

It's Your Community

This new award scheme is to help provide funding for projects designed to improve local environments throughout the UK and is sponsored by 02

Applications for up to £1000 are welcome from anywhere in Great Britain and Northern Ireland. Awards should be for the benefit of the community or to build community spirit.

Who can apply: Local amenity groups; Parish and village councils; Youth clubs; Heritage groups; Environmental and conservation groups; Individuals.

Categories: 1. Community Places: Improving the places communities share or reinvigorating community, amenity and recreation areas. Eg installing new equipment for a playground, repairing a pavilion roof or erecting a community notice board; 2. Community People: Helping bring people together and creating a sense of ownership and social responsibility. Eg promoting personal safety awareness to young people, supporting a self-help group for elderly people; 3. Community Pride: Tackling issues head on and restoring a sense of pride. Eg clearing litter and rubbish or removing graffiti; 4. Community Landscape: Improving communities' natural environments. Eg creating community gardens, planting trees, improving public access to riverbanks.

Though these four groups cover the programmes main interests, they're open to new, ground-breaking suggestions outside these main areas. Application is only via the new dedicated Website:

<http://www.itsyourcommunity.co.uk/>

Useful Internet Funding Guides:

a) Funding Guide for Sport in the East Midlands:

www.sportengland.org/eastmidlands_index/eastmidlands_get_funding/iyr_east_midlands-fg.htm

b) Funding Guide for Leicester-Shire Sport & Rutland:

www.llrsport.co.uk/main.asp?page=0