reduce anti-social behaviour in the parish and provide a meeting place for the younger generation.

Puriton Sports Centre provided a perfect location amongst the trees and the Parish Council applied to Viridor Credits and another organisation to fund the project.

Velosolutions installed the track over a period of 4 weeks.

The working group worked tirelessly and welcomed help from the local youth and the track was opened in June with a big opening event in July. The event was a huge success and the riders provided demonstrations on the track. The track was named J'Dan after two young lads from the village who lost their lives in a tragic accident in Spain.

J'Dan Pump Track is hugely supported by children and adults of all ages. It is in constant use and a thriving central point for the younger generation to socialise and get into the fresh air and away from their electronic devices.

The whole community is delighted with the new facility, and it welcomes visitors from all over the county. Puriton Parish Council is extremely grateful for the support provided by Viridor Credits to facilitate this worthwhile project.



Siting of Pump Track



Siting of Pump Track



Under Construction



Under Construction



Banking Creation



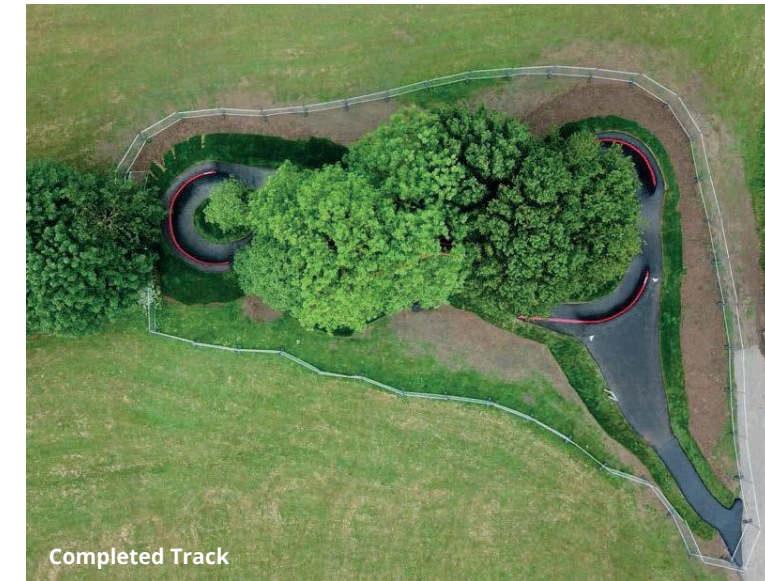
Under Construction



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Surfacing



Completed Track



Completed Track

East Huntspill Cricket Club

This popular club in Somerset had only had second-hand covers in the past, which had a limited life and required frequent replacement. Lately, they had used a large waterproof cover, which had to be pegged down and required 3-4 people to put it in position. It was blown off the pitch completely in strong winds, resulting in delays or cancelled matches. Following a successful application to Viridor Credits, the club has new covers that can be quickly deployed in a shower and are more stable, resulting in a better wicket.



Clubhouse



New Covers



Shobrooke Park Cricket Pavillion, Crediton

The pavilion is over 150-years old and one of only three in Devon that is still thatched. However, the roof had deteriorated to such a degree over the last few years with channels developing as water run-off has eroded the density of the thatch. The roof leaked and caused damage to the visitors changing room ceiling, and the problem was likely only to get worse. Since funding, the new thatched roof has weathered in, and the thatcher has created an elaborate and attractive patten along the ridge.



Thatching in Progress



Temporary Repair



Temporary Repair



Thatching in Progress



Pavilion and Grounds

Henstridge Play Area

Henstridge is a small town in Somerset not far from the Dorset border. The play area housed equipment that was around 20 years old, much of it quite limited, unimaginative and deteriorating in condition, especially the wooden elements. Some of the pieces had already been removed as they were dangerous.

The project was to provide a new play area that would cater for ages one to twelve, with specific requirements for access to children with physical and learning disabilities, impairments and mobility issues.

The project, spearheaded by Henstridge Parish Council, was supported with grant funding from Viridor Credits and a local company, AJN Steelstock. Remaining funding came from the Parish Council and Section 106 funding.

The new play area was designed by HAGS and features fresh, modern equipment, such as the "Loly Climber", "ZingoRoko Mini Seesaw" and new swing sets.

The play area is finished off with coloured wetpour surfacing, "funky" bins and new safety fencing. Henstridge play area is the *first* within the Southwest of England to feature the "Loly Climber"!



Old Play Equipment



Old Play Equipment



Old Play Equipment



Old Play Equipment



Work in Progress



Work in Progress



New Loly Climber



New Mini Seesaw



New Play Area



New Play Area

Cutacre Nature Reserve, Wigan

Cutacre Nature Reserve was created on an old mining site within suburban and industrial estates between Wigan and Bolton. It is characterised by a network of ponds that provide homes for many wetland species of plant and animal.

Unmaintained ponds may only last around 100 years, gradually filling with mud and dead organic matter, reducing the depth of the pond until it dries out and is succeeded by brush and trees. Without cutting, rush cannot be grazed and will continue to suppress other species. Without restoration, important populations of amphibians will be lost due to ponds drying out.

This process is underway at Cutacre, requiring a project to create bigger, deeper ponds by reducing rush vegetation within the grasslands and increase the water supply for cattle. Conservation grazing is used to enhance biodiversity of the land. Water pipes and cattle troughs have been installed to aid with the grazing of the land and to encourage grazing animals to drink from the troughs and not from the ponds.

The reserve is managed by the Lancashire Wildlife Trust who will be maintaining the balance between grazing, water, and the natural processes of succession.



Ludwell Valley Park, Exeter

Ludwell Valley Park has diverse habitats which include meadows that have been agriculturally improved and so have very few wildflower species present. The site's fences were over twenty years old and falling apart in places, requiring new sections to allow secure grazing by cattle. The hedges had not been maintained for many years and required more laying to close all gaps and provide a thicker base for nesting birds and small mammals. A new pond was required to add to the biodiversity and an orchard.

Viridor Credits was approached by Devon Wildlife Trust for most of the funding required for this project.

Nine hectares of agricultural land were power harrowed and then reseeded with wildflower rich seed mix.

The fields were refenced for over 1,700 metres to ensure safe stocking for cattle that is essential to the success of the wildflower meadows.

Over 1,200 metres of hedgerows were laid (steeped) in traditional Devon style to ensure thick, healthy hedgerows that act as landscape features and wildlife corridors.

Ten new traditional cherry and apple fruit trees were planted in two orchards. The new, large wildlife pond was excavated in one of the meadows and has acclimatised well.

The project has been a great success and thrives.



St John's Church, Walton

St John's is a 19th century church that enjoys varied use by its local community. However, there was no provision for disabled access, despite links to a recognised wheelchair route in the village. Wheelchair users visiting the church had to be physically lifted up the steps, which is both embarrassing and undignified.

The project was to replace the three steps into the porch and another into the church with the construction of a "hairpin" shaped ramped access immediately adjacent to the church's main porch entrance. This would provide continuous and unaided access for mobility scooters, the disabled and for funerals where the coffin is moved on a trolley.

Funding by Viridor Credits has allowed the work to be completed to a high standard and the local congregation and visitors can now have safe access for all services, community concerts and a porch style chapel (with prayer garden) intended to be open during daylight hours.



Access Before



Access After



Access After



Access After

The Ellenroad Engine House, Newhey

The Ellenroad site is a scheduled national historic monument. The engine house and chimney is all that remains of a very large late 19th century spinning mill, most of which was demolished in the early 1980s.

The original Victorian brick chimney was built in 1892, and has had regular maintenance by the Ellenroad Trust that preserves the monument and educates the public about the site and the textile industry of the area. The steam engine is still steamed up monthly for visitors and is in great condition.

Recently, deterioration had reached a point where routine repairs were no longer sufficient and renovation was required. Weathering, frost damage, lost bricks and pointing had resulted in large cracks and, without repairs, the integrity of the structure was threatened.

Replacing the bricks and repointing with lime mortar using steeplejacks was agreed as the best financial option, and Viridor Credits was approached to assist with the funding towards this work. The weather over the winter months did delay the project and costs increased due to various worldwide problems, resulting in only half the chimney being renovated to date. Now stable, the rest of the work will be funded by the Ellenroad Trust in the future.



Original Mill Site



Current Mill Site



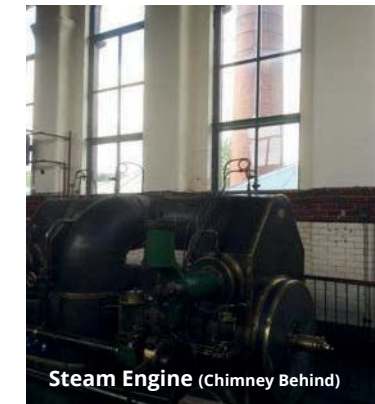
Damaged Chimney



Work in Progress



Work in Progress



Steam Engine (Chimney Behind)



Steam Engine

Horton Chapel, Epsom

Horton Chapel in Epsom, Surrey was a semi-derelict building that had been closed for decades before local residents established a charity to renovate and re-open it as The Horton – a community venue for creative arts, heritage and events.

Initial design and capital building works were funded by a National Heritage Lottery Fund grant. Plans included converting the former vestry into a kitchen and the altar area into a servery for a new café space. Viridor Credits was able to fund catering equipment for the café and the installation of a custom timber-clad servery counter; a key feature of the new social enterprise.

Volunteers have been trained and are making use of the new facilities to serve refreshments. Since works were completed, the charity has held open days and a series of pilot performances ahead of the building's full official opening later in 2022.



The Abandoned Vestry



Semi-Derelict Altar Area



Kitchen Works Underway



Café Fit-Out Works Begin



Visitors Admire The New Café Space



Trustee Yemisi Mokuolu with project co-founder Maria Reeves

St John's Church, Belmont, Surrey

St John's is a fine Grade II-listed Gothic Revival church built in 1915. Its large and impressive west window is even older and was originally part of a mid-Victorian church at St Leonard's-on-Sea, demolished in the 1960s. The glass was designed and made by the major Victorian firm of Lavers, Barraud and Westlake in 1888 and depicts saints, kings, archangels and more grouped below three rose windows and the figure of Christ.

The window had been behind scaffolding for six years after a lump of masonry fell from the tracery in 2015. St John's raised some funds for its restoration but realised it would be impossible to reach the total needed without substantial help. The church applied to Viridor Credits and was extremely pleased to receive a grant of £18,400: with the funds already raised the full restoration of the window could go ahead.

Work began in early 2021. All the stained glass was removed, cleaned, restored where parts were missing or damaged and reinstated with leak-proof sealing to prevent previous problems of rain penetration and escaping heat. The work was carried out by Pierra Ltd with the church's architect and surveyor Edwards Wilson and took two months.

The result was a revelation. The cleaned window sparkles in the light, the details and colours are all better, the design is again complete, and it is a pleasure to have the back of the church clear of scaffolding and to access freely the gallery under the window, secure in the knowledge that the stonework should be in good order for many years.



Missing Glass



Missing Stonework



Work in Progress



Work in Progress



Work in Progress



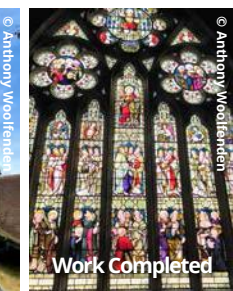
Work in Progress



Work in Progress



Work Completed



Work Completed

St Michael and All Angels, Blackheath

The 200-year-old boundary wall of St Michael's, Blackheath Park was badly deteriorated, presenting an eyesore as well as a safety concern to visitors and passers-by. Viridor Credits' major grant funded essential works comprised of replacing one fallen pier capstone, repairing black flint panels, and repointing the wall throughout. A number of coping stones were also replaced; the stone had to be sourced from a specific quarry in Bath and the stone had to be matched exactly.

The result is a mixture of old and new stone that protects the wall from further degradation from rainwater damage. The wall, previously scarred by age, now looks as if it will last for another 200 years. The restoration of the wall has inspired improvements to the garden on the warmer south side of the church, which is now well used by the local community. The church has also completed an exterior lighting scheme, thanks to generous donations from outside the church.



Old Wall



All Saints' Church, Hitcham

Plans to build a loo at All Saints' Church began in 2017 and immediately hit a major issue: the toilet had to be sited in the base of the tower due to the listed status of the building. The tower was tucked away behind the organ and contained bells that had not been safe to use for 100 years.

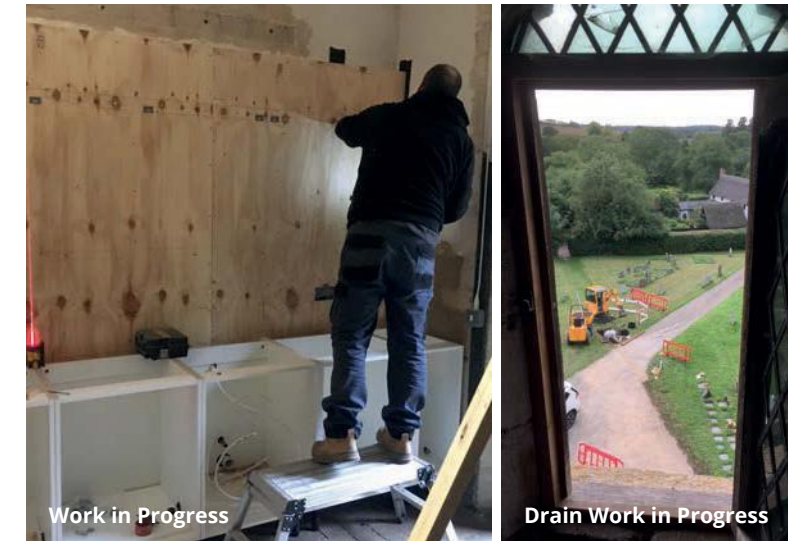
By 2019, there were enough funds to do part one of the project: move the organ, restore the bells, and build a new ringing gallery which created a room at the base of the tower but not the all-important loo and kitchen.

One of our trustees was walking to the church early on a July morning in 2020 when the email pinged in from Viridor Credits confirming a grant of £68,293. Everything had finally come together!

Covid challenged the build but thanks to the architect Philip Orchard of Whitworths and the highly skilled craftsmen from Cubit Theobald it was finished on time without a hitch and to a very high standard. They also discovered a rare 'ship' wall carving on the tower stairs 14th century doorway, made before many could write, These carvings are thought to be prayers for the safe return of the ship.

We can't thank Viridor Credits enough. The building is now used for meetings, and we have also been able to hold several large events with people coming from across the region, thanks to being able to offer them the use of the WC!

Nicky Currie



Introduction

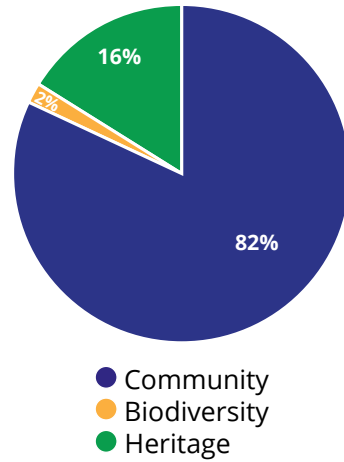


Michael Cunningham - Project Liaison Manager

The Scottish Landfill Communities Fund (SLCF) is a tax credit scheme, linked to Scottish Landfill Tax that encourages landfill site operators to provide contributions to Approved Bodies (Viridor Credits is an Approved Body in Scotland), which can then pass the funds onto community, heritage, and environmental projects. The SLCF has now been in existence for six years having replaced the UK scheme in Scotland in April 2015.

Viridor Credits can consider applications from anywhere in Scotland that are within 10 miles of an active landfill site or a transfer station. This allows the SLCF to fund even more projects than before. COVID was less of a barrier for projects this year; however, applicants had difficulty obtaining quotes from tradespeople due to post lockdown demand and rapidly increasing materials cost, a problem not unique to Scotland. However, Viridor Credits funded 23 projects totalling £316,990.

Funding Allocated by Object



SLCF Funded Projects

MACPool, Lochgilphead
Community Café
£14,000

St John the Evangelist Church, Aberdeen
Cloister & Memorial Garden Restoration
£15,000

Overtown Parish Church, Wishaw
Kitchen Refurbishment
£6,000

Fort William Waterfront
Regeneration
£20,000

St Brendan's Church, Muirhouse
Construction of New Accessible Ramp
£5,000

Budhill Community Centre
Renovation
£19,716

Carronvale House, Larbert
Solar Panels
£7,770

Camp Place Play Park, Callander
Inclusive Equipment
£19,230

Dalziel St Andrew's Parish Church, Motherwell
New access doors, ramp, and eaves repair
£8,910

Lochend Football Academy
3G Pitch Replacement
£25,000

Bridge of Allan Tennis Courts, Stirling
Outdoor Lights
£5,000

St Mary's Church, Lanark
Lighting Project
£9,257

Irvine Community Sports Club
Changing Facility Upgrade
£7,748

Strathaven Scout & Guide Centre
Re-pointing
£8,998

St Bartholomew's Church, Coatbridge
New Windows
£12,985

St Aloysius' Parish Hall, Chapelhall
Insulation
£15,000

Morebattle Institute, Kelso
New Roof
£25,000

Rosewell Tennis Club
Court Refurbishment
£25,000

St Monica's Church Hall, Coatbridge
Heating
£11,701

Loch Lomond, Alexandria
Geese Conservation
£6,336

Hepburn Doocot, Athelstaneford
Restoration
£20,000

St Mary's Episcopal Church, Aberdeen
Essential repairs
£19,339

St Joseph's RC Church, Kilmarnock
Organ Restoration
£10,000

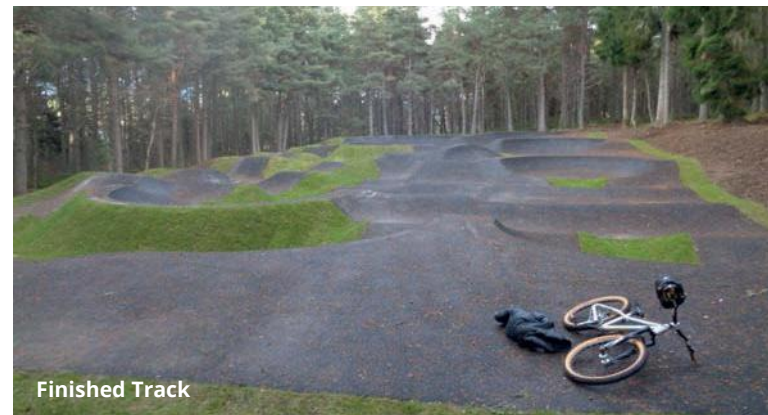


Boat of Garten Woods

Boat of Garten is a Highland village that attracts a lot of tourists. The local community is keen to exploit and expand the nearby facilities for cycling and mountain biking.

The project was to design and build a full asphalt pump track, that fully uses the available site to give the most possibility for the enjoyment and progression of skill. The track design ensures a variety of features and allows several line choices for riders and users. Viridor Credits was approached to fund the groundworks.

The outcome is a free to use facility that lives up to the planning and will be a massive boost for the local economy. It is the only pump track in the Aviemore National Park and is set in an idyllic woodland scene.



Overtown Parish Church, Wishaw

The Church had had its existing kitchen for 30 years. The units were domestic units; unhygienic, unsafe and hard to access. Appliances were also very old and not efficient nor environmentally friendly. The kitchen's electrical wiring and plumbing needed updating to modern standards for safety and environmental requirements.

The church approached Viridor Credits to help with the refurbishment of the kitchen facilities within the church hall. The layout was changed and the kitchen upgraded to a professional standard.

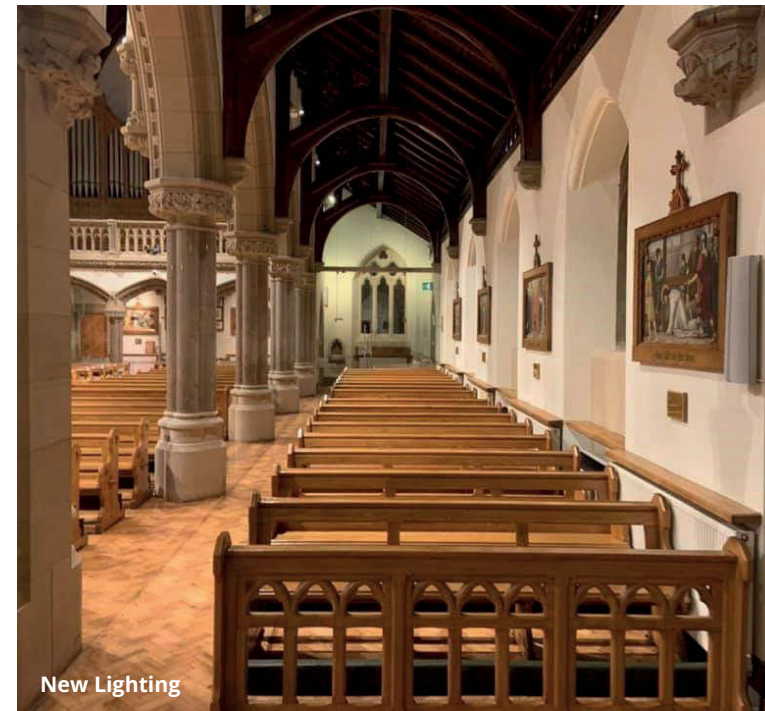
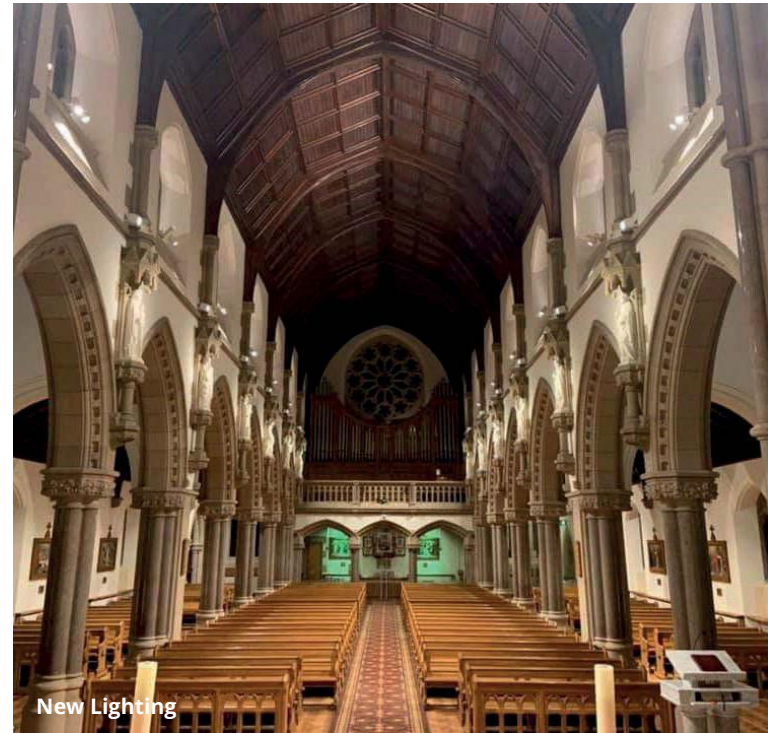


St Mary's Church, Lanark

This project was to improve the existing external and internal lighting of this "A" Listed church building, to enhance accessibility and provide a greater sense of security to the Church users and visitors. It also benefited the wider community by illuminating one of the landmark features in the town.

The church is set back from the road in a courtyard location. It has limited borrowed lighting from the street and adjoining buildings. The improvements to the lighting will, therefore, provide a much-needed benefit to those using the facility in addition to enhancing the built environment.

The new interior illumination enhances the interior design and architecture of this Church.



The Board

The objectives of the Viridor Credits Board are to promote community participation and partnership as well as supporting environmentally-friendly projects with an emphasis on volunteering, sustainability, value for money and proven need.

Funding Group

The Viridor Credits is comprised of the General Manager, Operations Manager, Project Liaison Officer, Grants Officer and Finance Officer. All decisions to fund are made by the group following the application process and the pre-assessment visit. The group is highly experienced in delivering funding to projects with the most positive outcomes for communities and the environment. The funding group's decisions are overseen by the Viridor Credits Board.

General Manager

Alison Salvador is responsible to the Board of Trustees for the leadership, strategic direction and overall management of Viridor Credits.



From Left to Right:
Dan Cooke, David Robertson, Peter Renshaw (Chairman), Mary Prior CVO MBE, Simon Catford



The Viridor Credits Team

2020/21 has seen a move from the fixed office working at Taunton to home working due to the COVID pandemic. Home working has now fully taken over with Viridor Credits no longer having a base of operations. This has meant a change in dynamics of the team but the working of the team has stayed the same.

Gareth Williams, Operations Manager is responsible for delivering the operational function of Viridor Credits, including applications, compliance and communications. Gareth manages a team of two who work together to deliver funding to our applicants.

All applications submitted to Viridor Credits are handled

by the Grants Officer, Tony Painter with the help of other team members. The applications are processed with the emphasis on cooperation with the applicant and any enquiries are discussed with the applicants to ensure eligibility and compliance with the rules of the schemes. The Project Liaison Officer in England, Dr Nick Berry and the Project Liaison Manager in Scotland, Michael Cunningham, will visit every project prior to consideration for funding and completion. This team is managed by the Operations Manager.

Finances are administered by Karen Chilcott who works with the General Manager, Alison Salvador.



Left to Right:
Gareth Williams, Karen Chilcott, Tony Painter, Nick Berry and Alison Salvador



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