

Other grant awarding bodies that can help croquet clubs

The National Lottery funds projects in the arts, sport, heritage, charity, voluntary, health, education and environmental sectors: <https://www.lotterygoodcauses.org.uk/funding>

This includes

Sport England: <https://www.sportengland.org/>

Sport Wales Community Chest: offers grant awards up to £1,500 in any 12 months towards increasing participation and improving standards. Several Welsh Croquet Clubs have benefitted.

Sport Wales Be Active Fund: <https://www.sport.wales/beactivewalesfund/>

Sport England Small Grants: offer funding for projects involving adults and young people aged 14 or over which meet one or more of the aims off their “Towards an Active Nation Strategy”

Sport England Return to Play Fund <https://www.sportengland.org/how-we-can-help/our-funds/return-play-small-grants>

Nottingham CC obtained £10,000 matched funding from Sport England as part of their crowd funding exercise in 2020. Beatrice McGlen (Chair of Nottingham CC) can provide details of what to do and how to do it: beatrice@mcglen.co.uk

Sport England has compiled a useful list of all the other ways that clubs can generate funding:

see https://www.sportengland.org/how-we-can-help/our-funds/other-ways-to-generate-funding?section=social_sector_funding

They say that there are thousands of grant funders in England and they include links to “help you find what could be right for you”. They also list some of the grant search engines which have information on the latest grants available.

Several croquet clubs have obtained substantial assistance with development projects from **local sources**.

For example, Crake Valley CC in South Cumbria obtained funds (in addition to their Sport England and CA grants) from:

FCC Communities Foundation: <https://fcccommunitiesfoundation.org.uk/>;

Walney Extension Community Fund: <https://www.grantscape.org.uk/fund/walney-extension-community-fund/> (a fund that makes annual grants to community projects with the “funding area” of the Walney offshore wind farm)

Cumbria Community Foundation: <https://www.cumbriafoundation.org/> (a Community Foundation offering “life-changing grants and promoting philanthropy”)

Cumbria County Council: <https://www.cumbria.gov.uk/>

The Hadfield Trust <http://hadfieldtrust.org.uk/> (grant funding for good causes in Cumbria)

The Freda Scott Charitable Trust: <https://www.friedascott.org.uk/> (grants to charities and community groups in the South Lakeland district of Cumbria)

The Eric Wright Charitable Trust: <https://www.ericwright.co.uk/charitable-trust/>

The Furness Building Society: <https://www.furnessbs.co.uk/>

Winterborne Valley CC, near Blandford in Dorset, applied for grants from:

Winterborne Stickland PC Solar Farm Fund (see below)

Dorset Council Leisure Development Fund: <https://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/your-community/support-for-voluntary-and-community-organisations/funding/leisure-development-fund.aspx> (small grants to voluntary, not-for profit community organisations and Town and Parish Councils to support the development of the arts; museums and heritage; outdoor play; village halls and sports.

Crake Valley CC also obtained support from national Community Funds including:

The Asda Foundation: <https://www.asdafoundation.org/> (a charitable and corporate Foundation focussing on supporting small, local activities that directly involve their customers)

The Aviva Community Fund: <https://www.aviva.co.uk/services/more-from-aviva/aviva-community-fund/> (a fund established by the fairly well-known insurance company to “celebrate and support charities [and CASCs] doing great work all around UK”.

Other foundations (some established by companies doing environmentally doubtful things and/or modelling themselves on US corporations) offer support for community projects such as croquet clubs (though they are never mentioned on the websites) include:

The Greggs Foundation: <https://www.greggsfoundation.org.uk/grants/local-community-projects-fund>

The Co-op: <https://causes.coop.co.uk/terms-and-conditions>

Tesco: <https://tescobagsofhelp.org.uk/>

Garfield Weston Foundation <https://garfieldweston.org/what-we-support/>

The Veolia Environmental Trust: <https://www.veoliatrust.org/>

Heathrow Airport Community Fund: <https://www.groundwork.org.uk/apply-for-a-grant/london-grants/heathrow-grants/>

HS2 Community Environment Fund <https://hs2funds.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/Community-Environment-Fund-Guidance-Document.pdf>

Linden Homes Foundation: <https://www.lindenhomes.co.uk/foundation/about#nav>

Persimmon Homes Community Champions: <https://www.persimmonhomes.com/community-champions>

Ørsted (formerly DONG Energy) operate Community Benefit Funds for their off-shore wind projects in Liverpool Bay; the Irish Sea off the Cumbria coastline (see *Crake Valley* above) and the North Sea off the Yorkshire, Lincolnshire and North Norfolk coastline. The East Coast Community Fund (Yorkshire, Lincolnshire and North Norfolk Coast) is a fund worth £465,000 each year for a 20 year period. The Fund is a commitment by Ørsted to support communities within the coastal areas of its Hornsea and Race Bank Offshore Wind Farms. The areas included are parts of Boston, East Riding of Yorkshire, Fenland, King’s

Lynn and West Norfolk, North East Lincolnshire, North Norfolk, South Holland and West Lindsey.

Many rural communities receive money from local solar farms which will be paid annually for as long as the farms are operational. The basic criterion is that ideas should have benefit to the community. The funds are usually administered by Community Groups independently of the local Council. The groups accept applications for grants throughout the year. Councils act in partnership with the groups by holding the community benefit monies on their behalf in ring fenced funds. Examples include:

Howton Solar Farm Community Fund (Cornwall)

<https://www.cornwallcommunityfoundation.com/news/howton-solar-farm-community-fund-welcomes-applications-for-grants/>

Winterborne Stickland PC Solar Farm Fund (Dorset)

The Verwood Solar Farm (Dorset)

The 3LX Community Fund (Dorset)

Slimbridge Solar Farm (Gloucestershire) <https://slimbridge-pc.gov.uk/solar-farm-community-fund/>

Lacey Solar Farm Community Fund (Lincolnshire) <https://lincolnshirecf.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2018/10/LSF-Guidelines.pdf>

Ferry Farm Community Solar (West Sussex) <http://www.cfric.co.uk/ferry-farm-community-solar/>

The FCC Communities Foundation awards grants to community projects from funds donated by FCC Environment through the Landfill Communities Fund. It was previously known as WREN (Waste Recycling Environmental). They award grants to clubs within prescribed distances from landfill sites.

For example, the Mick George Community Fund provides grants of between £10,000 and £50,000 (although it is unlikely that individual grants over £35,000 will be made). Organisations can only apply for a grant if their total project cost is more than £10,000 and less than £100,000. The Fund supports projects located in proximity to landfill sites operated by Mick George Ltd and Frimstone Ltd and other waste treatment sites situated throughout the East Midlands and Anglian regions.

Further, the Mick George Sports Fund (run in association with Living Sport and Northamptonshire Sport – “organisations that specialise in improving the health and well-being of people, through participation in sport and physical activity”) has donated more than £150,000 to over 150 separate leisure led schemes in the NN and CB postcode areas, across a wide variety of disciplines; including football, rowing, cricket, bowls, canoeing, netball, archery and athletics.

Another example is the Augean Community Fund. This uses monies provided by Augean PLC under the Landfill Communities Fund. The company’s donations relate to its two landfill operations located near Thornhaugh in Peterborough, and King’s Cliffe in Northamptonshire. Groups with projects that are located within 10 miles of the King’s Cliffe landfill site or the Thornhaugh landfill site may apply for grants, subject to the Augean Community Fund’s eligibility requirements. The maximum grant available is £50,000.

There are many other similar but narrower local landfill funds (see for example the Whitemoss Community Fund in Lancashire and the Coastal Recycling Fund in Devon) which should be carefully investigated when development projects are envisaged.

Charitable Trusts with a local bias

The London Marathon Charitable Trust <https://www.lmct.org.uk/> provides grants for projects that improve facilities in their core areas (London and Surrey) to encourage and support all members of the local community to be physically active. CASCs in all of the London Boroughs; the City of London and the county of Surrey are eligible to apply for “small grants” of £5,000 to £50,000. Reigate CC did so in 2020. They got past the first round of the rather complicated application process but then stumbled.

The Lawson Trust <https://lawsontrust.org/> provides grants for community projects in Kent and Sussex (where founders lived and worked), though none of its recent financial support has been for a sporting activity.

If you can correct any of this information (the position is constantly changing) or add any further information, please email John Reddish (jreddish@btinternet.com). He will be able to make appropriate amendments.