

Sussex Lund 2020

Grant Application Form



Please complete this form to apply for a grant from Sussex Lund.

Please refer to the criteria before completing this. If you require assistance or if there is anything that you do not understand contact our office, we will be happy to help. Completed application forms and all additional documents (*see final page*) must be returned to our office by **2pm on Monday 2 March 2020**.

PLEASE KEEP A COPY OF YOUR APPLICATION

Name of organisation/ individual Cuckfield Parish Council

Address The Queens Hall, High Street, Cuckfield **Email** adrian.podmore@cuckfield.gov.uk

West Sussex **Postcode** RH17 5EL

MAIN CONTACT - The main contact person should be someone who can discuss the application. Please give details of a second contact in case the main contact is unavailable.

	Main contact	Second contact
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Position	Councillor	Assistant Clerk
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What type of applicant are you? (Please delete appropriately)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> N | Registered Charity – Number | <input type="checkbox"/> N | Not for Profit organisation – Number |
| <input type="checkbox"/> N | Community Group / Club / Society | <input type="checkbox"/> Y | Parish or town council |
| <input type="checkbox"/> N | Community Interest Company - Number | <input type="checkbox"/> N | Other (please explain) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> N | Private individual | | |

When did your organisation start (if applicable)? Please give date: MM/YY

How many people are involved in running your organisation (if applicable)?

Management committee members _____ Full-time staff _____

Part-time staff _____ Volunteers _____

What is your organisations overall aim and what does it do (if applicable)?

The Parish council serves the village of Cuckfield.

Please give the following figures for your organisation or group for the last financial year (if applicable).

Income (£) _____ Expenditure (£) _____ Reserves _____

If your project is collaborative, who are you are working with?* Please provide your partnership agreement as an additional document.

Click here to enter text.

How did you hear about Sussex Lund?

- High Weald E-news High Weald event Word of mouth Social media
 Press feature Website Other (please explain) _____

Please summarise what your project will do in one sentence.

Improve and enhance biodiversity within the village and its environs.

Where will your project take place? Please provide a location map if you have one.

Address Cuckfield Village and New England Wood RH17 5EL
Postcode

Or name and grid reference of project location _____

If your project involves land or objects do you own this outright? Y

If you are not the owner what agreement do you have with the owner/s to undertake the project?

- Y Signed letter N Contract
N Verbal agreement N Other (please explain)

Why is your project needed? What will your project do? What difference will it make to the landscape?

Remember Sussex Lund supports practical projects that improve the landscape of the High Weald. Please describe any evidence you have of need. Please attach photographs to help answer this question. Please do not use more than **375** words.

Why needed?

Our project focuses on improving and enhancing the biodiversity of the village, particularly species and habitats that are threatened or in decline.

Swifts are now an amber-listed species, having declined 57% decrease in their breeding numbers in the UK between 1995 and 2016.

Dormice are thought to have declined by a third since 2000 – causes include loss of habitat, habitat fragmentation and decline in woodland management.

A third of bees and pollinator species are in decline. There appears to be increasing evidence that current hives are not necessarily the best homes for bees due to lack of insulation. This in turn can lead to greater vulnerability to disease and varroa mites, thereby weakening the colony. A log hive enables the bees to provide better insulation.

There has also been increasing concern for the loss of wildflowers in our verges while the hedge at the Observer field will provide a much more productive habitat if it is laid rather than topped again.

What project will do?

As the Swift is a colonial bird, install 3 woodcrete boxes on the west facing, back wall of Queens Hall. A call system would also be required to attract the birds. If successful, we would eventually look to buy a box with a camera system where pictures could be transmitted to a screen in the museum.

Install 12 dormouse boxes and a log hive at New England Wood (owned by a trust but run as a community project by Cuckfield Woodlanders).

Dig up a verge on the High Street and replace with wildflower turf and lay the 50m of hedge at Observer Field.

Identify bat species primarily at New England Wood but elsewhere in the village using an audiomoth device, a low-cost, full-spectrum acoustic logger.

Make the new garden at Queens Hall as wildlife friendly as possible by installing boxes for hedgehogs, bats, birds and bugs.

Difference to landscape

Replanting a verge with wildflower turf will make Cuckfield a more vibrant and colourful place in the summer, enhancing the village's appearance within the landscape.

Laying the hedge at The Observer field will provide a distinctive and noticeable border to the field promoting the patchwork landscape of the Weald.

How will you minimise the carbon footprint of your project?

Please do not use more than **50** words.

The hedge will be laid using hand tools while the verge will be hand dug. The boxes will all be made from wood that is FSC certified.

What experience do you have of delivering projects like this? What advice have you sought?

Please do not use more than **100** words.

I have been involved in conservation work for many years and was recently the manager for Barnes Common LNR in London where we applied for and received funding from several organisations for various conservation projects. I am a dormouse license holder.

How will you look after your project when it is finished/ complete?

Please do not use more than **100** words.

All boxes will be cleaned out every winter to ensure parasites and debris is removed. Matt Somerville from BeeKind hives will make an annual visit to check the log hive; the hedge will not need attention for at least another 5 to 10 years, while a suitable mowing regime will be established in the autumn for the verge ensuring any cuttings are taken off.

How will you monitor what difference your project has made?

Please do not use more than **100** words.

I will monitor the dormouse boxes via NDMP scheme, in order to see how any population alters over time.

If Swifts do take up our boxes, a camera linked to a screen in the museum will enable visitors to get a rare look into these bird lives at the same time increasing awareness

There will inevitably be feedback to the parish council about any change to the verges in terms of tidiness so this will be duly monitored.

The audiomoth devices should be useful in providing and monitoring changes in any bat populations.

How will people benefit from your project?

Please do not use more than **100** words.

Showing people, especially children, a dormouse for the first time gives a huge amount of pleasure and is something that is not forgotten.

Our verge experiment should bring some feel-good factor while several residents remember good numbers of Swifts in the village, so hopefully we can begin to revive Swift numbers.

Boxes for the Queens Hall garden should attract wildlife which adds an extra layer of interest and enjoyment for those using the garden.

Laying the hedge at The Observer field will enable the public to enjoy and admire the results of one of the older country practices.

How will you share what your project has done to inspire wider change?

Please do not use more than **100** words.

Once everything is up and running, I will write an article in Cuckfield Life to publicise what we have done, spread awareness and explain what more can be done - e.g. local residents may be interested in putting up some Swift boxes, or if our verge experiment is successful, we would look to replicate with other verges while residents with privately owned verges may also be inspired to participate.

How will your project happen and how much will it cost?

Please break your project down into separate activities so that we can see who will do what and when. Please provide a breakdown of the costs of these activities and show how the funding from Sussex Lund would be used. See the completed example as a guide. **Please exclude VAT if you are VAT registered.**

What will you do?	Who will do it?	When	Items that need to be purchased	Total cost	Sussex Lund request £
Lay 50m of hedge at the Observer field	Hedges & Hurdles	Nov / Dec 2020	Please see quote	£1165	£1165
Lay 50 sqm of wildflower turf on High Street verge	Groundsman /Parish Council A.Podmore	Sep / Oct 2020	Wildflower Turf from Wildlife & Countryside Services 50 sq m at £25 per sq m (see attachment)	£1250	£1250
Install dormouse boxes at New England Wood	A.Podmore K.Burgess	Sept 2020	12 dormouse boxes NHBS 249436 FSC Exterior Ply @£ 16.50 each	£198	£198
Install a log hive at New England Wood	Matt Somerville / Bee Kind Hives / A.Podmore / K.Burgess	Sep 20 - April 2021	1 Log Hive @£350 Plus £150 installation	£500	£500
Install audiomoth data loggers for bats at New England Wood and Queens Hall garden	A.Podmore	Sept 2020	2 devices @£58 each From www.labmaker.org	£116	£116

Install swift boxes including CD/ MP3 or player amplifier call system at Queens Hall	A.Podmore	July 2020	3 WoodStone Swift boxes NHBS 217160 @£34.99 plus CD / MP3 & Cheng Sheng player amplifier or similar £25	£129.97	£129.97
Install bird boxes, bug hotels, hedgehog and bat boxes at Queens Hall garden	A.Podmore	Sept 2020	4 bird boxes including 2 wren / robin boxes @ £15.95 NHBS 193088, 1 camera ready NHBS 234349 £24.95 and 1 traditional NHBS 193704 £12.50	£69.35	£69.35
			1 standing bug hotel from Relaxdays RELX1982	£53.99	£53.99
			and 2 hanging bug hotels Relaxdays RELX1690 @£24.99	£49.98	£49.98
			1 hedgehog box NHBS 179141	£45.95	£45.95
			2 bat boxes Kent NHBS 242609 @ £37.50 & Chavenage NHBS 183445 @ £16.99	£54.49	£54.49
Total					£3632.73

If you are applying for other sources of funding for this project please fill out the table below

Source	Tick here if secured. (click the box)	Amount (£)
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DECLARATION

1. I am authorised to make this application.
2. I certify that the information contained in this application is correct.
3. I agree that the High Weald AONB Partnership can check the information in this application and any supporting documents with other people and organisations as part of the assessment process.
4. If the information in this application changes in any way I will inform the High Weald AONB Partnership.
5. I give permission for the High Weald AONB Partnership to record my details electronically and keep in touch by phone, mail or email about conserving and enhancing the AONB and enjoying it.

Signature Adrian Podmore

Date 28/2/2020

CHECKLIST (click circle to check) - Please enclose the following documents with your application.

All applicants:

- A map of project location
- A selection of 'before' photographs that help illustrate your project
- Copies of written estimates or catalogue pages to evidence your costings

If applicable:

- A copy of your latest annual accounts
- A copy of your constitution or rules
- Your CIC 34 report if you are a CIC
- Your partnership agreement if you are a collaborative project

Please send your completed application to:

High Weald AONB Partnership, Woodland Enterprise Centre, Hastings Road, Flimwell, East Sussex, TN5 7PR or email it to sussexlund@highweald.org



Well done – you've finished. Good luck with your application.