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to the
community



£50 million
contributed

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welcome

Welcome to the new Viridor Credits brochure! Viridor Credits is here to support environmental, conservation and community projects using funds that Viridor Waste Management provides via the Landfill Communities Fund (previously known as the Landfill Tax Credits Scheme or LTCS).

Thanks to these ongoing contributions, we are once again able to bring you a selection of the diverse projects Viridor Credits has been able to support.

As promised in last year's brochure, we have increasingly looked to support projects which engage young people.

We encourage them to take an active role in improving the local environment, providing facilities and services which will benefit their communities for years to come. In fact, we continue to involve people of all ages and backgrounds ensuring as many people as possible can enjoy projects that are relevant and of interest to them.

With a donation of over £1,000,000, the Inspired Science Museum represents the flagship Viridor Credits Award. This is a tremendously exciting project which involves building a National Collections Centre on the 220.5615 ha storage site in Wroughton near Swindon. The centre will be a safe conservation environment for the many museums, collections which are currently housed in inadequate and expensive locations around the country. This is the biggest museum initiative since the Victorian age and a project that

we are all extremely excited to be part of. This project aims to introduce young children to science and technology which in turn will encourage more youngsters to follow a career in that sector.

We hope you enjoy reading this brochure and learning about the diverse and innovative ways in which Viridor Credits has been able to make a real difference to the lives of communities all around the country. We hope that these projects inspire you to seek our support for a project in your neighbourhood – remember projects of all sizes can be considered so please contact us.

We look forward to working with you and creating the success stories of the future!

**Dr Ian White, Chairman –
Viridor Credits**



local commitment

Viridor Waste Management (Viridor) is liable for landfill tax on the waste it disposes of at its landfill sites across the country.

Viridor Credits is able to access and distribute landfill tax credits from Viridor's 25 landfill sites via the Landfill Communities Fund (LCF). Allocated by registered Environmental Bodies, this money is a product of the UK's first environmental tax, which was introduced ten years ago.

Viridor Credits receives its entire income from Viridor, and works to ensure that almost 100 per cent of the LCF money it receives is used to benefit and add value

to the lives of local people within ten miles of Viridor's landfills.

Viridor is one of the UK's leading recycling and waste management companies with over 50 years' experience in its sector. The company was started as a small liquid waste haulage business in Somerset, in 1956. With 25 landfills and almost 200 operational waste management sites throughout the UK it is committed to site management to the highest operational and environmental standards.

The company currently processes and disposes of 9 million tonnes of society's wastes a year, offering a full range of integrated waste management and

recycling services and occasional or one-off support as required.

Awareness of environmental issues and their impact on the wider world we live in, are of increasing importance to everyone. As the first UK waste management company to achieve ISO 14001 – the highest available international environmental management standard – across all major operational sites Viridor cares deeply about the legacy we leave future generations.

We are delighted to work in a long term partnership with Viridor Credits and take great pleasure in ensuring that, together we leave a positive footprint.

strategies for giving

We aim to make the process of applying for funding as simple and user-friendly as possible - we feel this approach gives us an advantage over other funding sources.

All applications are carefully assessed and we ensure that the process is as transparent and seamless as possible. Viridor Credits and the Environmental Bodies it partners, are committed to the efficient distribution of available funding and use the following criteria to assess each application

- Sustainability
- Value for money
- Proven need

The funds arising from Viridor Waste Management's operations across the UK are distributed through Viridor Credits and a network of steering groups linked to local environmental bodies.

These local steering groups, comprising of representatives from businesses, community and other special interest groups, have detailed information and can provide clear guidelines on the type of projects eligible for funding. The body of knowledge and expertise these groups possess enables them to effectively consider and evaluate potential projects using their extensive local knowledge and community awareness.

In the first instance, projects seeking funding should be located close to one of Viridor's landfills and should fit one of the following criteria

- Provision or maintenance of public amenities
- Conservation or promotion of biological diversity through
- The provision, conservation, restoration or enhancement of a natural habitat

Or

- The maintenance or recovery of a species or its habitat on land or water
- Maintenance, restoration or renovation of buildings of historical or architectural importance or those used for religious worship, provided they offer public access

Please contact us with details of your project, large or small. We can advise you as to whether your project is eligible or within a target area - we want to hear from as many people as possible.

Viridor Credits can be contacted on 01823 327 221 or visit our website for further information: www.viridor-credits.co.uk.

funds allocated to environmental bodies

Environmental Body	Donation
Community First - Wiltshire	£180,000
SWEET (South West England Environmental Trust)	£381,837
Derbyshire Environmental Trust	£145,000
Foward Scotland	£145,000
SET (Suffolk Environmental Trust)	£305,000
TOE (Trust for Oxfordshire's Environment)	£145,000
Uffculme Environmental Company	£145,000
Ugbrooke Environmental Company	£145,000
Viridor Credits Caradon	£47,500
Evolve EB	£145,000
YANSEC (Yanley and North Somerset Environmental Co.)	£173,571
Somerset Wildlife Trust	£112,245
The Wildfowl and Wetlands Trust	£45,041
Community Forests North West	£51,020
National Museum of Science and Industry	£51,020
Total allocated to other environmental bodies	£2,217,234
Distributable by Viridor Credits	£2,162,948
Total Donation from Viridor Waste to the community	£4,380,182



a year of celebrations

To mark a momentous year in 2006, Viridor Credits invited applications for a special £500,000 Community Wildlife Award to fund

- the provision, conservation, restoration or enhancement of a natural habitat, or
- the maintenance or recovery of a species or its habitat on land or water.

Naturally this had to be in the vicinity of a landfill site, to meet the conditions of the Landfill Communities Fund.

The intention was to celebrated three major events; the 10th anniversary of the Landfill Communities Fund, Viridor Waste Management's 50 years in business and Viridor Credits, fifth birthday. To cap it all Viridor Waste Management's landfill tax credits donations hit £50 million in 2006.



£15,400

helping to restore one of the most important wetlands in Europe

The winner of the community wildlife award 2006 was wicken fen vision

Wicken Fen is one of the most important wetlands in Europe, supporting over seven thousand species including internationally rare plants, insects, birds, and mammals. It is a well used recreational resource, with over 45,000 visitors each year, including some 5,000 school children. The wetland is also an important site for academic research. Well over 100 scientific papers having been published based on research carried out at Wicken Fen.

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The Cemetery Road Residents Association organised a public consultation event on the green space to obtain the views of the local community on proposed improvements to the site. That event was supported by a range of organisations and well attended. Local residents were unanimous in supporting the preservation of the green space.

By improving the boundaries and general appearance of the park it was hoped that fly tipping would be reduced and local

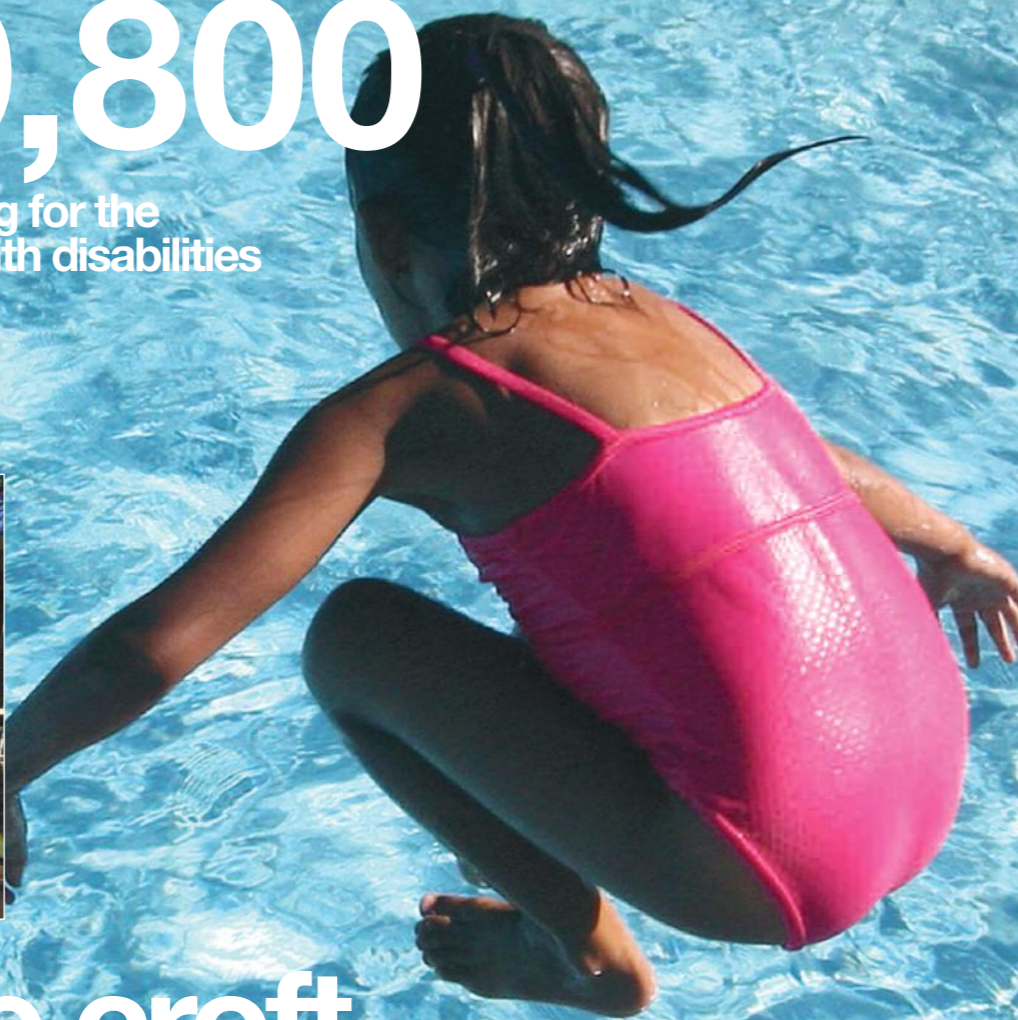
people would be encouraged to make recreational use of the area. It was also felt that increased neighbourhood usage would deter drug abuse on the site and reinforce a sense of community ownership. In addition, the partly wooded area had the potential to support diverse species and appropriate management of that area would help to enhance the natural environment.

Viridor Credits awarded the project £15,400 which was used to fund Phase One commissioning and installation of decorative fencing which was sculptured by a specialist ironmonger. This fencing prevents unauthorised vehicles from parking on the green and causing damage. It also gives the site its own unique artistic identity, and makes it an attractive leisure space for all to enjoy.



£139,800

rebuilding a swimming for the children and adults with disabilities



ashgate croft swimming pool

Swimming is one of Britain's most popular activities and a sport that families can enjoy together. The local community in North Derbyshire is especially lucky as it is set to benefit from a 'one of a kind', new swimming facility, when Ashgate Croft Swimming Pool is opened to the public in September 2007.

Ashgate Croft School in Chesterfield provides a centre for disability for North Derbyshire, and educates over 160 children aged between three and 19 years. Its last pool, which was paid for by public subscription, was demolished in the mid 1990s as it was unsafe. Since

then the school has wanted to rebuild this facility for pupils and members of the wider disabled community who had been frequent users.

In 2003, the drive and determination of staff and parents led to the launch of 'The Pool for Megan and her friends'. Megan is a pupil at the school. Their fundraising strategy involved a local community based appeal which raised over £250,000 from private donations. They also approached grant making bodies and were delighted to hear that they had been awarded £139,805 by Viridor Credits Derbyshire via our partner organisation the Derbyshire Environmental Trust

Viridor Credits, contribution was also valuable in helping to secure an additional £300,000 from other sources,

as it proved that the project met the right criteria and was well supported. Derbyshire County Council then agreed to match the funding. Building of the swimming pool began in November 2006, for completion in June 2007. The fundraising team will hold a celebration in early September when everyone involved in the project will be able to see and enjoy the facilities at first hand.

The pool will be open for use out of school hours and during holidays. There will be a programme for private and public community groups, and social services (for adults with disabilities); and a local swimming club for child and adults learners. Public sessions will allow families with disabled children to use and enjoy the pool together, knowing that the needs of those with disabilities take priority in the changing rooms.



£5,000

establishing high quality trees and improving access to the site

weaveley furze

The Trust for Oxfordshires Environment (TOE) was established in 1998 for the purpose of making Landfill Communities Fund money available to communities across Oxfordshire. It works closely with Viridor Credits and is responsible for distributing funds on behalf of Viridor Credits Oxfordshire.

In 2005 Weaveley Furze Charitable Trust approached TOE for help with the

restoration of Weaveley Furze woodland. This land was a gift to the ancient parish of Shipton-on-Cherwell in 1768 as a source of firewood for the poor. The trustees were seeking funds to bring the site back into sustainable management after a long period of neglect, and were keen that it should benefit the nearby communities. They had three aims; nature conservation, public access and timber production.

Viridor Credits Oxfordshire awarded the trust a grant of £5,000 towards clearing low value scrub, establishing stands of high quality trees and hazel coppice, and improving access to the site.

The project was carried out with advice and practical support from the Oxfordshire Woodland Project, and also involved a group of local volunteers. Work has since been completed and the woodland has been opened up for the enjoyment of local people and schools. The launch event was very well attended, demonstrating the level of local support this initiative has attracted.

This has been a successful project, helping to bring an area of neglected woodland back under good management with benefits for biodiversity and the community.



a tale of two bowling clubs

It is said that bowling dates back to the ancient Egyptians. In this country it is a popular sport and of enormous importance and value to many players who enjoy the camaraderie and friendship it encourages.

When the opportunity arose for Viridor Credits to help fund vital repair work at Ringmer Bowls Club in East Sussex and The Drive Bowling Club in West Sussex, it was an honour to be involved. Each of these vital community projects received a £5,000 donation.

At Ringmer Bowls Club, the task was to completely refurbish and relime the 50 year old ditches surrounding the bowling green. This was important because it would allow faster dispersal of surface water work in wet conditions allowing play to be resumed quickly after a shower.

The Drive Bowling Club wanted to replace the existing grass bowling green with a new all-weather artificial surface. This means that the club will no longer have to fund the high costs of regular maintenance to keep the greens up to the necessary exacting standard. It will also allow the more elderly members to bowl in better conditions and provide essential wheelchair access.

Importantly, this vital work will also increase the use of the greens by casual bowlers.



£10,000

increasing the use of two bowling greens by casual bowlers

west stow anglo saxon village

One of the aims of West Stow Anglo Saxon Village Trust in Suffolk is to bring history to life.

West Stow Anglo Saxon Village is located five miles north-west of Bury St Edmunds in a country park on the site of a former landfill. It was created in 1973 and is now home to seven reconstructed buildings, following the excavation of an Anglo Saxon village that now lies beneath the site.

Visitors can enjoy demonstrations of Anglo Saxon textile production on a

replica loom in the weaving house. This building has been erected on the site of its Anglo Saxon predecessor.

Unfortunately a survey of the thatch at West Stow confirmed that the weaving house was in urgent need of a new roof. The thatch had slumped over the doorway and rafters had snapped leaving the underlying batons exposed and decaying. The sum of £7,471 was granted to the project by Viridor Credits Suffolk so that the roof could be replaced using traditional techniques and materials as indicated by the excavated archaeological evidence.

This included the installation of new ash rafters overlain with a basecoat of heather and a surface coat of wheat straw. Willow withy bonds were used to fix the heather in place. No strong or iron fixings were allowed.

The project was a complete success, allowing the conservation of a unique building, whilst enhancing knowledge of traditional forms of thatching. Our thanks go to the Suffolk Environmental Trust who manage our Credits in Suffolk.



£7,471

successfully conserving a unique building

VC flagship award – inspired at science museum swindon

Why we did it

From time to time Viridor Credits uses its central funds to support outstanding projects which are considered worthy of a substantial gift. Such was the reasoning behind the introduction of the Viridor Credits 'Flagship', Award.

A £1,136,364 Flagship Award has been made to Inspired, a transformational project being delivered by the National Museum of Science and Industry (popularly known as the Science Museum) which will open at the Science Museum's Swindon site in 2010. "We consider this is an outstanding project and a very worthy recipient indeed" said Viridor Credits' Chief Executive, Patrick Capper.

In response, a 4.5 ha woodland has been planted at Science Museum Swindon containing around 7,500 trees including ash, oak, birch, rose, whitebeam, and hazel. The woodland was officially named the Viridor Woodland at the project launch earlier this year.

Inspired at the Science Museum Swindon is a brand new kind of interactive museum that will bring to life the human stories and moments of genius behind iconic objects which have been previously inaccessible to the public and is one of six transformational projects short listed to receive £50million from the Big Lottery Fund. The winner will be decided by a televised public vote later this year for which there is no second place.



£1,136,364

inspiring future generations
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the challenges of the world



Drawing on the skills and expertise of the Science Museum in London 'the sixth most popular visitor attraction in the UK' Inspired will offer spectacular tours, workshops, themed dramas and science shows on an unprecedented scale.

As well as offering serious fun and access to previously hidden collections, Inspired will provide a safe conservation environment for these objects and for collections belonging to other national museums that are currently housed in inadequate and expensive locations. This project will benefit a host of museums by offering safe, economic, and convenient storage.

The plans comprise of a vast building, with a chalk downland grass roof to fit in with the natural surroundings. Its operation will be both energy efficient and sustainable providing a multi-use site for leisure, learning, as well as corporate hire companies will be allowed to use the facilities as a public portal to their advanced technology developments. Intel, for example, has wirelessly hooked up the hangers to the Science Museum computer system using WiMax.

From an educational perspective, the project will inform, educate, and in some cases, transfer skills to people of all ages. The Science Museum's world famous innovative programming compliments the National Curriculum and the project will provide a fantastic resource for schools, colleges and universities across the South West and the Nation with the aim of inspiring future generations of scientists to step up to the challenges of our world.

The Inspired website states: "The way we live now is shaped by science and technology. Now more than ever, our well-being depends on inspiring ordinary people to do extraordinary things. We need to unlock creativity, unleash invention, and inspire innovation in those who hold the keys to a healthy, prosperous, sustainable future.

"Inspired responds to this challenge, opening up a world of possibility by making science serious fun for everyone. A visit to Inspired will allow people of all ages and backgrounds to navigate their own personal voyages of discovery into a treasure-house of the greatest innovations of science and humanity."

Science Museum Swindon currently holds 18,000 of the Science Museum's large objects at its stunning 545 acre, ex-WWII site. They range from the Lockheed Constellation airliner to early bicycles, computers to MRI scanners and the first hovercraft to the huge Wood printing press. Inspired will reveal over 200,000 iconic objects spanning scientific interest.

There is likely to be accommodation available through campsites on the breathtaking site with an events arena and conference space also provided. All this is designed to help people engage with the past, the present, and the future of human ingenuity through the objects in the collections and experimental workshops.

**Please go to
www.voteinspired.org.uk
for further information
and to register your
support for this
fantastic project**



manchester victoria baths clock

Viridor Credits in partnership with the Pilsworth Environmental Company are delighted to be involved in the high profile restoration of Manchester's Victoria Baths.

The Victoria Baths complex was completed in 1906 with three pools, sixty-four bath tubs, Turkish and Russian baths, clubrooms, boilers and a four-bedroom superintendent's flat. This iconic building was built to the highest quality, with no expense spared. Remarkably, the majority of the structure and decorations remain intact.

The unaltered Art Nouveau architecture and decoration are quite exquisite and include multi-coloured brickwork, unique glazed tiling and terracotta decorations. The structure is topped with an imposing four-faced clock tower.

In the face of considerable public protest, the baths were closed in 1993. Since then the Friends of Manchester Victoria Baths Trust have been actively seeking funding to restore the building and bring the facility back into public use. The first phase of restoration is now underway on the front block and façade of the building.

Viridor Credits funding of £15,000 will provide for a fully-working clock, with faces on all four sides of the tower. The refurbishment and repair of the clock will go hand-in-hand with the refurbishment and securing of the clock tower itself.

Works are scheduled to start in May 2007 and be completed by autumn. PEC trustee and project Director Elaine Shirt said; "I am proud of the fact that Pilsworth Environmental Company & Viridor Credits are involved with this very important & popular project. It is particularly pleasing that we are contributing towards a highly prominent feature of the building's appearance. When the restoration has been completed this will be a clear indication of the extent to which PEC has been of assistance to the Victoria Baths Trust".

£15,000

contributed towards the restoration of the clock tower



eXplore! – wildfowl & wetlands trust

Children's imaginations can go wild while they learn about wetlands, wildlife and the environment at the 44ha London Wetland Centre run by the Wildfowl & Wetlands Trust (WWT) near Hammersmith in West London.

WWWT is a leading UK conservation charity dedicated to wetlands and their biodiversity. Opened in 2000, London Wetland Centre is the newest of its nine UK centres - created from four disused Victorian reservoirs, it has been designated as a Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) and has a biodiversity count of almost 900 species. Operating as a conservation-led attraction, the number of people visiting has steadily increased, with 180,000 visitors in 2006.

However, feedback from visitors soon established that there was an urgent need for a space at the centre where children could let off steam so, in October 2003, WWT consulted with school children, teachers and WWT members to plan an exciting new play area.

WWT is committed to ensuring that children have access to high-quality play opportunities in safe green spaces with a strong connection to nature. To this end, it sought funding for a £400,000 play area for children aged 3-11 years. Viridor Credits Thames made an award of £15,000, having previously supported a number of other WWT projects.

The result is eXplore! – a beautifully landscaped adventure area where children can become water voles scurrying through a maze of oversized burrows and chambers, climb a boulder wall, race ducks along a watercourse or 'fly' like birds on a zipwire. For the most adventurous there is a misty dell and rain cloud where they can dodge the rain – or get wet!

Since eXplore! opened in July 2006, numerous children's groups from schools, youth organisations such as brownies, and special access groups from deprived backgrounds have enjoyed sessions there as part of a visit to the centre.

£15,000

helping children to become water voles, climb a boulder wall or 'fly' like birds



£18,000

enabling blind and partially sighted visitors to 'feel the view'

mamhead sensory trail

Visitors to the newly established Haldon Forest Park, located on the Haldon Ridge near Exeter, can 'feel' the view, across the River Exe estuary thanks to Viridor Credits funding of £18,000.

In May 2005 The Forestry Commission approached Viridor Credits Devon, via Ugbrooke Environmental Limited (UEL). Funds were needed for the creation of the Mamhead Obelisk Multi Sensory Trail, a surfaced, level, all-ability trail with 'calorie mapping', multi-sensory

interpretation and artistic/sculptural seating components.

The directors of UEL were very keen to support this project and made an award on behalf of Viridor Credits Devon for the purchase of the tactile panel. 'Feeling the View', is a raised relief map and information on the stunning panorama from Mamhead Obelisk viewpoint across the River Exe estuary.

The tactile panel will enable blind and partially sighted visitors, as well as others, to 'feel the view' and discover more about this beautiful place. A sculpture bench also enables wheelchair

users and their carers to sit together at the popular Obelisk viewpoint. St Loye's Foundation, Exeter, which provides training for adults with disabilities, became involved with the project by contributing personal knowledge and expertise in the sensory design.

Part of Haldon Forest has SSSI (Site of Special Scientific Interest) status and this project connects people with the environment. It promotes healthy exercise in a beautiful landscape for the 450,000 people living within a 15 mile radius as well as the many visitors to the West Country.



£10,000

improving the building and making it accessible for all

menheniot old school

A former Church of England primary school dating back to 1885 now has a new lease on life as a much loved and appreciated community centre in the Cornish village of Menheniot.

The credit for this is primarily due to the hard work of a dedicated team of volunteers from Menheniot Old School Trust. The efforts of the Local Network Fund for Children and Young People raised nearly £7,000. This fantastic fundraising achievement was supported by a timely Landfill Communities Fund grant from Viridor Credits Caradon of £10,000 which has helped in achieving essential improvements to one end of the building.

For a time the Menheniot Old School community centre was at risk of closure following an unsatisfactory OFSTED report in respect of the local playgroup that meets at the centre. The report highlighted the shabby state of the building and the poor state of the toilets, among other things, and prompted a period of intense fund-raising, under the leadership of the fund-raiser and trustee Eve Easterbrook. An approach to Viridor Credits was part of this, as Menheniot is within ten miles of Viridor Waste Management's Lean landfill site near Liskeard.

All the money raised was put to very good use. There were new toilets for the children who attend the playgroup and other activities in the centre. The drains were sorted out and a new kitchen was provided, with a significant staff sitting

area. Inside the building a step was replaced with a disabilities-friendly ramp improving internal accessibility. Naturally there were architects fees as well.

Menheniot Old School now welcomes all manners of local groups. Community-minded residents gather for an annual litter-pick and local primary schools have requested facilities for a breakfast and homework club. The gardening club meets there; and the hall is also an affordable and attractive venue to hire for weddings, parties and other celebrations.

The Trust is now turning its attention to improvements needed to the other end of the building; and hopes to be in touch with Viridor Credits once more.





flying the flag in athelstaneford, east lothian

The St Andrew's Cross is Scotland's national flag. It is the oldest flag in Europe and the Commonwealth and is said to have originated from a battle around 832AD in the village of Athelstaneford.

The Flag Heritage Centre at Athelstaneford is located in an area rich in Scottish history. Not only are the visiting tourists of vital importance to the local community, but there is an intrinsic desire among local people to share their heritage with visitors.

The centre has been set up in a 'doocot' built in 1583. This is a slim building used to keep pigeons (doo is

an old Scottish word for pigeons). The doocot was restored and converted for its present use in 1996 and ever since visitors have been able to enjoy an audio visual dramatisation of the origins of the flag there.

More recently, Viridor Credits Scotland agreed to make a grant of £3,675 towards total project costs of £4,900 for further work on the doocot. The money was needed for reharling the exterior walls of the building. (Harling is a Scots word for rendering, as a form of roughcast.)

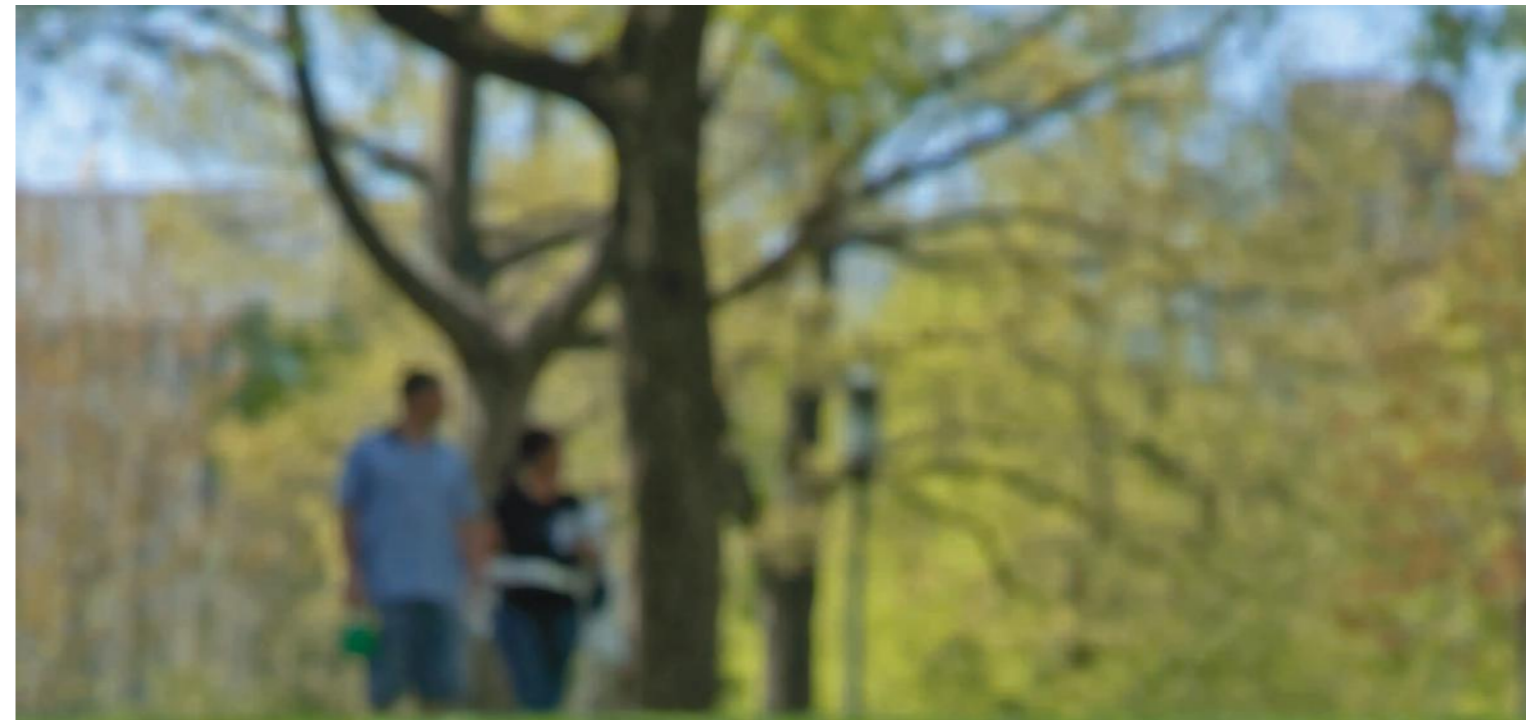
Harling is designed to withstand severe weather conditions. The original harling had begun to deteriorate and

restoration was critical if the centre was to continue to open its doors to the many visitors it attracts from Scotland, the rest of the United Kingdom and beyond.

Work has now been completed and the Flag Heritage Centre is open for all to enjoy during daylight hours between April and October. Viridor Credits Scotland is managed on our behalf by Forward Scotland, a charity which promotes sustainable development throughout Scotland.

£3,675

restoring the Flag Heritage Centre to allow local people to share their heritage with visitors



£15,400

improving the boundaries and appearance of the park

art around the park

Art can dramatically improve the appearance of both internal and open air spaces.

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PICTURE TO COME

dunster tithe barn

Dunster, in the English county of Somerset, is generally recognised as one of the most perfectly preserved mediaeval villages in the UK, with origins dating back to the Bronze and Iron Ages.

The Tithe Barn at Dunster is a Grade II listed building on the site of a 12th century Benedictine Priory. It was erected in the 16th century but major alterations were made over the years, especially in the 19th century. Latterly, the Tithe Barn was in a state of considerable dilapidation and six years ago the Dunster Tithe Barn Steering Group was formed in order to raise money to restore and convert the Tithe Barn into a multi-use community hall. The Steering Group asked the Somerset Building Preservation Trust (SBPT) if it would project manage the work, which the SBPT was very pleased to undertake.

This £500,000 project has been financed by a wide range of organisations, with a major contribution from the Heritage Lottery Fund. An application for the shortfall of £30,000 was made to Viridor Credits Somerset and to the Steering Group's delight this funding was awarded to complete the project.

Much of the Tithe Barn's roof timber needed replacing, the roof had to be re-slatted, and work was required on floors, plastering, drainage, and stonework. A roosting area for visiting bats was needed along with a new kitchen, office space, and storage area. The entrance to the building had to be refurbished and Viridor Credits, funding provided the glass screen inner doors and restoration of the main doors.

At the same time as the restoration was going on, planning permission was granted, enabling a 1930s structure at the rear of the Tithe Barn to be rebuilt in a design compatible with the Barn. This provides a very useful entrance/reception area, a delightful meeting room and cloakroom facilities.

Dunster Tithe Barn is now accessible to all, including individuals with disabilities. It provides facilities for all age groups for a wide range of activities such as; indoor sports, public meetings, music and drama, village annual events, educational activities, youth groups, exhibitions, teaching of local crafts, wedding receptions and parties.

The Barn also houses a local archive and historical interpretation centre, providing an archaeological record of the site made during its restoration.

£30,000

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long ashton tennis pavilion

Tennis is a much loved sport in Great Britain. With people of all ages emulating their favourite tennis stars on courts all over the country, it is vital that good quality facilities are available for all to make use of – especially if we are to produce the next Tim Henman or Andy Murray!

Long Ashton Community Association (LACA) applied to Viridor Credits via YANSEC, for funding of £20,000 towards a small pavilion, comprising accessible toilet facilities and a shelter area for all users of the community, public tennis courts, along with a modest club house for the tennis club.

LACA is responsible for the maintenance and management of the local community centre and recreation ground and is committed to creating first class facilities for the increasing population of Long Ashton. The Association has enjoyed an ongoing relationship with Viridor Credits including previous funding towards a bowls pavilion.

Building work on the tennis pavilion is scheduled to commence in early May using modern construction materials to create a facility that the whole community can be proud of. It is hoped that car use will be reduced by providing local amenities within walking distance for local residents.

This funding is part of a wider redevelopment project which will make a positive and long lasting contribution to the community.

£20,000

building a facility which the whole community can be proud of



ashculm turbary nature reserve

Ashculm Turbary nature reserve near Hemyock in Devon is the worthy recipient of its second award administered by Uffculme Environmental Ltd (UEL) on behalf of Viridor Credits.

In 2004, a grant of £1,950 allowed Devon Wildlife Trust to fence Ashculm Turbary nature reserve enabling them to introduce livestock to the site - a major step forward in its management of local wildlife.

A small herd of Exmoor ponies have reduced the dominance of bracken and purple moor grass which in turn has allowed a number of small flowering plants such as sundews, butterworts, orchids and devil's bit scabious to take hold.

In order to progress this vital habitat enhancement work which will allow animals to access more of the site and enable Devon Wildlife Trust to carry out species surveys to optimise the sites long term management, an additional grant of £3,083 was secured in September 2006.

The reserve is important for its wet heathland communities and represents a habitat which had been much diminished in recent years. Local residents and visitors to the area can continue to enjoy this truly beautiful and important environmental reserve.

£3,083

allowing local residents and visitors to enjoy the environmental reserve

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