

Biffa Award

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Annual Review 2021-2022



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© New Community room in hall, Greetham Community Centre



© Wetland Wildlife at Lunt Meadows, Lancashire Wildlife Trust



© Wetland Restoration at Westhay Moor NNR, Somerset Wildlife Trust



As I complete my sixth and final year as Chair, it is great to be able to look back on what has been an impressive year of achievements for Biffa Award. Last year we were greatly impacted by the pandemic, which had rippling effects on all of our lives, as well as on our applicants. So it has been a true privilege to be able to grant more than £3.6 million to community organisations and charities as part of the Landfill Communities Fund over the last year, continuing to have a huge impact on many lives during increasingly difficult financial times.

Small improvements really can make a significant impact on communities across England and Northern Ireland. The variety of projects we see never fails to amaze me, and none more so this year than some of our Partnership Grants Scheme projects. We have had the privilege to be able to help secure the future of Bourne North Fen, Lincolnshire's lost peat-fenland, which aims to become a home for a wide variety of wildlife. We have also enabled the development of three areas of the Cool Seas gallery at The Deep, Hull, to create an immersive learning experience for visitors.

Every year we receive hundreds of Expressions of Interest, far more than we can possibly fund, meaning that competition for funding is extremely fierce. We have to make some difficult decisions to ensure that we continue to fund the projects in most need, and which demonstrate the widest community benefit or will deliver a significant and direct improvement to habitats or species.

Since 1997, we have been able to award more than £186 million to projects in the vicinity of landfill sites which is a fantastic achievement. In this Annual Review, you will see a small snapshot of what Biffa Award has achieved during the past year.

Andrew Moffatt
Biffa Award Chairman



Another year has gone by and I am so proud of the Biffa Award team as we continue to build communities and transform lives, helping both people and wildlife. This year, Biffa Award granted more than £3.6 million to community organisations and charities as part of the Landfill Communities Fund. Funding was distributed to 37 Community and Rebuilding Biodiversity projects through our Main Grants Scheme, and some fantastic largescale Partnership Grants Scheme projects – you can read a bit more about those later, but I don't think it can be underestimated just how impressive a feat this was!

Funding of between £10,000 and £75,000 has enabled village halls and community centres to be renovated and refurbished to better serve their communities and bring people together – something we value more than ever since the Covid-19 pandemic. We have fixed leaking roofs and broken heating systems, replaced inadequate kitchen and toilet facilities, provided parks and recreation areas, and helped wildlife to survive and thrive. At a time when many villages are losing vital facilities, it is important that we continue to invest in their halls and community centres to ensure they can operate and serve the young, elderly and vulnerable, providing safe spaces in which to meet and socialise.

Our Partnership Grants Scheme awarded more than £2 million to large-scale projects of national significance restoring, modernising, and improving facilities that educate and engage the public, and that improve the natural environment and the wildlife that it supports.

And, thanks to our partnership with the Association of Independent Museums (AIM), we have been able to tell the stories of some of our most important, but lesser-known history makers in new and exciting ways, ensuring their achievements and successes will not be forgotten. I feel extremely privileged to have been a part of this.

Rachel Maidment
Biffa Award Grants Manager



MAIN GRANTS SCHEME



PARTNERSHIP GRANTS SCHEME



Funded Projects: Main Grants Scheme

During the 2021-2022 financial year, Biffa Award funded 37 Main Grants Scheme projects across three themes: Community Buildings, Recreation and Rebuilding Biodiversity. In doing so, we have...



Great Dalby Playground Project Grant: £24,664

Great Dalby is a small village on the outskirts of Melton Mowbray, Leicestershire. The village has very limited amenities and no playground for its local children. Funding was requested to help create a safe outdoor play area to bring the community together. Biffa Award provided funding to support the play area's development which has been enjoyed by many families since opening. The site was officially opened by Fijian rugby star Nemani Nadolo, who plays for Leicester Tigers.

The playground includes a large castle structure, funded by Biffa Award, that encourages exercise and imaginative play. The rest of the playground, such as the swings and tractor, was funded by others. The play area has provided increased opportunities for children and their families to enjoy the outdoors, facilitating improved mental health and well-being, as well as reducing social isolation.



The Froglife Trust

Grant: £51,314

Froglife Trust is a national wildlife conservation charity for the conservation of the UK's reptile and amphibian species and their habitats. Eye Green Nature Reserve is a 25-hectare site in Cambridgeshire that includes an area of Site of Special Scientific Interest. It supports important wildlife habitats, including open water, pools, reedbed, grassland, and scrub.

Biffa Award's funding restored three heavily vegetated ponds, re-profiled a heavily vegetated lake, and created two new ponds to provide connectivity between the lake, restored ponds, and new ponds - making the area attractive to amphibians, including great crested newts and eight species of uncommon water beetle.



306th Manchester Scouts Grant: £39,854.76

The 306th Manchester Scouts was established in 1957 and is an essential element of community life in Manchester. The building is used regularly for group gatherings, a children's amateur drama group, an adults and children's football club, a slimming group, dog training sessions, and a gardening club. The building is also available for private functions.

The funding has improved the kitchen and toilets of this community building in the hope of widening community usage further, particularly for young and vulnerable adults that attend sessions held in the building.



We awarded £2.2 million of funding to four Partnership Grants Scheme projects.

Lincolnshire Wildlife Trust - Bourne North Fen: Water for All



The Woodland Trust - Yonder Oak Wood



Customs House Trust - Enhancing Cultural Engagement Project



The Deep - Cool Seas



The Woodland Trust Grant: £750,000

The Woodland Trust is the UK's largest woodland conservation charity, protecting woods and trees, preventing the loss of irreplaceable habitat and carbon stores and preserving our natural heritage for the future.

Biffa Award's funding helped with the land purchase of Coombes Wood, recently renamed by the local community to Yonder Oak Wood, in celebration of the Woodland Trust's 50th anniversary. With stunning views and veteran oak trees, the name harks back to the site's historic field names.

The woodland will have major benefits to local wildlife; with an estuary to the West and heaths to the East, more trees will provide much-needed shade for birds and other wildlife, creating a more resilient landscape. This is crucial as our summers become hotter, and our winters wetter.



Lincolnshire Wildlife Trust Grant: £750,000

Funding from Biffa Award helped Lincolnshire Wildlife Trust purchase 50 hectares of agricultural land, Bourne North Fen. The project aim, with the support of the landowner, is to restore the farmland to create a wetland and a wildlife haven.

The project will link up important nature reserves, creating a multi-purpose wetland that stores water for agriculture and improves water quality for consumers, and underpins a local eco-tourism economy.

The ambitious plan will boost Lincolnshire's endangered fenland habitats by 30%. Bourne North Fen will also become a home for a wide variety of wildlife such as bittern, crane, swallowtail butterfly, and greater water parsnip.

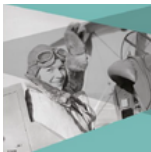


AIM Biffa Award History Makers' Programme

Through the Association of Independent Museums (AIM), the AIM Biffa Award History Makers' Programme awards grants to museums, galleries, and cultural facilities so that they can tell the stories of some of our lesser-known historical figures in new and exciting ways. In 2021-2022 the programme awarded funding to:



**Manchester
Historic Building
Trust, Elizabeth
Gaskell's House,
Manchester**

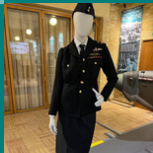


**Biggin Hill
Memorial
Museum**

**The Amazons of
Ardwick**



**Women of the
Battle of Britain:
Uncovering the
Hidden Histories
of Women during
WWII**



Discover more about AIM Biffa Award funded projects
at www.history-makers.co.uk

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Main Grants Scheme

Biffa Award's Main Grants Scheme is aimed at community groups and organisations, situated in the vicinity of landfill sites. Our Main Grant Scheme comprises three themes: Community Buildings, Recreation, and Rebuilding Biodiversity. We provide funding of between £10,000 and £75,000, to create or improve community amenities such as upgrading kitchens, meeting rooms, and toilets in village halls, creating new playparks, or establishing, protecting, and enhancing habitats for biodiversity. There is no deadline, we accept Expressions of Interest on a rolling basis. More information on applying for funding through our Main Grants Scheme can be found on our website.

Partnership Grants Scheme

The opening of our Partnership Grants Scheme is announced through our website and social media platforms each spring.

More information on funding available through both schemes and the timescales/deadlines for our Partnership Grants Scheme can be found in our e-newsletter, published quarterly. To receive a copy, visit our website at www.biffa-award.org and subscribe using the link which can be found at the bottom of the home page.

The Biffa Award Board meets to consider applications for funding. The Board is made up of representatives from Biffa Group Ltd and the Royal Society of Wildlife Trusts.



Andrew Moffat, Chairman,
RWST

Andrew is a Trustee at the Leicestershire and Rutland Wildlife Trust. He has spent his career as a civil servant working for the Ministry of Defence in a senior management position and has served as Chairman of the Biffa Award Board since February 2016.



Jackie Doone, Biffa Group
Ltd

Jackie spent her early career in tax with HMRC, Hewlett-Packard and Dell. She joined Biffa in June 2008 and is Biffa's Group Indirect Tax Manager. Landfill Tax takes up a great deal of her day job, and as such, she was invited to join the Biffa Award Board in June 2010.



Mick Davis, Biffa
Group Ltd

Mick's early career was centred around mineral extraction and land management. He first joined Biffa in 1990 and this is his third 'tour of duty'. He has undertaken various roles before his current role as Chief Operating Officer for Resources and Energy.



Simon Rutledge,
Biffa Group Ltd

Simon has over 25 years of experience within waste management and the wider safety, environmental and sustainability management field. He also represents Biffa at the ESA Regulation and Bio-waste Treatment Groups.



Patience Thody, RSWT

Patience joined RSWT from the banking sector where she held various roles in both Operations and HR. Within RSWT she was appointed Director of operations in March 2014 and appointed Deputy CEO in April 2020. Her current role oversees the operation of RSWT which includes the grants team.



Debbie Tann, RSWT

Debbie works at Hampshire & Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust. She began her career as an ecologist specialising in freshwater habitats, ponds and rivers. She has worked in a variety of roles including Head of Conservation and Deputy CEO before becoming CEO in 2008.



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Biffa Award

Since 1997, Biffa Award has allocated funding totalling more than £186million to thousands of worthwhile community and environmental projects across England, Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales. The scheme administers money donated by Biffa Group Ltd through the Landfill Communities Fund.

Landfill Communities Fund

The Governments Landfill Communities Fund is an innovative tax credit scheme enabling landfill operators to contribute money to fund community projects situated in the vicinity of landfill sites.

ENTRUST

ENTRUST acts on behalf of HM Revenues and Customs as the sole regulator of the Landfill Communities Fund. Organisations who are awarded funding through Biffa Award must be registered as an Environmental Body through ENTRUST.