

Viridor Credits Environmental Company  
**Annual Review 2019/20**



**Cover Photographs**

**(Clockwise from top left)**

All Saints' Church, East Huntspill

Phoenix Park, Runcorn

Wivey Pool, Wiveliscombe

All Saints' Church, East Pennard



**Church of the Good Shepherd, Carshalton**



**St Peter's Community Centre, Yeovil**

**“ LCF Fact**  
Our Steering Groups covering the North, South East and South West awarded more than £4,665,000 in funding to 141 projects - an average of over £33,000. **”**

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## Welcome to the **Annual Review 2019/20**

Viridor Credits Environmental Company has been operating since 2001, funding projects through the length and breadth of England and Scotland, helping communities closer to you than you may realise. From sports clubs to churches, village halls to museums, wildlife trusts and historic buildings, so many communities have benefitted from the funding we have been able to distribute. Viridor Credits Environmental Company is one of the largest Environmental Bodies in the UK, providing funding opportunities for heritage, biodiversity and community projects in England.

In total, approximately £143,000,000 has been awarded by Viridor Credits over the past 19 years.

We also provide the same in Scotland through the Scottish Landfill Communities Fund.

Viridor Credits administers funds donated voluntarily to both 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.

This brochure celebrates some of the achievements of our applicants over the last 12 months.

**Don't forget to follow us on social media**

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**Bovey Valley Woods**



## Message from our Chairman

### **Peter Renshaw**

I am so pleased to be able to look back on yet another strong year for Viridor Credits distributing the Landfill Communities Fund (LCF) and the Scottish Landfill Communities Fund (SLCF) to so many communities throughout England and Scotland.

Although deposits to landfill sites continue to decline we have still been able to award over £5 million to deserving projects, many of which are shown in this review. However the biggest reduction has been seen in Scotland as the Government seek to reach their zero waste to landfill target.

The Board continues with its aim of ensuring that the majority of funds go to community projects to provide facilities for everyone such as sports clubs, village halls and community centres. In these tough times these organisations provide a vital service in bringing people together and provide for the social, recreational and sporting needs of the community. It is vital to safeguard such space for a broad range of community initiatives, including healthy living programmes, exercise, senior citizens groups, pre-school play groups and they are finding it ever more difficult to find such funding elsewhere. Total LCF funding awarded for such projects increased to almost 84% but I am equally pleased to report that biodiversity projects funding has also increased to almost 8%. There are similar figures for the

SLCF with community projects making up almost 90% of the funding.

However every one of the 175 projects funded in 2019-20 will make a real difference to the communities they serve.

With no new major operational changes necessary in 2019-20 the team have been able to concentrate on improvements to the application system which continues to deliver benefits to both our applicants and the team in the office. The website has been upgraded which has helped keep our applicants informed with regards to two landfill site closures and towards the end of the year it became a vital resource for communicating our ever-adapting response to the Coronavirus. Before the year came to a close the team had migrated to their homes and have maintained 'business as usual'. Funded projects continue to receive support and finances and new applications are being processed as they would from the office.

Viridor works hard to recycle and reuse as much waste as technology allows but all agree that landfill sites and therefore funding will continue for the foreseeable future which is great news for the communities we will still be able to help. As part of the Budget announcement in March 2020, HM Revenue & Customs announced that the government will set the value of the LCF for 2020 to 2021 at £35 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. We are all looking forward to getting back to work in anticipation of another fruitful year.

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Peter Renshaw  
**Chairman**





It is with some astonishment that I find myself reflecting on yet another year of Viridor Credits funding in England and Scotland. How have another twelve months passed? This year I want to reflect on the hundreds of volunteers involved in the success of our funding, from the organisations applying themselves, to our Steering Groups and trustees. Many more volunteers have committed their own time to plan much needed works, put together the applications and consult with contractors, supporters and their community as a whole. I am continually amazed at how dedicated and selflessly these people work to improve their community spaces and bring people together as many sources of local funding decline and even disappear. While the task becomes so much harder so their resolve seems to increase. We continually hear about

the difference our funding has made to help with urgent improvements at such vital facilities as community halls, sports clubs, playgrounds, theatres and churches. These places are often the hub of the community and almost always kept going through the work of volunteers. Whilst we strive to make our application process as easy as possible it is vital that we ensure that the work is eligible, value for money, necessary and supported by the whole community. We remind all successful applicants that receiving funding is no mean feat and, in a highly competitive scheme, it is a success well worth celebrating.

I am happy to report that we have, on the whole, been able to continue with our three Steering groups in England and one in Scotland throughout most of this past year. The majority of these dedicated volunteers have been with us over many, many years and not only turn up to the quarterly meetings, but also represent Viridor Credits at opening events and spend much of their own time reviewing applications to ensure that the best and most deserving projects have always been funded. It is with much sorrow and regret that we had to make the difficult decision to close down the regional groups. In 2020-21 funding will be awarded by one central group. As funding decreases having one national pot will ensure that we continue to fund the best projects regardless of their location. We recognise, and I hope that our group members do too, that there is a significant long term legacy to our funding that continues long after our own immediate involvement has been completed. They have been a huge part of that history.

This year we have committed over £5 million to community, heritage and biodiversity projects and whilst keeping administration costs low, we have yet again managed to keep our uncommitted funds at an historic low. I anticipated a year ago that this year would be the final year for funding in Scotland but with the Scottish Government extending the ban on biodegradable municipal waste going to landfill until January 2025 we hope to continue funding in Scotland for yet another year too.

The end of the year saw the arrival of the global coronavirus pandemic to our shores. I want to thank my team in Taunton, our trustees and Michael, our representative in Scotland, who have all worked so hard and without complaint to ensure that the service we give could continue once we closed our office and all, many for the first time, began to work from our homes. We have been able to continue supporting and making payments to those projects to which we have committed funding and whom have been able to continue with their works. We have also been able to continue receiving applications, processing them and hope to award funding this quarter as originally planned. I want to thank my office team for their continued hard work throughout the year and especially during such worrying and unprecedented times and to the Board of Trustees for their never-ending support.

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Alison Salvador

**General Manager**

## Message from our Donor

### Viridor



*Viridor is at the forefront of the resource sector in the UK. We give resources new life, transforming waste into energy, high-quality recyclates and raw materials. Supporting local authorities and business customers across the UK, our services support a UK circular economy.*

2019/20 was an important year for Viridor as the [intended] sale of the company and a move into new ownership (KKR) was initiated and approved. The year saw continued investments in vital infrastructure including the latest Energy Recovery Facilities (ERFs) in Avonmouth, Beddington, Dunbar and Glasgow. We also saw exciting progress at our new Polymers Reprocessing Facility at Avonmouth, which will utilise heat and power from the adjacent ERF and provide a recycling powerhouse for the South West of England. Landfill continues to provide important residual waste disposal

capacity, albeit on a reducing basis as the UK looks to improve resource efficiency and move towards a more circular economy.

Within our sustainability strategy, it's important to us to measure and improve the social and environmental value that we can provide. This value can be created via our services, employment and supply chains, our educational centres and partnerships, biodiversity and habitat stewardship, charitable donations, sponsorships and through our many community partnerships. That's why the excellent work and ongoing partnership with Viridor Credits remains at the heart of our community programme.

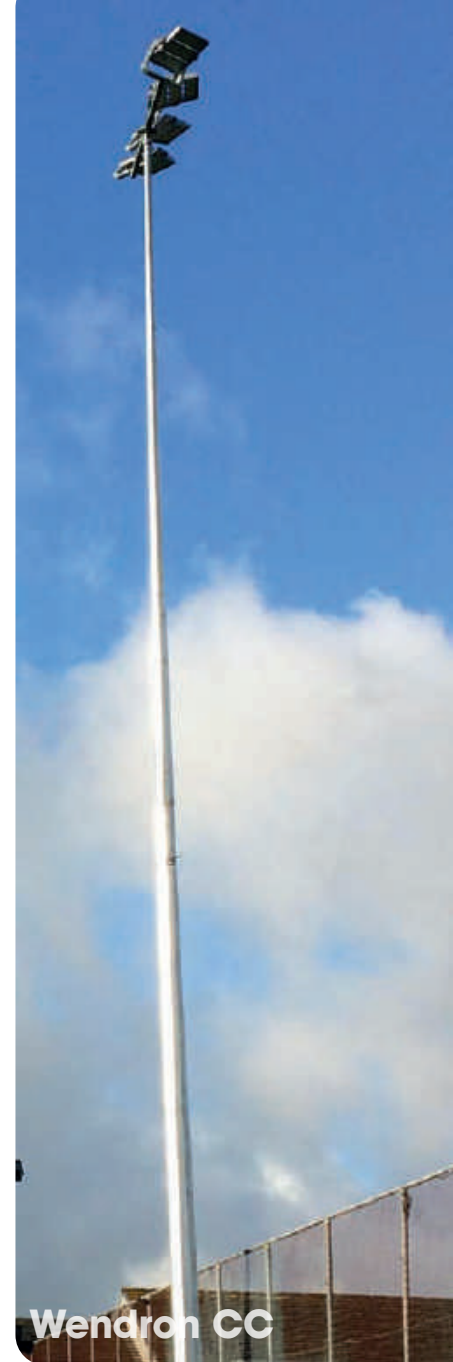
The variety of projects that receive crucial support via the Landfill Communities Fund never fails to impress. Reading through the list of those projects that have benefited and made a positive and lasting difference to the quality of life and quality of environment across our operating areas is a real highlight.

Good governance and efficiency are also important to us. The clear, inclusive and robust procedures Viridor Credits has in place to distribute the funding that we can make available, gives confidence to all involved – whether funders or those applying for funding. Everyone involved, from our operational landfill colleagues who generate the revenue, the Viridor Credits team and those working tirelessly to deliver grassroots community benefit, should be rightly proud of their efforts.

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Phil Piddington

**Managing Director, Viridor**



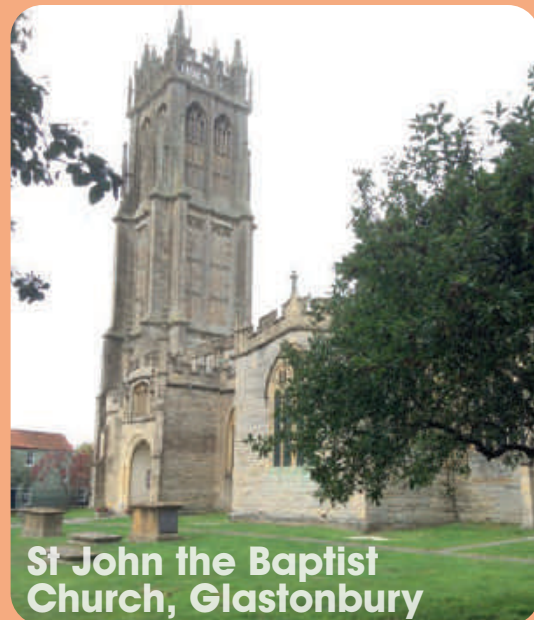
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## The Landfill Communities Fund Introduction

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

Since its inception in 1996, the LCF has supported more than 60,000 projects across the UK with contributions from landfill operators totalling £1.68 billion.

(Stats correct as of 22 April 2020 – [www.entrust.org.uk](http://www.entrust.org.uk))



“ LCF Fact  
Viridor Credits funded an average  
of 35 projects per  
quarter in England. ”





**Church of the Good Shepherd,  
Carshalton Beeches**

## Financial Information

### (excluding Pennon Environmental Fund)

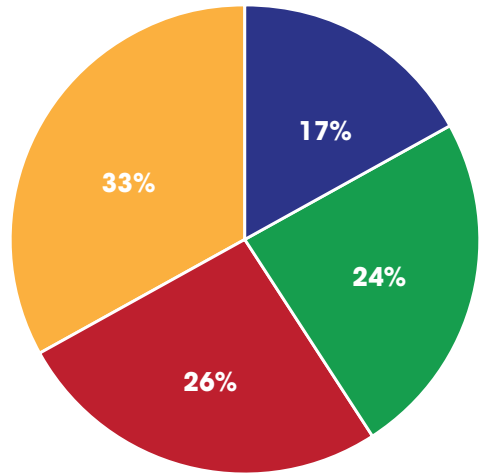
In 2019/20, Viridor Credits allocated £4,665,461 from the Landfill Communities Fund to 141 projects throughout England.

Funding of £286,197 was awarded to 10 projects to repair, preserve or renovate places of historical or architectural interest or places of worship.

Funds of £3,957,293 were allocated to 120 projects to create, sustain or develop a community facility.

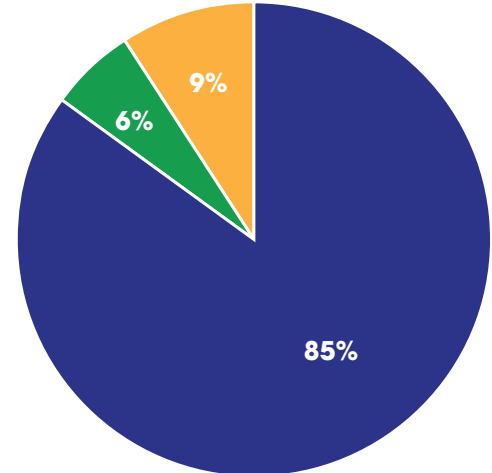
Funding of £421,971 was shared between 11 projects to conserve habitats and native species this financial year.

#### Funding Allocated by Regional Group



- North
- South East
- South West
- VC Board

#### Funding Allocated by Object



- Community
- Heritage
- Biodiversity

## LCF Funded Projects

### All Regions Biodiversity Projects

#### Lightshaw Meadows, Goldborne

Meadow Drainage  
£8,283

#### Sherwood Forest, Nottingham

Restoration  
£44,666

#### Old Hall Marshes, Haldon

Hydrology  
£40,088

#### South Walsham Marshes, Norfolk

Habitat Improvements  
£19,683

#### Valewood, Haslemere

Beaver reintroduction  
£68,866

#### Stender's Quarry, Gloucester

Grazing & Bat Roost  
£38,527

#### Holly Hedge Meadow, Barrow Gurney

Land Purchase  
£8,710

#### Ausewell Woods, Dartmoor

Land Purchase  
£25,000

#### Langford Lakes Nature Reserve, Salisbury

Wetland Enhancement  
£48,692

#### Ludwell Valley Park, Exeter

Fences, Hedgerows  
& Wildflower Meadows  
£48,692

#### Shepherd's Lodge Pond, Petworth Park

Restoration  
£77,244

### North Community Projects

#### Chadderton FC, Oldham

Disabled Viewing Space  
£20,000

#### Peterborough Quakers

Insulation & PV Panels  
£9,775

#### The Storrs Road Methodist Church Centre

Roof  
£13,255

#### Leigh Spinners Mill

Entrance Improvements  
£14,245

#### St Mary Magdalene Church, Creswell

Improvements  
£23,700

#### Rochdale AFC

New Kick Pitch  
£48,900

#### Droylsden Cricket Club

Practice Equipment  
£31,554

#### Markham Vale, Chesterfield

Heritage Trail  
£30,000

#### 4C Community Centre, Ashton-under-Lyne

Cafe and Kitchen  
£50,000

#### Wigan and Leigh Wellbeing Hub

Toilets  
£23,400

#### The Edge Theatre & Arts Centre, Manchester

Renovation  
£30,997

#### St Paul's Parish Church, Widnes

Floor & Heating  
£50,000

#### Roby Field, Huyton

Drainage & Landscaping  
£19,699

#### Catalyst Museum, Widnes

Redevelopment  
£47,979

#### Golborne Sports FC

Equipment  
£17,500

#### Monkey Park Play Area, Brampton

Equipment  
£45,929

#### St Michael with St Thomas Church, Widnes

Community Room  
£39,467

#### Victoria Park, Stretford

Community Hub  
£36,362

#### St Barnabas' Church, Oldham

New Hall  
£13,000

#### Scout Hall, Weaverham

Update  
£48,852

#### All Saints' Church, Stretford

Replacement Heating  
£43,400

#### Scout Headquarters, Bamford

New Build  
£47,000

#### Princess Street Play Area, Brimington

Improvements  
£46,637

#### Morton Colliery Cricket Club, Derbyshire

New Boundary Ropes  
and Sightscreen  
£1,756

#### St Michael and All Angels' Church, Brimington

Heating  
£68,509

#### The Octagon Theatre, Bury

Access & Lift  
£76,980

#### Christ Church, Heeley

Refurbishment  
£100,000

#### Hillstown Village Hall

Refurbishment  
£65,000



**Temple Park Centre,  
Sheffield**  
Refurbishment  
£99,359

**Rochdale Cricket,  
Lacrosse & Squash Club**  
Refurbishment  
£56,775

**John Holt Community Centre,  
Westhoughton**  
MUGA  
£24,904

**Staghills Road,  
Rossendale**  
Play Area  
£66,912

**Castleton Health & Leisure Centre**  
Hydrotherapy Pool  
£99,970

## South East Community Projects

**Hersden Community Centre**  
Repairs  
£29,095

**South Street Studios,  
Ipswich**  
Toilets  
£17,595

**St Peter & St Paul Chapel,  
ORNC**  
Access  
£10,000

**Purley Bury Tennis Club**  
Floodlights  
£38,790

**Belstead Village Hall**  
Refurbishment  
£40,000

**Faversham Rec**  
Outdoor Gym  
£25,498

**Banbury Cricket Club**  
Nets  
£20,366

**St Mary's Church,  
Flowton**  
Extension  
£30,369

**Duns Tew Play Area**  
Improvements  
£48,742

**Faversham Pools**  
Heating  
£48,300

**St Margaret's Church,  
Womenswold**  
Heating  
£19,000

**Stonham Aspal Village Hall**  
Car Park  
£16,853

**Wildwood,  
Canterbury**  
Regeneration  
£49,739

**Piddington Village Hall,  
Bicester**  
Play Area  
£31,241

**Ruxley Church,  
Epsom**  
Garden of Reflection  
£5,209

**St Mary's Church,  
Headley**  
Octagon Extension  
£40,000

**Recreation Ground,  
Woolage**  
Swings  
£7,624

**Trinity Hall,  
Onehouse**  
Toilets  
£25,574

**Rose Theatre,  
Kingston**  
Gallery  
£22,575

**Little Stonham**  
Play Area  
£15,000

**Bramford Social Club**  
Refit  
£14,464

**Offton & Willisham Village Hall,  
Ipswich**  
Improvements  
£25,000

**St Mary's Church,  
Nonington**  
Facilities upgrade  
£40,625

**Layham Village Hall,  
Ipswich**  
Renovation  
£15,555

**St Lawrence & Highland Court CC,  
Canterbury**  
Practice Nets  
£33,538

**St Mary's Church,  
Bentley**  
Improvements  
£35,266

**Horton Chapel,  
Epsom**  
Kitchen  
£36,141

**Buxhall Playing Fields**  
Regeneration  
£25,000

**St Francis' Church,  
Selsdon**  
New Building  
£21,390

**Nonington Village Hall**  
Windows  
£20,784

**Creting St Mary Diamond  
Jubilee Hall**  
Central Heating Upgrade  
£6,425

**Mortlake Meadow Footpath,  
Richmond**  
Towpath Improvements  
£27,250

**Chilham Recreation Ground,  
Kent**  
MUGA Floodlights  
£17,700

**St Luke's Church, Eltham**  
Heating  
£13,801

**The South London Gallery,  
Peckham**  
Heating & Fire-Proofing  
£30,700

**St Alfege's Church Hall,  
Greenwich**  
Toilets  
£50,000

**St Michael & All Angels' Church,  
Blackheath**  
Boundary Wall  
£53,444

**Worcester Park Baptist Church,  
Surrey**  
Community Hub  
£100,000

“ **LCF Fact**  
In 2019/20 our South  
East Steering  
Group funded 19  
Community projects  
at an average of  
£29,822. ”

## LCF Funded Projects

### South East Heritage Projects

**St Michael & All Angels' Church,  
Wallington**  
Refurbishment  
£51,877

**St Mary's Church,  
Chesterton**  
Pointing  
£7,561

**St Mary's Church,  
Creting St Mary**  
Roof  
£15,121

**St Peter's Church,  
Vauxhall**  
Organ  
£36,680

**Chiswick House**  
Conservatory  
£14,514

**St Andrew's Church,  
Oddington**  
Tower  
£20,000

**St Michael's Church,  
Hernhill**  
Windows  
£9,310

### South West Community Projects

**Holy Trinity Church,  
Chilton Trinity**  
Heaters & Re-Wiring  
£7,575

**Nynehead Church,  
Wellington**  
Boiler Replacement & Repairs  
£37,102

**Feniton FC,  
Honiton**  
Football Pitch Ball Retention Netting  
£1,269

**Bridford Village Hall**  
Refurbishment  
£4,005

**Exeter Community Centre**  
Community Rooms  
£20,000

**Crediton Congregational Church**  
Car Park  
£25,604

**Clyst St George Cricket Club**  
Practice Nets  
£34,752

**Pilton Pavilion**  
Extension  
£26,400

**Tiverton Rugby Club**  
Trees & Fencing  
£20,470

**Wiveliscombe Recreation Ground**  
Inclusive Swing  
£7,986

**Dunsford Village Green**  
Play Equipment  
£24,026

**Teign Corinthian Yacht Club**  
Expansion  
£50,000

**The Recreation Ground,  
Wincanton**  
Skate Park  
£50,000

**Newton St Cyres Tennis Club**  
Toilet facilities  
£4,980

**Tuckers Hall,  
Exeter**  
Repairs and Refurbishment  
£29,985

**Heathcoat Cricket Club,  
Tiverton**  
Access Road  
£40,000

**Sowton Village Hall**  
Refurbishment  
£16,750

**The Lodge Indoor Skatepark,  
Newton Abbot**  
Renovation  
£21,349

**Pinhoe Target Sports Club,  
Exeter**  
Internal Fit Out  
£50,000

**Burlescombe and Westleigh  
Community Hall**  
Audio Visual System  
£4,624

**St Nicholas Priory Community  
Hub, Exeter**  
Heating  
£45,000

**St Nicholas' Church,  
Combe Raleigh**  
Path & Utilities  
£15,835

**Middlezoy Methodist Church**  
Oil Tank & Electrical Works  
£2,593

**The School Room,  
Teigngrace**  
External Improvements  
£13,584

**Ocean Youth Studios,  
Paignton**  
Refurbishment  
£33,072

**Wells Methodist Church**  
Organ  
£7,500

**Chudleigh Knighton Village Hall**  
Improvements  
£15,798

**Shaldon Optimists Cricket Club,  
Teignmouth**  
Practice nets  
£42,367

**Taunton Model Engineers,  
West Buckland**  
Activity Centre  
£43,754

**Evercreech Village Hall**  
Car Park  
£13,300

**Hockworthy Village Hall**  
Facilities Upgrade  
£12,130

**Stokeinteignhead  
Community Shop**  
Lease Purchase  
£37,500

**Bovey Tracey Paradiso Arts**  
Extension  
£50,000



**Westhay Moor NNR,  
Glastonbury**

Boardwalk  
£43,890

**St Disen's Church & Hall,  
Bradinch**

New Toilets  
£20,000

**Bovey Tracey Tennis Club**

Court Resurfacing  
£20,000

**Heavitree Bowling Club,  
Exeter**

Irrigation System  
£18,130

**Cranmore Memorial Hall**

Roof  
£21,620

**Wiveliscombe Recreation Ground**

Car Park Re-surfacing  
£22,707

**Plainmoor Community  
Swimming Pool**

Solar Panels  
£22,420

**Mansfield Park,  
Bridgwater**

Community Building  
£36,005

**Berrow Village Hall**

Pavilion Overflow Car Park  
£7,050

**North Petherton RFC**

Gym  
£67,936

**Bridgwater Cricket Club**

Kitchen Extension  
£54,401

**Puriton,  
Somerset**

Pump Track  
£56,827

**Taunton Model Engineers,  
West Buckland**

New Rail  
£62,098

**Highland Terrace Recreation  
Ground, Uffculme**

Skate Park  
£75,435

**Motte & Bailey Castle,  
Bampton**

New Play Park  
£99,195

## South West Heritage Projects

**Heavitree United  
Reformed Church**

Roof  
£27,386

**St Mary the Virgin Church,  
Washfield**

Windows  
£1,748

**All Saints' Church,  
Castle Cary**

External Repairs  
£100,000

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**LCF Fact**  
In 2019/20 our  
Steering Groups in  
England funded 25  
sporting projects  
an average of  
**£32,203.**

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**Westhay Nature Reserve, Somerset**

Photo credits to Tony Painter

## Morton Village Hall

Morton Village Hall was originally built in 1680 as a Malthouse for the local farming Community.

In 1975 it was taken over by the Parish Council and used as a Village Hall which was managed by the Village Hall Management Committee. Over the years it had deteriorated, usage had dwindled and was under threat of closure due to the poor facilities.



Side of Hall Before

With the help of Viridor Credits, support from the local Parish Council and volunteers, a full refurbishment project was undertaken in 2019. The side of the hall was redundant and was extended out to create an accessible entrance to the hall.

The walls were built and the new structure made watertight by the addition of a roof. The committee took the opportunity to replace and extend the kitchen, using the extra internal space provided by the extension. The remodelled kitchen also included a serving hatch directly into the hall.

The work included a full refurbishment of the hall including new toilets.



New Extension



New Roof Extension



Extension in Progress

Since the completion usage of the hall has more than **doubled** and over 3500 villagers have used the facility in the first three months.

- John Funnell Chair Morton Parish Council





**Kitchen Before**



**Kitchen Before**



**New Side Entrance with Accessible Ramp**



**Kitchen After**



**Kitchen After**



**Hall After**

## Phoenix Park BMX Track, Runcorn



The new BMX pump track facility has been located within Phoenix Park in Runcorn. The site utilises a vacant area of existing grass and tarmac hardstanding which is easily accessible from neighbouring housing areas as well as excellent public transport links.

The addition of the track supports the vision to encourage local youth activities in the park. The extra sporting challenges of a BMX pump track was seen as highly desirable in the local area following



Before

consultation with young people and its construction has been a long-standing ambition for the park. Viridor Credits was approached for a contribution towards the costs of the groundworks and landscaping.

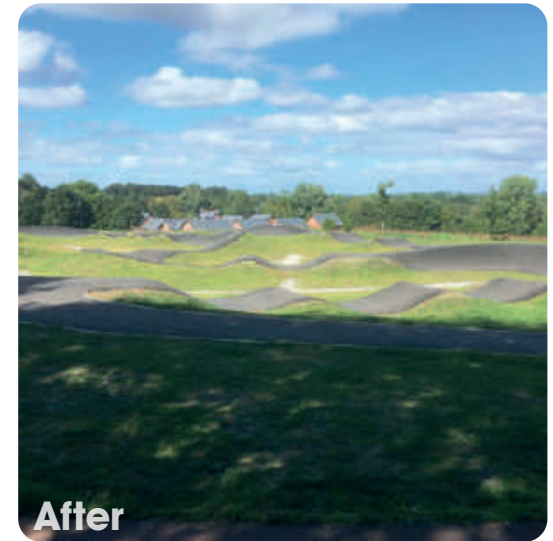
To construct the track, the existing surfacing was excavated to form the levels needed for the new layout. New drainage has been installed and material imported to form the track jumps and berms.



During



During



After

The stone sub base and tarmac wearing course has been laid to form the new surfacing to the track with a new path constructed to link the track to the existing footpaths. Grass seed has been sown over imported topsoil to cover the mounds and a new site sign and waste bin installed.

“The Windmill Hill community had wanted a BMX Pump track for many years and so they were **thrilled** when Viridor Credits and Big Local funding finally enabled it to happen. - Nick Martin, Halton Borough Council





## Kilnhurst Ings Nature Reserve



Overview of Reserve

Kilnhurst Ings is an area of water meadow, with industrial areas at one end, new housing and a railway line on another side and the River Don with flood defences on the other. Wet scrapes and channels had already been created to attract target species of snipe and lapwing. However, this area is vulnerable to grazing by cattle, necessary but uncontrolled at present and also dogs running off the lead. Ground nesting birds are therefore very vulnerable.

Sheffield Wildlife Trust approached Viridor Credits to fund fencing to manage grazing in this central area and a few other sections around the edge of the reserve. New stock-proof fencing, fencing crossings, field gates and kissing gates have been installed to achieve the aims of the Trust.



Old Stile and Fencing



Old Fencing



Wooden Gate



Kissing Gate

A total of **1441m** of post and wire fencing has been installed.

**Five** new wooden field gates installed along with **five** metal kissing gates



Stock Fencing

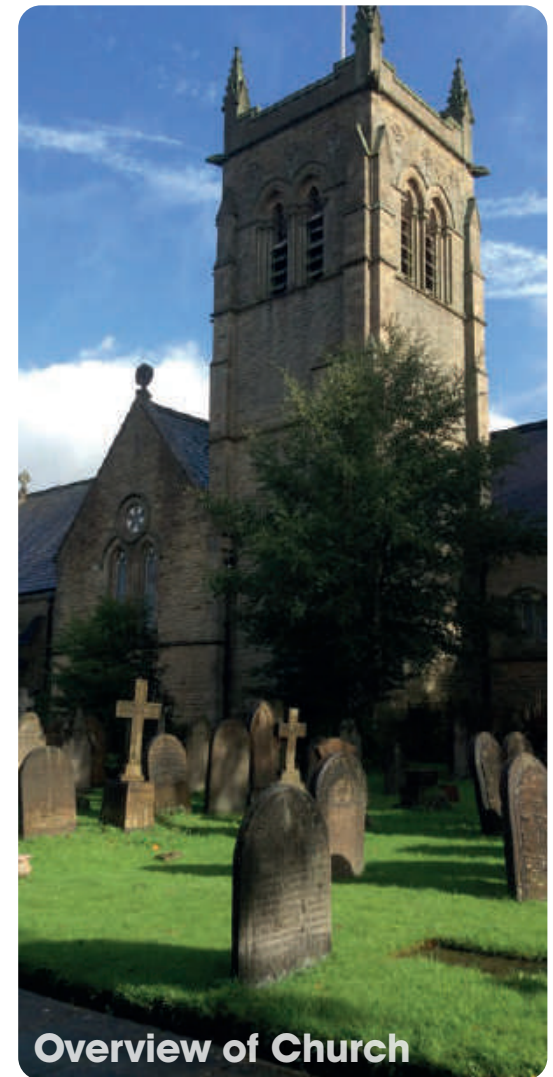
## St Matthew's Church, Little Lever



**View Showing Transept and Tower**

The Church is a Grade II-listed building and the whole roof was placed on the Historic England at risk register. The leads are original but the slates were letting in water and, after years of neglect, funding for the tower

and transept repairs was requested by the Parish. The need for the repairs is to make the Church watertight and to prevent internal damage to fixtures and fittings, notably the Brindley and Foster organ.



**Overview of Church**

The work to the tower and the re-roofing of the south transept has now been completed. This is a large church building with further work to be considered.



## Community - South East

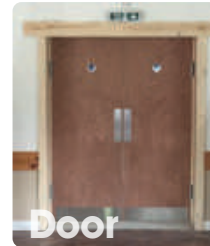
# Piddington Village Hall



The Oxfordshire village of Piddington is home for about 370 adults and 60 children. The Village Hall, which was built in the 1950's, acts as the focal point of the village

and is in use most days. Storage was a problem and before this project, bowls mats, tables and chairs, together with a table tennis table were stored in the hall. A bespoke timber building was decided on. Viridor Credits was approached to fund the groundworks, paintwork, insulation and electrical works.

The first step was to lay a foundation for the building. The wooden building was then erected on to this base. Insulation was added and a new door in to the original hall. The result has been welcomed by the users.



“ We are extremely grateful to Viridor Credits Environmental Company, and the other funders who have made all this possible. ”  
- The Piddington Community



Viridor Credits was also requested to fund a new play area on the land behind the village hall. Piddington once had a play area which was well used and was situated at the heart of the community. However, since its installation back in 1999, the equipment became dangerous and had to be completely removed. The land that this once stood on then became derelict and overgrown. The aim was to provide children aged between 1 and 12 with new bright play equipment in the location where the old play area once stood at the rear of the Village Hall. The playground design was chosen to excite and challenge children with its bright colours and jungle theme whilst stimulating their senses. Children can take a trip on the boat through the river and jump across the lily pads.





## The Old Vic Theatre

The Old Vic's Grade II\*-listed building had serious physical access limitations. There was no step free access to the Box Office, bars, café or loos, preventing those with access requirements from having the full theatre experience, and the auditorium was only able to accommodate a maximum of two wheelchair spaces per performance. It was vital that The Old Vic addressed these issues to truly make the building open and accessible to everyone. Viridor Credits was requested to contribute towards the accessibility of the building and new toilets.



The Box Office and Penny café and bar are now wheelchair accessible for the first time in 201 years and the number of wheelchair spaces in the auditorium has increased from two to a maximum of 10.

Notable features include a new accessible entrance on Waterloo Road with a lift up to the new accessible Box Office and inner foyer areas and down to Penny, which now has double the loo provision including a wheelchair accessible loo, baby changing facilities and two 'roomier' ambulant loos. Visitors to Penny can also enjoy the new food and drinks menu with a key focus on ethical production and sustainability, underpinned by a commitment to being 100% single-use plastic-free by early 2020. This project also saw the creation of a large outer foyer bar and increased loo provision on the Baylis Circle level. The refurbishment of the Front of House spaces completely transformed the building and welcome more people than ever before.

## Broadham Down

Broadham Down is a mixture of old chalk grassland, scrub and new woodland, with surrounding ancient woodland and grassland. Prior to the 1960s Broadham Down would have been a small part of a thriving landscape of chalk grassland, full of wild flowers insects and bird life. During intensification of agriculture in the second part of the last century, nearly all of this area was ploughed and farmed, with much of the wildlife being lost.

The farming ventures were abandoned in the mid-1980s leading to scrub and secondary woodland establishment with further loss of grassland habitats and the wildlife that lived there. Kent Wildlife Trust established the site as a nature reserve in 1996. Attempts to establish effective conservation grazing have been hampered by poor quality fencing, the lack of stock handling infrastructure, the absence of fixed water supply across the site and scrub and secondary woodland encroachment.



The funding from Viridor Credits has allowed the Trust to establish quality fencing across the whole site, install a water supply and build handling facilities. All of these additions will allow the Trust to finely tune the grazing, controlling scrub, encouraging development of species-rich grassland and seeing the recovery of important wildlife like Man Orchid and Black Veined Moth. Clearing large amounts of scrub and secondary woodland has created new areas of chalk grassland, and created sunlit corridors between Broadham and other conservation sites in the area.





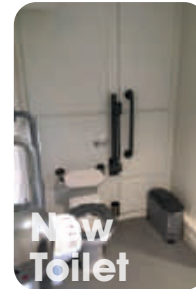
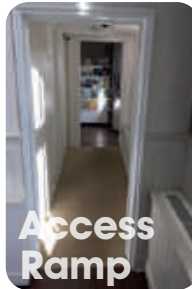
## The Bishop of London's Palace, Fulham



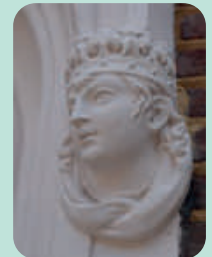
The overall project was a large restoration and renewal project, focusing mainly on the Tudor quadrangle and the gardens of Fulham Palace, London.

The project has opened up new areas of the Palace to the public and there is now a new museum and interpretation.

Thanks to the Viridor Credits funding and as part of the wider capital works, Fulham Palace was able to restore a lost historic opening in the great hall that originally connected the two parts of the building.



The main porchway in to the Palace has been completely restored. Stripping back layers of paint accumulated over many years. This involved detailed restoration of the lath and plaster and the rib vault ceiling with its central boss, coat of arms and leaf decoration. The two plaster faces on the outside of the porch were restored and confirmed to be representations of Bishop Howley and his wife. The improved accessibility enabled a compliant disabled toilet in the new museum space and a ramp to connect the visitor welcome room to the main museum.

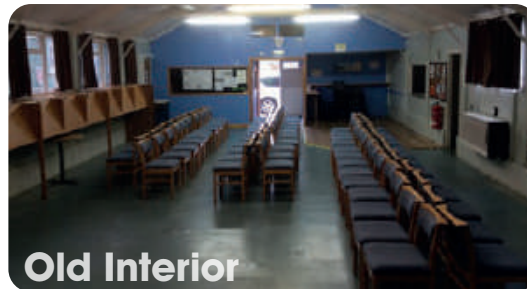




## St Peter's Community Centre, Yeovil

This brand new community centre was built in 2019 with the help of a £50,000 grant from Viridor Credits. Westfield estate in Yeovil includes some of the most deprived neighbourhoods in South Somerset. At the centre of the estate, St. Peter's Church Hall was the only community meeting space, but was in a poor state of repair. Despite this, it was in regular use by everything from baby groups to lunch clubs for the elderly.

The vision was to replace the single-space hall with a multi-purpose facility, including both hireable spaces, and an area for the community to drop into throughout the week. With Viridor Credits' help, £940,000 was raised and the new St. Peter's Community Centre was built on time and to budget in 2019.



Old Interior

The Centre is already in use seven days a week. It hosts a Job Club, health café, Citizens Advice, three youth groups, two brand new groups set up by local residents, and a volunteer-run community café three times a week. The reaction to the new Centre has been overwhelmingly positive, and it has provided Westfield with a fantastic facility, and a welcoming and high quality community hub.



Demolition



Rebuilding



Old Community Centre



New Community Centre



New Room



New Hall

## Bovey Valley Woods

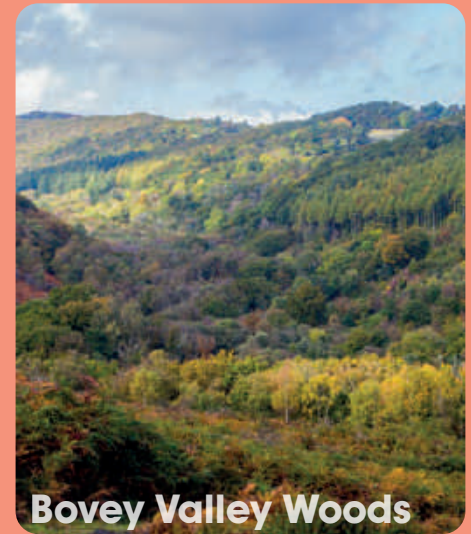
The Bovey Valley Woods in Dartmoor are a haven for wildlife. All along the valley, a variety of habitats provide the right conditions where some special species find refuge. This is where the bright, sparkling waters of the River Bovey and Becka Brook converge between the moss-covered trees of ecologically important wet woodlands. Higher up the steep sunlit slopes, patches of ancient woodland stand amid swathes of conifer plantations that cover large areas of the valley. These plantations have been shown to reduce the vitality and diversity of the wild plants and animals.

Careful thinning work will give the remnants of wild habitat a chance to regain their place among the dominant conifers. The secret of woodland restoration is to gradually remove the evergreens and

increase the levels of sunlight that supports life below the canopy. With the support of Viridor Credits over recent years, this work has shown that positive change is on the way.

Now, wildflowers are reclaiming the slopes and butterflies and beetles are responding to these opportunities, including the blue ground beetle which is only found in a few wooded valleys in this region.

In other areas, the works have given the hazel dormouse a stronghold for survival after stands of conifers have been replaced by the vigorous new growth of native broadleaved woodland. Boosting wild diversity is part of an improving picture at the beautiful Bovey Valley and this work will continue after a successful start.





## Holy Cross Church, Babcarry



The Church of the Holy Cross dates from the 14th and 15th centuries. The Church is Grade II\*-listed. The West gallery project was to replace the platform in the Church tower which was removed or collapsed in Victorian times leaving a door to nowhere half way up the tower wall above the chancery. In days past this led to a gallery which was used as a viewing / musician's gallery.

The proposal was to reinstate the Gallery providing valuable storage space and storage for village memorabilia currently scattered around the village. There would also be space for a small church office and for sound and light equipment for community events.

The blocked off doorway was a potential death trap opening onto a 15ft drop to



a stone floor. The replacement of the west balcony addressed both problems. It also enhanced the community facility and made the space more usable for local events, leading to more use of the facility in the future.

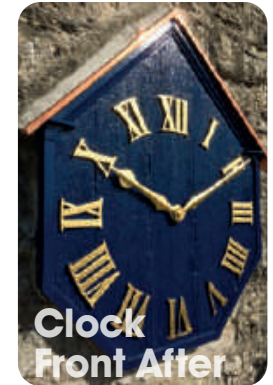


## All Saints' Church, East Pennard

The Church of All Saints' in East Pennard, Somerset, dates from the 14th century. It is a Grade I-listed building. The tower contains a clock and five bells which are the second heaviest peal of five bells in the world. The wrought iron-framed 18th century clock, being subjected to the elements of wind and rain high up in the tower, was rusting away.

Viridor Credits was approached for funding towards the clock and the clock face. The clock has been restored and is now on display in the tower's ground floor ringing chamber. The clock is a late 18th century hourly-striking, weight-driven mechanism with brass wheel work driving an external wooden clock face on the west wall of the tower.

The clock face, a later historical object from the 19th century, which was in a very poor state and rotting away, has also been sympathetically renovated. Painted a high gloss dark blue with numerals and hands gilded in 23.5 carat gold, the face gleams wonderfully in the sun light.

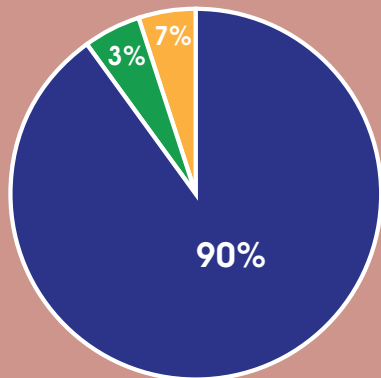


## Pennon Environmental Fund Introduction

The Pennon Environmental Fund (PEF) was set up in 1999 to distribute awards from the Landfill Communities Fund in South West Water's (SWW) operating area.

The fund allows non-profit groups to apply for funding in areas served by SWW, specifically, Cornwall and Devon. The projects must fall within a 10 mile radius of a licensed landfill site.

In 2019/2020 Pennon Environmental Fund awarded £252,925 between 18 projects.



- Community
- Heritage
- Biodiversity

## 2019/2020 PEF Funded Projects

**Paignton Bowling Club**  
Refurbishment  
£18,606

**Primraf Hall, Callington**  
Electrics  
£15,000

**Wendron Cricket Club**  
Floodlights  
£20,000

**Welcombe Village Hall**  
Play Area  
£10,000

**St Austell RFC**  
Sports Hall Refurbishment  
£18,423

**Plough Arts Centre, Devon**  
Seating  
£12,667

**Bude Methodist Church Hall**  
Improvements  
£18,901

**Ottery St Mary United Reformed Church**  
Refurbishment  
£10,000

**Mount Ambrose Cricket Club**  
Improvements  
£10,260

**Swimbridge Parklands, Barnstaple**  
New Playground  
£16,465

**North Devon Cricket Club, Instow**  
Windows  
£7,000

**Noss Mayo Play Park**  
Ship & Surfacing  
£19,229

**Bellever Moor and Meadows**  
Fencing  
£16,374

**Great Torrington Commons**  
Playpark  
£20,000

**Hatherleigh Cricket Club**  
Kitchen  
£20,000

**Plympton Cricket Club**  
Nets Refurbishment  
£7,794

**St John's Church, Bridgetown**  
Facilities  
£3,560

**The Town Mill, Totnes**  
Repair of Mill Wheel  
£8,646

“In 2019/2020, The Pennon Environmental Fund awarded, on average, £14,051 per project.”



## The Dartmoor Way



The Dartmoor Way is a 100 mile circular route that links hamlets, villages and towns around the moor. It was designed to deliver tourists to the towns and villages along the route such as Okehampton, Moretonhampstead, Chagford, Bovey Tracey, Ashburton, Buckfastleigh,

Ivybridge, Yelveton and Tavistock. The signage was not up to standard and the route was removed from Ordnance Survey mapping several years ago because of the lack of way markers; a change in OS policy meant that the only way-marked routes could be shown on their maps. One of the objectives of the project was to reinstate the route back on the OS mapping as a named route.

The original signage left a lot to be desired, with a distinct lack of information coupled with the need to follow the route using a map.

The new markers and downloadable PDF route description have made the route more accessible to all without the need for map reading.

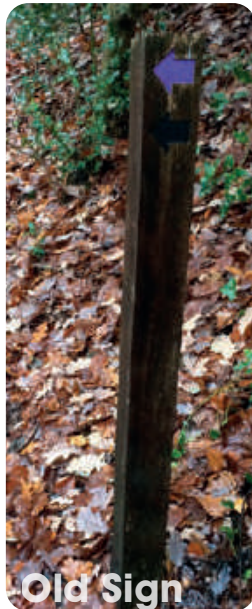
This project completed a circular route around the whole moor and contributes to the Health and Wellbeing strategy of the Government.



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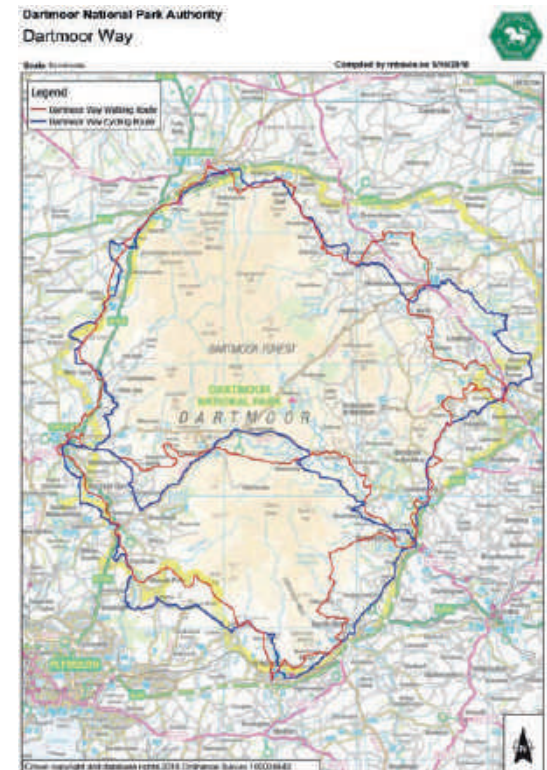
Old Sign



Old Sign



New Sign





## Lanreath Village Hall

The Village Hall was opened in 1989 and is a well used community venue. The hall was heated by old and inefficient storage heaters, which heat up bricks in the early morning, releasing heat during the day whether the hall was used or not.

This inefficient system, couple with rising energy prices, led the hall committee to approach the Pennon Environmental Fund to help with the purchase of 12 Wi-Fi controlled oil-filled radiators. These heat up quickly when required by timer or remote app. The hall also received new tables and chairs to replace the existing, dilapidated suite.



Old Heaters



New Heaters



Old Chairs



Lanreath Village Hall



New Chairs

## Ottery St Mary United Reformed Church



Ottery St Mary United Reformed Church embarked on a major refurbishment project that included new lighting, decoration, heating, audio visual equipment, new kitchen and doors. The lighting has required renewal since the roof repair in 2014. Original lighting consisted of long fluorescent tubes and was not in keeping

with a church environment. New bespoke lighting was designed and the Pennon Environmental Fund was requested to part fund the cost of the new lighting.

The new lighting consists of hanging pendant lights.





# Scottish Landfill Communities Fund

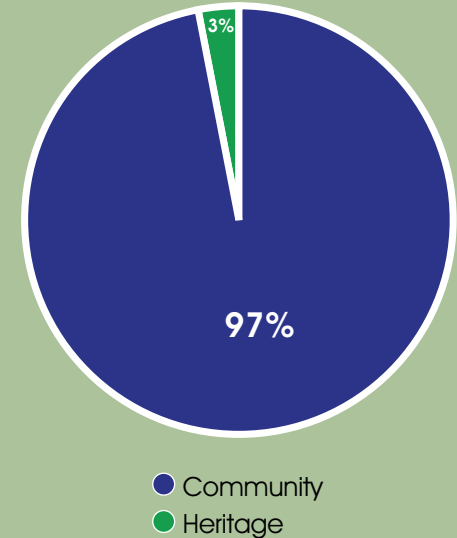
## Introduction



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 and environmental projects. The SLCF replaced the UK scheme in Scotland on the 1<sup>st</sup> April 2015.

Viridor Credits is able to 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. This year, Viridor Credits, through the SLCF, has funded 21 projects totalling £295,897.



Strathmore RFC



The Wallyford Pug  
Replica Steam Locomotive



2019/2020

## SLCF Funded Projects

**St Stephen's Church,  
Sikeside**

Refurbishment  
£11,400

**Strathmore RFC, Forfar**

Pitch Equipment  
£15,600

**Culkein Stoer**

Jetty Renovation  
£12,832

**Loans Village Hall,  
Ayrshire**

Renovation  
£11,160

**The Wallyford Pug**

Replica Steam Locomotive  
£3,639

**Moncrieff Parish Church,  
East Kilbride**

Heating  
£24,810

**St Joseph's Church Hall,  
Kilmarnock**

Toilets  
£14,400

**Belleisle Conservatory**

Roof blinds  
£21,926

**Lenzie Tennis Club**

Floodlights  
£13,466

**West Pilton Park,  
Edinburgh**

Equipment & Landscaping  
£17,464

**Geilsland Hall,  
Beith**

Solar Project  
£16,062

**Musselburgh Sea Cadets Hall**

Toilets & Showers  
£25,000

**Whitehouse & Grange Bowling Club,  
Edinburgh**

Disabled access  
£1,452

**St Margaret's Church Hall,  
Airdrie**

Air-con and Redecoration  
£9,140

**Bellfield, Edinburgh**

Toilets  
£13,470

**Cathcart Trinity Church,  
Glasgow**

Heating & Kitchen  
£8,346

**Dalziel St Andrews Church,  
Motherwell**

Repair of Church Spire  
£7,716

**Lomond Park Tennis Club**

Court Resurfacing  
£20,000

**Dalmellington Community Centre**

Heating  
£11,552

**The Broomhouse Centre**

Community Hub Garden  
£25,000

**St Thomas' Church Hall,  
Wishaw**

Kitchen  
£11,462



**Belleisle Conservatory**

## Athelstaneford Community Hall

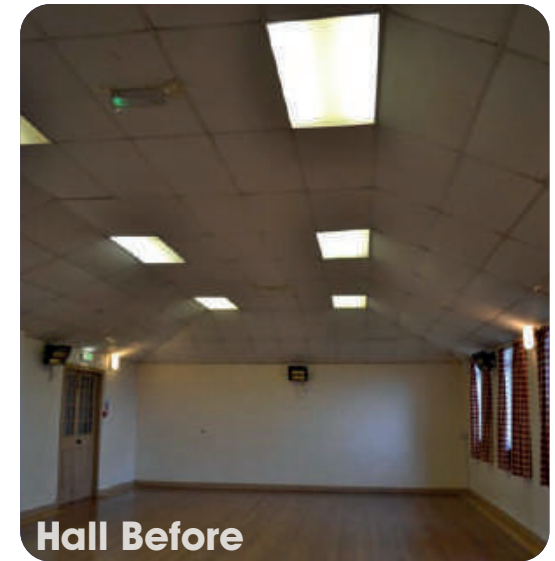
Athelstaneford is a village roughly 20 miles east of Edinburgh. Local legend has it that the Scottish Saltire flag originated from here. The village hall is the only covered communal space in the village; a village without shops, cafes or a pub.

The village hall dates from 1929. The interior of the hall was last refurbished in the 1990's

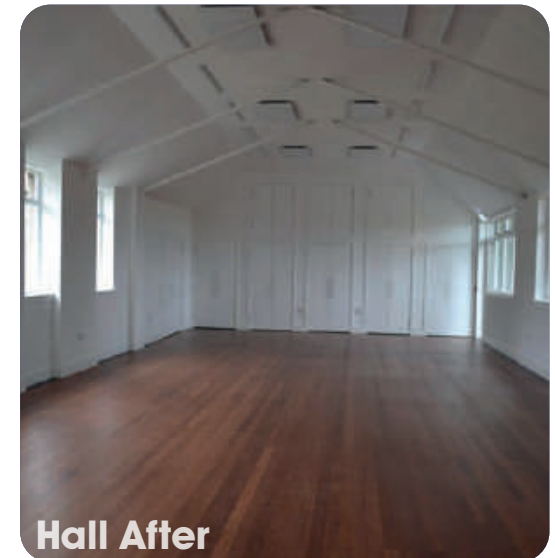
and was starting to look its age. A new project was devised to refurbish the hall, turning it into a modern, attractive and user-friendly facility. Viridor Credits awarded £50,000 towards the interior decoration, resulting in a community facility this historic village can be proud of.



**Athelstaneford Community Hall**



**Hall Before**



**Hall After**



## Cromarty Community Cinema



Finished Cinema

Cromarty and Resolis Film Society (CRFS) identified the demand for a local-run cinema that would provide access for the community to a full range of screenings. The land was identified and plans for a 30-seat cinema were drawn up. The new purpose-built cinema boasts not only the

latest blockbusters but, thanks to the latest digital technology, the society is able to live-stream shows and performances from all over the world. Viridor Credits contributed £50,000 towards the construction of the building.



Chosen Land



Artist Impression



## Carstairs Parish Church

Carstairs Parish Church is a Grade B-listed building built in 1794 and is the centre of community life. Urgent structural issues were discovered and without attention the building would continue to deteriorate.

Overall cost for the repair of the church was in excess of £340,000 and Viridor Credits was asked to fund the external repairs - about 15% of the total costs.

The repairs have transformed the look of the church, revealing details that were lost to grime and erosion, and the future of the church has been secured.





## The Viridor Credits Board

### 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.

### Regional Steering Groups

Viridor Credits has established regional steering groups that cover the areas that qualify for funding. Each group is comprised of individuals with specialist knowledge in biodiversity, heritage or community facilities as well as community minded people from the local funding areas. The areas that these groups cover are the North, South East and South West.

### 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 Calford.

## The Viridor Credits Team



**From Left to Right:**

Gareth Williams (Operations Manager),  
Karen Chilcott, Tony Painter, Dr Nick Berry,  
Alison Salvador (General Manager)

Operations Manager, Gareth Williams is responsible for delivering the operational function of Viridor Credits, including applications, compliance and communications. Gareth manages the team 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.

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



## THANK YOU

Volunteers are really the life blood of how all the projects featured in this brochure happen – without the hundreds of people who give up their time to complete application forms, make phone calls, hammer a nail or make cups of tea, none of these projects would ever have gotten off the ground. You're why we're able to fund the projects we can.

Thank you all!



**Kirtlington Village Hall**



**St Barnabas' Church,  
Queen Camel**



**Wimbledon Common River Restoration**





**Church of the  
Annunciation  
Chesterfield**



**Chiswick Conservatory**



**King George V Skate Park, Staveley**



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