



#### **Who we are:**

SITA Trust is an ethical funding organisation dedicated to making lasting improvements to the natural environment and community life. The Trust is a not-for-profit company, a registered and accredited environmental body that operates under the Landfill Communities Fund, distributing funds donated by the recycling and resource management company SITA UK. Since beginning its funding programmes, SITA Trust has supported more than 2000 projects to a combined value of more than £74m.

#### **What we fund:**

We support community improvement and young persons volunteering projects in 90 funding zones around qualifying waste processing sites operated by the recycling and resource management company, SITA UK. We also support biodiversity conservation projects throughout England.

#### **Who can apply:**

Not-for-profit organisations including community groups, councils and charities.

#### **How to apply:**

You can apply online to any of SITA Trust's funding programmes. Online application forms and downloadable application guides are available on our website [\*\*www.sitatrust.org.uk\*\*](http://www.sitatrust.org.uk)

## **Enhancing Communities**

This programme funds improvements to community facilities and historic buildings. The aim is to enhance community life by supporting facilities which are accessible to all.

There are three strands to the Enhancing Communities Programme:

### **Core Fund**

Grants of up to £50,000, available to not-for-profit organisations whose community improvement project has an overall cost of no more than £250,000. There are 3 funding rounds per year for this fund.

Grants are available in England, Scotland and Wales in 90 funding zones surrounding qualifying SITA UK waste processing facilities. Potential applicants can see if their project site falls within a funding zone by inserting the site postcode into the postcode checker at [www.sitatrust.org.uk/postcode-checker](http://www.sitatrust.org.uk/postcode-checker)

### Fast Track Fund

Grants of up to £10,000, available to not-for-profit organisations whose community improvement project has an overall cost of no more than £20,000. There are 6 funding rounds per year and you will find out whether your application has been successful within 8 weeks of the application deadline. Grants are available in England, Scotland and Wales in 90 funding zones surrounding qualifying SITA UK waste processing facilities. Potential applicants can see if their project site falls within a funding zone by inserting the site postcode into the postcode checker at [www.sitatrust.org.uk/postcode-checker](http://www.sitatrust.org.uk/postcode-checker)

### Young Persons Volunteering Fund

Grants of up to £10,000 to enable groups of young people aged 14-25 to volunteer their time to improve community facilities or green spaces. You must demonstrate the involvement of young people in both project design and implementation. Grants are available for projects throughout England and Wales, however to apply you must ascertain the name of your nearest landfill which must be within 10 miles as the crow flies.

### Enriching Nature

An England wide scheme providing funding to projects that benefit a species or habitat identified in the Biodiversity Action Planning Process. Applicants can request up to £120,000. Please talk to your regional biodiversity co-ordinator in the first instance and then contact us on 01454 262910 to discuss your project or visit [www.sitatrust.org.uk/nature-funding](http://www.sitatrust.org.uk/nature-funding) for an online application form and guidance notes.

### QEII Fields Fund

SITA Trust has joined forces with HRH Prince William and the Fields in Trust to support the Queen Elizabeth II Fields Challenge.

2012 marks Her Majesty The Queen's Diamond Jubilee and we want to ensure that it is celebrated in fitting style. The Queen Elizabeth II Fields Challenge is a fantastic new campaign to protect 2012 outdoor recreational spaces in communities all across the country as a permanent living legacy of this great event. Once an area has been designated a Queen Elizabeth II Field an application can be made to SITA Trust's £1 million fund for improvements to the recreation area.

There are two strands to the fund:

- The QEII Fields Volunteer Support Fund will award up to a maximum of £5,000 for projects where it can be demonstrated that volunteers will be extensively involved in the delivery of a project.
- The QEII Major Works Fund will award up to a maximum of £25,000 for projects that also focus on delivery by volunteers, but will allow major works to be carried out by contractors.

We anticipate this fund to open in mid 2011 once fields have been designated.

To find out more about how you can get involved in the Queen Elizabeth II Fields Challenge visit [www.qe2fields.com](http://www.qe2fields.com)