SNOWDONIA NATIONAL PARK AUTHORITY



COMMUNITY WELLBEING GRANTS – GUIDANCE NOTE

The purpose of the Community Wellbeing Fund is to aid small sustainable projects that will be of economic, social or environmental benefit to the communities of Snowdonia National Park.

Eligible Projects

Any projects that improve the local environment and well-being of the community and meet the aims and objectives of the Snowdonia National Park Authority will be eligible for funding. The projects need to be able to show that they either:

- a) conserve and enhance the natural beauty, wildlife and cultural heritage of the area e.g. improving or protecting the local environment through landscaping, planting of native trees, other biodiversity projects, restoring / renovating features of local interest or projects that develop appropriate traditional skills or
- b) promote opportunities for the understanding and enjoyment of the special qualities of the area e.g. increasing public understanding of the local environment and the National Park and / or presenting information about the history and cultural heritage of the community using interpretation boards and / or leaflets or
- c) foster the economic and social wellbeing of local communities within the Park e.g. village maps / community appraisals, community newsletters, festivals / exhibitions.

Conditions

- 1) All projects must be located within the Snowdonia National Park.
- 2) Where appropriate, projects should seek to use local materials and products.
- 3) Projects must have the relevant planning permission / consent.
- 4) Commitment must be shown to the long-term viability of the scheme through management and maintenance.
- 5) Grants will be awarded to completed projects or completed stages of larger schemes. Usually no funding will be given in advance.
- 6) Snowdonia National Park Authority may reclaim grant paid if the project does not proceed as agreed.
- 7) Details of other funding (applied for or received) for the project must be declared.
- 8) Snowdonia National Park Authority must be told of, and agree to, any major changes to a scheme after the grant application has been made.
- Snowdonia National Park Authority reserves the right to monitor the expenditure of grants including the inspection of invoices with attached receipts, and the inspection on site of materials and facilities.
- 10) Snowdonia National Park Authority may publish details of grants awarded.
- 11) Grants received by the Snowdonia National Park Authority must be acknowledged in any publicity.

Who can apply?

Applications can be made by voluntary groups, youth groups, women's groups (WIs, Merched y Wawr etc) and schools. Individuals, businesses and statutory bodies are not eligible to apply. The grants awarded will usually be between £50 and £500 and will not be more than 50% of total project costs. The projects 50% may include volunteer labour, which for the purpose of the grant application can be estimated at £8.21 per hour.

The form is easy to complete – for a chat and more information contact the: Volunteer and Well-Being Officer, Snowdonia National Park Authority, National Park Office, Penrhyndeudraeth, Gwynedd, LL48 6LF

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