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## **Biffa Award grants available to Wealden community projects**

Groups in Wealden are being invited to apply for new grant funding for local community projects.

The Biffa Award is part of the Landfill Communities Fund and gives grants to projects seeking to improve local communities such as giving children a place to play or creating bio-diverse habitats.

Grants are available for a range of project types including re-building biodiversity, community buildings, recreation projects and partnership projects.

Previously, Biffa Award grants have been used to fund projects that have restored important community buildings and regenerated a new lease of life for them.

The Biffa Award also ensured that Urban Buzz – a partnership project with The Invertebrate Conservation Trust – could spread its actions even further afield to engage 80,000 individuals in efforts to create pollinator-friendly habitats in and around major cities.

Local applicants are advised that there is an exception to Biffa's published eligibility criteria which requires projects to be within 15 miles of an active landfill site. Because Wealden District Council is a client of Biffa Municipal Ltd – the contractor provides waste and recycling collection services to households across the district – groups applying from Wealden do not need to meet that criteria.

To find out more about the Biffa Award and the projects helped so far, or to check your project's eligibility for the grant, visit <https://www.biffa-award.org/>

Cllr Roy Galley, portfolio holder for waste services, said, "I very much welcome the opportunity that this offers local community groups in Wealden. This grant has been used to kick-start some innovative solutions to local issues and our residents now have the opportunity to be a part of this."

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