



Bath & West
Community
Energy Fund



Funding Local Environmental Projects

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Who We Are

**Independent charity – Bath & West
Low Carbon Community Fund**

Set up in 2014

**Redistribute surplus income to local
projects**

**Focus on reducing carbon emissions
and tackling fuel poverty**

**Run by nine volunteer Trustees with
support from BWCE**



Funding Available

Grants from £500 - £5,000

Annual funding round

Fund will open (pending member approval) on 27th September and close on 5th November

Grants announced in January 2022

Administered by Quartet Community Foundation



Who We Fund

Local charity, community, voluntary or self-help groups

Small organisations with charitable aims

Same geographical area as BWCE

Portworthy covered by South Dartmoor Community Energy

Particularly welcome applicants close to BWCE projects



BWCE Community Benefit

Since 2014, BWCE has given the BWCE
Fund

£232,000

and has given

a further **£18,000** to

South Dartmoor Community Energy

Total community benefit to date:

£250,000



To date, the BWCE Fund has handed out
grants worth

£207,000

to

69 projects
representing

48 different local community
organisations



Key Areas of Work

- Supporting grantees through Covid
- Analysis of funding to date – what we fund and where
- Fuel poverty / affordable warmth
- Collaboration with B&NES, 3SG and other groups to help local organisations to achieve funding
- Signatory to Funder Commitment on Climate Change
- Compassionate Communities



BWCE Fund 2020-21

£33,300 distributed by the BWCE Fund **11** projects

Batheaston New Village Hall	Solar panels
Bathampton Community Co-operative Ltd – Dry Arch Growers	Solar mini-barn
Bath Share & Repair	‘How to reduce your carbon footprint’ project
Fairfield House	Energy sustainability assessment
Grow Batheaston	To set up and run a community shop
Julian House	Toward the running costs of the Bath Bike Workshop
Peter Pan Play School	Bike, scooter and pram shed
SWALLOW	Insulation and LED lighting
Transition Larkhall	Extension of the Larkhall Community Orchard
Wellow Village Shop Association	Towards replacing a display fridge
Youth Connect South West	‘Grow it Cook it!’ local food project



Julian House – Bath Bike Workshop



£4,827 towards running costs
Sustainable transport
Affordable, second-hand bicycles
**Employability services for
homeless and socially
excluded people**

Aims: refurbish and sell just under
400 second-hand bikes and
support another **40** long-term
unemployed people to gain
essential employability skills



Peter Pan Play School

£1,000 for bike, scooter and pram shed

Reducing car journeys and increasing exercise

Educating children and parents

Before, 16% of their families always drove. Now all of those families walk/scoot at least once a week

Easier and more relaxed commute

Increased scooter/bike skills





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Thank you for your Climate Action

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