COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES FOR BIODIVERSITY

Local Place for Nature Carmarthenshire is offering grants of up to £1500 to support Community Activities for Biodiversity. The grant is aimed at helping raise public awareness of the importance of biodiversity and to support related community activities.

To apply for this grant and for advice and support around your project idea, please contact m.collinson@carmarthenshire.gov.uk

INTRODUCTION

Local Places for Nature is a Welsh Government programme, aimed at creating and supporting projects to restore and enhance nature within local communities. The project focuses on areas of high deprivation and those with the least access to nature in Wales, particularly within urban and peri-urban environments.

Across Carmarthenshire, a variety of projects are being delivered in partnership with the County Council and the Local Nature Partnership, working with a wide range of organisations, groups and individuals within the community to develop strong partnerships and sustainable networks for nature recovery.

We may not always appreciate it, but our wellbeing depends upon the health of the natural environment. If we are to protect and restore it successfully, we need a good plan and we need to work together to achieve it.

You can find out more about Local Places for Nature, Carmarthenshire here.

Grant objectives:

1/. This grant can be used to fund nature-based project activities, such as:

- delivering a public event/activity that will help to enhance the biodiversity of an area
- delivering or receiving volunteer training sessions
- creating promotional media or artistic activities relating to biodiversity.

You may combine different activity elements of this kind as part of your project proposal.

This grant can cover the material costs of a project activity, but is not intended to support capital purchases of equipment/infrastructure etc. If there are items of this kind that you would need to deliver your activity, please contact mcollinson@carmarthenshire.gov.uk for help with signposting to funding/tool libraries etc.

2/. You will also need to ensure a minimum of 100 completed LPfN survey questionnaires. This will help us to build a better understanding of local people's interests and attitudes, relating to their community and the natural environment and will support the development of future Local Places for Nature projects in Carmarthenshire.

We are aiming to engage with a broad demographic, so would like organisations (such as yourself) to reach out to your volunteers and beneficiaries – both to get their views *and* for them to gather the views of their peers/family/neighbours etc.