

SMALL GRANTS
FROM THE
North Devon Coast AONB



Projects need to be new activities that will bring environmental, economic, social and/or educational benefits to the Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB), its communities or visitors.

Our **Sustainable Development Fund** is part of the national funding from Defra to help the AONB Partnership's purpose "**to conserve and enhance the natural beauty of the landscape**" by supporting projects delivered by local communities and organisations.

Who: Grants are available to community groups, parishes, schools, charities, businesses, farmers or individuals with a good idea to improve the AONB and demonstrating community support or benefit.

What: Projects must help to deliver the priorities in our Delivery Plan for the 2014 - 2019 North Devon Coast AONB Management Plan. These could help to improve the landscape, wildlife, environment, understanding, enjoyment or access to the AONB. **Grants** range from £100 to £5,000 with match funding and in-kind contributions required for larger and business projects.

Where: The Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty and its setting cover a narrow strip of the North Devon and Torridge coast, across the following parishes: Abbotsham, Alwington, Berrynarbor, Braunton, Clovelly, Combe Martin, Georgeham and Croyde, Hartland, Ilfracombe (including Lee), Morteheo and Woolacombe, Northam, Parkham, Welcombe and Woolsery.

How: They can be **practical projects** such as improving habitats for wildlife through tree or hedge planting, pond creation, clearing scrub; restoring or interpreting history and heritage. Or **people projects** that increase understanding, physical access to or enjoyment of the AONB; learning new or traditional land-based skills; increasing knowledge and monitoring of wildlife and plants etc.

Special Themes for 2017-18 with examples:

Health & Wellbeing

- Developing a programme of local walks or activities
- Creative arts to engage with and understand the AONB
- Setting up a group in the AONB to provide healthy activities
- Providing opportunities in the AONB for disadvantaged or vulnerable groups

Historic Environment and Local Heritage

- Protecting/restoring local heritage or historic features
- An historic anniversary or celebration event
- Researching your local history
- Information boards for a special monument or feature

When: Applications can be submitted at any time to the Panel, with decisions made within 6 weeks. Projects must be finished by early 2018 to claim the grant before the end of February.

For further information or to informally discuss a project:

Please email: aonb@devon.gov.uk or call: 01271 388647

For application forms, guidance and previous projects see:

www.northdevon-aonb.org.uk/our-work/grants