

Reference: 07/10/2005

SDF Year Two

Applicant: **Kate Schofield. Lucky Ewe Designs**

Scheme Name: Regional Organic Wool Project

Outline:

To produce yarn for hand knitting and weaving using wool from farms in the AONB. Fleeces are organic grown. Some wool will be handspun and some millspun at a certified organic woollen mill in Cornwall.

Textile production is very wasteful and a major polluter. By using environmentally friendly, traditional methods and materials it is possible to raise public awareness.

Initially the project will benefit farmers within the AONB because of the higher price paid per kilo of fleece.

Grazing by sheep is a key part of conservation management. This project would add value to a “green” local resource and demonstrate the usefulness of sheep to the landscape.

Expenditure:

<b>Purchase of goods/equipment:</b>	£30
Organic fleeces	
<b>Publicity/Marketing costs:</b>	£200
<b>Other costs:</b>	£630
– state what they are	
– processing, scouring	
– and mill spinning	
<b>Total cost of Project:</b>	£860

Requested funding: £ 430

Decision: **Refused**

**Comment:** Panel felt this scheme needed to work in co-operation with other wool processing schemes that have been established in the North West. The applicant was to be directed toward “The WoolClip” –part of Cumbria Rural Women’s Network. Difficulties were also identified surrounding the location and diversity of distribution/processing/advertising and working outside the AONB and immediate area. NB The grant requested is for less than the normal minimum grant.

Reference: 31/01/2006

**SDF Year Two**

Applicant: Storth Primary School  
 Scheme Name: Organic Vegetable Garden  
 Outline:

To develop large raised beds Organic fruit and vegetable plot in the school grounds. Through this project we hope to encourage the children to nurture an understanding of organic production methods and the wider environmental issues- to promote healthier lifestyle choices. The pupils and staff will benefit from this project, and also the local community. The aim is to make it accessible to all, both able and less able, by developing the raised beds. We hope to encourage community participation by organising a number of events including, seedling swaps, seed swaps, plant sales and feasts.

Expenditure:

<b>2006/07</b>	<b>Cost</b>
<b>Staff/contractor costs:</b>	£600
<b>Volunteer expenses/costs:</b>	£400
<b>Training costs:</b>	£250
<b>Purchase of goods/equipment:</b>	£2000
<b>Purchase of property:</b>	£150
<b>Other costs:</b> — state what they are	
<b>Total cost of Project:</b>	£3400

Requested funding: £3300

Decision: **Approved**

**Comment:** The Panel was very supportive of this application. Particular note of the long established connection between the School and the AONB Service was praised. Clarification was given by the AONB Officer of the level of in-kind support provided by the school - which had been missed of their application – amounting to some £2,500 value in volunteer time. The School was to be asked about any connection to school meals that may be made once the garden is established.

Reference: 01/02/2006

SDF Year Two

Applicant: Nick Cotton

Scheme Name: AONB Cycle Touring Leaflet

Outline:

The aim of the project is to produce an A2 size full colour leaflet using high quality photographs and extracts of Ordnance Survey 1:50,000 Landranger mapping to describe five cycle rides in and around the Arnside & Silverdale AONB appealing primarily to casual cyclists and families. There will also be longer options for fitter cyclists. The area covered will extend as far east as the B6254 from Kirkby Lonsdale to Carnforth and as far north as the A65 / A590 from Kirkby Lonsdale to Levens. The leaflet will form part of a series of existing publications that already cover Hadrian's Wall Country and the Upper Eden Valley. Summer 2006 sees the publication of a leaflet covering Sedbergh, Dentdale and the Lune Valley as far south as Kirkby Lonsdale. The project will promote the AONB, encouraging people to understand and appreciate the special qualities of the area from the vantage point of a bike. Cycling is a healthy activity and these rides will be aimed at a wide spectrum of the population including those who would not necessarily describe themselves as 'cyclists'. While out on their bikes people are likely to spend money at local refreshment stops along the way such as cafes, tearooms, local shops and pubs.

Expenditure:

<b>2006/07</b>	<b>Cost</b>
<b>Staff/contractor costs:</b>	
Project co-ordination	£3,000
Research	
Photography	
<b>Other costs:</b>	£3,000
- state what they are	
Design, Ordnance Survey fees & Printing	
<b>Total cost of Project:</b>	£6,000

Requested funding: £4,500

Decision: **Approved (with amendment)**

**Comment:** The AONB Officer drew attention to the maximum level of grant at 50% available for commercial enterprises. The Panel set a limit at 33% initially with discretion for the AONB Officer to agree support of upto £3,000 if essential. The Panel further recommended the applicant contact Lancaster City Council which has recently gained new funding for promotion of cycling in the District.

Reference: 22/03/2006

SDF Year Two

Applicant: North Lancashire Bridleways Group

Scheme Name: AONB Bridleway route leaflet

Outline:

To provide three leaflets, similar to the walking routes already available, describing riding routes in the area. Will include clear maps of the routes together with other useful information eg. parking facilities, possible B&B for horse & rider, natural features, flora/fauna.

- a) Encourage people to enjoy an AONB area by using an alternative & historical mode of transport
- a) Encourage off-road riding & use of bridleways
- b) Promote the beauty & accessibility of the area
- c) Give guidance to those who wish to enjoy the area from horse-back or with a cycle

Beneficiaries:

- i) Those with equestrian interests including young, old & disabled
- ii) Local riders & visiting riders.
- iii) Cyclists
- iv) Local community – shops, hotels, cafes, B&B for horses & riders etc.

Expenditure:

2006/07	Cost
<b>Staff/contractor costs:</b>	£360
<b>Volunteer expenses/costs:</b>	
<b>Purchase of goods/equipment:</b>	£600
<b>Publicity/Marketing costs:</b>	£100
<b>Other costs:</b> – state what they are	
<b>Total cost of Project:</b>	£1,060

Requested funding: £ 750

Decision: **Approved**

**Comment:** The Panel warmly welcomed this application and specifically asked that the applicant inform the Panel at their earliest convenience of any future plans for further leaflets in the series. Some concern was expressed that the budgets suggested were very tight and the applicant was to be encouraged to apply for an increased level of funding to pay for professional mapping services etc if this was required.

Reference: 00/01/2006

SDF Year Two

Applicant: Coppice Association North West  
 Scheme Name: 21<sup>st</sup> Century Coppice Conference  
 Outline:

A three-day non-residential conference with associated displays, demonstrations and site visits, with a follow-up report and 'Action Plan' Conference will be themed to consider coppice management, the working skills and training involved, the conservation of woodlands and their wildlife, and their future for production, amenity and cultural heritage. In addition to a conference report it is intended to produce a post-conference 'Action Plan' for the next 15-20 years for public consultation and debate. The conference raises awareness of the present state of coppice woodlands, of effective approaches to management, and their future potential to the widest possible audience - woodland owners, workers, farmers, conservationists, public decision makes etc. and making a contribution to a necessary public debate of these issues.

Expenditure:

<b>2005/06</b>	<b>Cost</b>
<b>Staff/contractor costs:</b>	3950
<b>Speakers; Demonstrators</b>	
<b>Volunteer expenses/costs:</b>	100
<b>Purchase of goods/equipment:</b>	100
<b>Publicity/Marketing costs:</b>	500
<b>Other costs: - state what they are</b>	
Report; Action Plan draft	500
Hotel daily costs for 120 (rooms, equipment hire, food and refreshments)	12600
Bursaries	400
Field Visits	1700
<b>Total cost of Project:</b>	19850

Requested funding: £ 2000

Decision: **Approved**

**Comment:** The Panel considered this to be an important event that should attract support from SDF given the importance of coppice woodlands within the AONB. It was also noted that many of the field trips to be organised during the conference would visit the AONB. It was unanimously agreed that the AONB Officer be instructed to arrange for 50% of the grant to be available to the organisers in advance, although a 10% retention was also proposed pending final completion, submission of reports, papers and other post conference materials.