

# South Downs National Park Grants

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- **Areas of impact**
- **Funding types – looking ahead to 2026**
- **What makes a good application**
- **Other funding at SDNPA**





**Improve and expand our Grassland, Heathland, Woodland and Wetland** which will continue to decline without support.

**Get more children outside**  
Children spend only half as much time playing outside as their parents did. We want to change that, increasing the recreational time children spend in the South Downs.

**Make it easy for everyone to access the National Park** by increasing the network of family friendly walking and cycling routes and encouraging underrepresented people who live near the Park, but seldom use it, to do so

**Help the Volunteers, Farmers and Communities who make our National Park** – Their time is given freely, but they often lack funds. With a little financial support, we can help their time achieve a lot.





# Sustainable Communities Fund:

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Lost railway project, Steyning.



c Petersfield Community Garden

**50% match funding for non-profit community projects. *Does not fund village halls, church or sports centre refurbishments.***

**Often small community groups – we ask them to seek Parish support and contributions**





# Beelines and Trees for the Downs:

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## Sites within SDNP

Beelines – small grants up to approx. £5K for pollinator habitat creation

Trees for the Downs – we buy the trees, you plant and maintain them





# ReNature and Ponds for Ponds:

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**Sites within SDNP**

**Up to £25K to create bigger, better and more connected habitat.**

**Managing land better for nature – e.g. conservation grazing, wetland creation, woodland. Species recovery.**

**Creating wildlife friendly ponds.**

**Important to plan project with a Ranger.**





# Boltini Trust Litter Picking Grants:

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*Volunteer litter pickers in Midhurst take part in a Big Town Tidy – Midhurst Town Council*



**Individuals - £50, community groups £100- £500, Parish Councils - £500**





# 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary ReNature Schools

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**Up to £1,000 to  
create space for  
nature in school  
grounds**

**State schools in  
or within 10km of  
the National Park**

*Cottesmore – credit Miles Davies*





**Speak to us early!**

**Unless it's an expression of interest,  
your project will need to be fully  
planned and costed.**



# Other SDNPA Funds:

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**Community Infrastructure Levy funding - [Applying for CIL funds for an infrastructure project - South Downs National Park Authority](#)**

**Health and Wellbeing Travel grants [Health and Wellbeing Travel Grants - South Downs National Park Authority](#)**

**Schools outdoor learning grant - [Outdoor Learning Grant - South Downs National Park Authority](#)**





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