

Viridor Credits Environmental Company  
**Annual Review 2018/19**



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St Michael and All Angels Church, Blackheath

Briantpuddle Village Hall

Elizabeth Gaskell House, Manchester

Erewash Meadows, Ironville



Needham Market Football Club



Springburn Assemblies  
of God Church

#### LCF Fact

Our Steering Groups covering the North, South East and the South West awarded more than £3,800,000 in funding to 135 projects – an average of over £28,000.

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## Welcome to the **Annual Review 2018/19**

Viridor Credits Environmental Company has been operating since 2001, funding projects through the length and breadth of England and Scotland, helping communities closer to you than you may realise. From sports clubs to churches, village halls to museums, wildlife trusts and historic buildings, so many communities have benefitted from the funding we have been able to distribute. In total, approximately £139,000,000 has been awarded by Viridor Credits over the past 18 years.

Viridor Credits Environmental Company is one of the largest Environmental Bodies in the UK, providing funding opportunities for heritage, biodiversity and community projects in England. We also provide the same in Scotland through the Scottish Landfill Communities Fund.

Viridor Credits administers funds donated voluntarily to the Landfill Communities Fund by Viridor, a company that is working to give the world's resources new life.

This brochure celebrates some of the achievements of our applicants over the last 12 months.

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**Dunsdon Nature Reserve**



## Message from our Chairman **Peter Renshaw**

It gives me great pleasure to report that 2018-19 has been yet another incredibly successful year for Viridor Credits, the Landfill Communities Fund (LCF) and the Scottish Landfill Communities Fund (SLCF). Whilst the downward trend in funding received continues, the contribution received proved to be higher than anticipated at the beginning of the year which has been great news for us and the local communities we have been able to support.

As in previous years, the great majority of these funds have been awarded to community projects such as sports facilities, village halls and community centres, all of which have struggled to find funding elsewhere. This has been achieved with just over 70% of available funding allocated to these projects. We have also been able to preserve many historic buildings and support various biodiversity projects.

The team continues to focus its efforts on ensuring that the funding, once received, is allocated to eligible projects as swiftly as possible and they support those projects whilst the

work is underway. This ensures that the committed money is spent quickly and compliantly as this remains the focus of HMRC. We have achieved this due to the efficient application processing and ongoing hard work of the small team at the office in Taunton.

The amount of funding for the Landfill Communities Fund will, however, continue to decrease due to the reduction in the amount of waste being consigned to landfill sites across the country. Viridor is working hard to recycle and reuse as much waste as technology allows but it has become an accepted opinion that the need for landfill, in some capacity, will continue for the foreseeable future.

As announced by HMRC at the Budget 2018, the potential value of the LCF for 2019 – 20 will be maintained at £32.9 million due to an increase in tax rates. The percentage credit that landfill site operators may claim against their annual Landfill Tax liability for LCF contributions will also be maintained at 5.3%.

In Scotland the amount of funding made available in 2018-19 decreased considerably on previous years. Viridor Credits has been able to fund a variety



of projects totalling over £1.3m which is still a considerable amount and has made a real difference to local communities.

As Chairman and on behalf of the Trustees, I remain immensely proud of the achievements of Viridor Credits and the difference the LCF and SLCF have made to the lives of many. On behalf of the Board I would like to thank the team for their commitment and hard work.

We are all looking forward to a repeat of such successes during this coming year.

Peter Renshaw  
**Chairman**



## General Manager's Review

### Alison Salvador

I hope you will enjoy reading about all the amazing community facilities and organisations which we have been able to fund this year as much as I have. It is so impressive to consider the number

of volunteers who give up their time so generously to manage and maintain these sports clubs, halls, theatres, churches and other facilities which are so often the lifeblood of the local community.



Our regulator in England, ENTRUST, reports on the value for money the scheme represents and this demonstrates that our projects not only improve the lives of people in these communities through sport and community cohesion but many also achieved environmental benefits and brought people together from a variety of backgrounds and cultures. As other sources of local funding decrease so the value of schemes such as these becomes even more apparent.

I am delighted to report that, despite the ongoing talk of a declining fund, a further

211 projects have been allocated funds in England and Scotland during 2018/19 amounting to almost £7 million. I visited our regulator in Scotland, SEPA, in March and I was pleased to hear the positive comments regarding the scheme and the work supported. Despite the Scottish Government's continued policy of Zero Waste to Landfill and the impact of the ban on Biodegradable Municipal Waste going to landfill from January 2021 there remains a strong desire for the scheme to continue in some form or other.

During the year I have also had to keep my focus on the hub of the operation here in Taunton. Our regulators, understandably, continue to strictly monitor administration costs and we need to ensure that our funds reach those projects swiftly and compliantly without exceeding our carefully prepared budgets. This year, whilst keeping within those budgets, my team has managed to allocate practically the entire contribution and our uncommitted fund has reached an almost record-breaking low. Once allocated, we continue to work alongside our successful applicants to help their projects finish on time and achieve their aims. I, the Board, Steering Group members and my team take great pride in being able to share these achievements at celebration and opening events throughout the year.

Our new application and project management system, which we launched in April 2017, has continued to help us speed up and streamline our processes. Despite the reduction in budget, our priority will always be to ensure Viridor Credits funds the best quality, eligible and most worthwhile projects. Our mission 'to make a positive difference to local communities by providing funding opportunities for projects from the Landfill Communities Fund' remains as important today as ever.

I would also like to formally welcome Dan Cooke to our Board of Trustees. As Group Head of Sustainability at Pennon and previously Viridor's Director of Regulatory Affairs, he is an expert on the environment, waste management and our link to our donor, Viridor. Finally I want to take this opportunity to thank everyone else involved in Viridor Credits - not least my small but dedicated team here in the office in Taunton, Michael Cunningham, our consultant in Scotland, the Board of Trustees for their never-ending support and also of course to the volunteers up and down the country who continue to serve on our regional steering groups.

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Alison Salvador  
**General Manager**

## Message from our Donor **Viridor**

Community cohesion provides the bedrock for civilised, life-affirming societies. And people and places provide the glue that sticks communities together so they work for the greater good.

At Viridor we are acutely conscious of the important role we play in delivering essential services to the communities we serve.

We work hard to be a good, responsible neighbour and we contribute to the success of our communities in all sorts of ways, including through our operations, employment, educational outreach, charitable and sponsorship support, community funds and community engagement programmes.

Working with our corporate and council customers, we also help people to see waste as we do: a valued resource to be transformed and given new purpose, rather than rubbish. As our vision states, we are focused on 'bringing resources to life'.

The funding distributed by Viridor Credits plays a crucial role in supporting community life, enhancing the environment and delivering a more



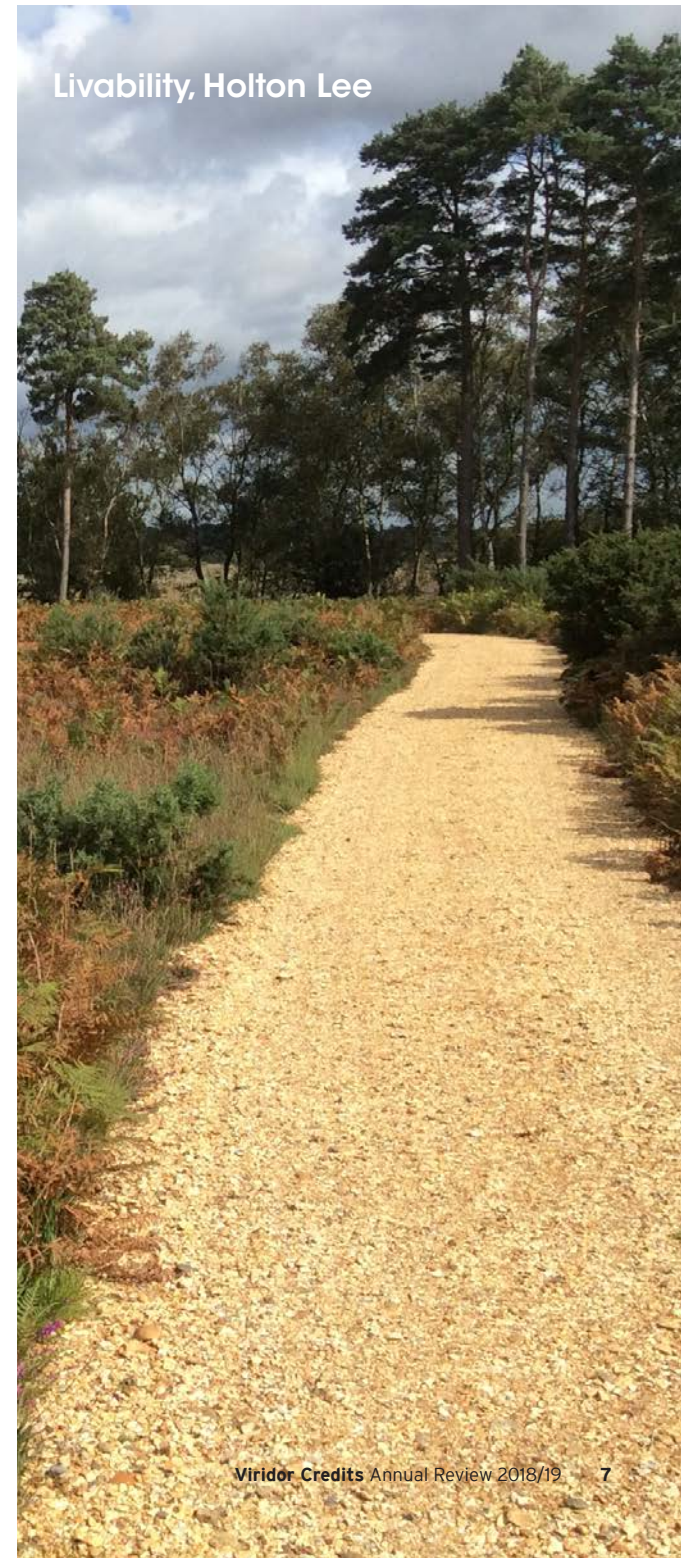
sustainable society. The number and range of good causes supported is hugely impressive, as this report testifies, focusing on enhancements to the community, heritage and biodiversity.

Public policy encourages the diversion of waste from landfill and, as landfill sites stop receiving waste and are put into aftercare, less Fund money becomes available. But, based on our contributions, Viridor Credits will continue to make a real and meaningful difference well into the future. We applaud them for their efforts and it is heartening to see the fantastic feedback received from community groups who have helped to improve the quality of life for so many people.

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Phil Piddington  
**Managing Director, Viridor**

## Livability, Holton Lee





## The Landfill Communities Fund Introduction

The Landfill Communities Fund is an innovative tax credits scheme enabling operators of landfill sites in England and Northern Ireland to contribute money to organisations enrolled with ENTRUST as Environmental Bodies.

To date, over 60,000 projects have been completed with help from the Landfill Communities Fund, which has distributed in excess of £1.7billion to date.

(stats correct as of 7th May 2019 – [www.entrust.org.uk](http://www.entrust.org.uk))



St Gregory's Church, Dawlish



Gutteridge Wood, Hillingdon



Crompton Cricket Club



Nether Stowey  
Recreation Ground

“ LCF Fact  
Viridor Credits funded an average  
of **53 projects** per quarter  
in England and Scotland. ”



## Landfill Communities Fund (excluding Pennon Environmental Fund)

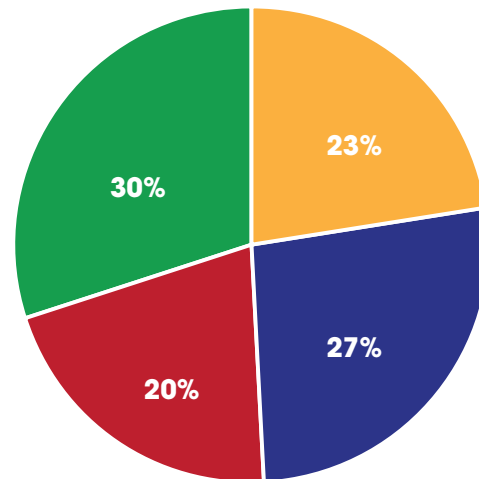
In 2018/19, Viridor Credits allocated over £5,400,000 from the Landfill Communities Fund to over 150 projects across the length and breadth of England.

Over £3,700,000 was allocated to 111 projects to create, sustain or develop a community facility.

More than £1,300,000 was allocated to 34 projects to repair, preserve or renovate places of historical or architectural interest or places of worship.

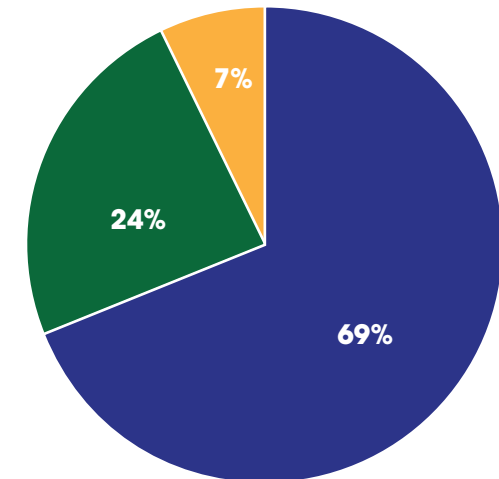
Funding in excess of £360,000 was allocated to 10 projects to conserve habitats and native species.

Funding Allocated by Regional Group



- South West
- North
- South East
- VC Board

Funding Allocated by Object



- Community
- Heritage
- Biodiversity

South London Gallery

2018/2019

## LCF Funded Projects

### Biodiversity

**Astley Moss Nature Reserve, Tyldesley**  
Scrub Removal and Propagation  
£23,000

**Beverley Brook, Wimbledon Common**  
Restoration  
£48,519

**Blacka Moor Nature Reserve, Sheffield**  
Habitat Improvement  
£20,000

**Bovey Valley Woods, Devon**  
Restoration  
£47,292

**Broadham Nature Reserve, Kent**  
Chalk Grassland Restoration  
£58,860

**Chapel Bank Nature Reserve, Croydon**  
Scrub Clearance  
£14,088

**Gutteridge Wood, Hillingdon**  
Access and Management  
£19,680

**Ham Wall Reserve, Somerset**  
Infrastructure Improvements  
£58,196

**Holly Hedge Meadow, Barrow Gurney**  
Land Purchase  
£50,000

**Kilnhurst Ings Nature Reserve, Rotherham**  
Fencing Works  
£21,970

### Derbyshire

**Bassett Rooms, All Saints Church, Ashover**  
External Works  
£30,014

**Bolsover Methodist Church**  
Re-development works  
£100,000

**Church of the Annunciation, Chesterfield**  
Organ Restoration  
£34,889

**Cuckney Cricket Club, Mansfield**  
Grounds Equipment  
£30,000

**Elmton Pinfold**  
Restoration  
£4,100

**Hillstown Play Area, Scarcliffe**  
Play Equipment  
£20,000

**King George V Park, Staveley**  
Skate Park  
£47,750

**Morton Village Hall**  
Kitchen, Heating and Toilets  
£91,474

**Newton Community Centre**  
Replacement Floor  
£27,601

**Sheffield Christian Life Centre**  
Lift  
£47,000

**Shireoaks Village Hall, Nottinghamshire**  
Hall Refurbishment  
£80,000

**St Mark's Church, Mosborough**  
Interior and Exterior Upgrades  
£39,600

**Whitecotes Playing Field, Chesterfield**  
Paths and Drainage  
£24,500

**Whitwell Cricket Club**  
Practice Nets  
£27,000

### Devon

**Bradinch Cricket Club**  
Clubhouse works  
£56,845

**Buckhorn Weston Church**  
Bells Restoration  
£13,604

**Clyst Hydon Village Hall**  
External Decoration  
£2,500

**Clyst Hydon Village Hall**  
Heating  
£8,218

**Crediton Methodist Church**  
Refurbishment  
£6,032

**Cullompton Cricket Club**  
Ground Improvements  
£7,222

**Exeter Athletic Rugby Club**  
Drainage  
£15,396

**Feniton Play Area**  
New Equipment  
£28,207

**Hemyock Tennis Club**  
Floodlighting  
£45,312

**Holy Cross Church, Sampford Arundel**  
Repairs  
£47,782

**Nynehead Jubilee Playing Field**  
Walking and Cycle Track  
£7,610

**Sampford Peverell Tennis Club**  
Courts and Paths Refurbishment  
£29,090

**St Catherine's Church, Whitestone**  
Access and Toilet  
£17,831

**St John the Baptist Church, Higher Ashton**  
Tower Roof Repairs  
£20,000

**St Mary's Church, Willand**  
Repairs  
£32,905

### LCF Fact

In 2018/19, our South West steering group funded 10 Community Halls at an average of £24,584.





**St John's Church, Bridgetown**

**St Mary the Virgin Church, Washfield**  
Lych Gate Restoration  
£11,892

**St Michael & All Angels' Parish Church, Angersleigh**  
Tower Works  
£38,382

**St Swithun's Church, Woodbury**  
Bells Refurbishment  
£15,419

**Thorverton Memorial Hall**  
Renovation  
£5,985

**Tiverton Borough Bowling Club**  
Green Restoration  
£38,000

**Uffculme Village Hall**  
Electrical Works  
£1,182.00

**Wellington Baptist Church**  
Windows  
£54,554

**Wellington Monument**  
Restoration  
£100,000

**Wiveypool, Wiveliscombe**  
Safety Surround  
£27,540

## Greater Manchester

**2/77th Manchester (2nd Whalley Range Scouts)**  
New Scout Hut  
£49,562

**Astley and Tyldesley Tennis Club**  
Court Refurbishment  
£18,331

**Bacup Cricket Club, Lancashire**  
Drainage, Fencing and Decking  
£27,678

**Christ Church, Ainsworth**  
Conservation Works  
£36,203

**Christ Church, Walshaw**  
Kitchen and Toilets  
£50,000

**Clemency House, Oldham**  
Hall Refurbishment  
£50,000

**Crompton Cricket Club, Shaw**  
Roller and Scorebox  
£8,747

**Deane United Reform Church, Bolton**  
Dry Rot Treatment  
£17,340

**Edgeworth Cricket Club, Bolton**  
Nets  
£20,000

**Elizabeth Gaskell House, Manchester**  
Victorian Gardens  
£3,083

**Elton Vale Sports Club, Bury**  
Lighting and Grounds Equipment  
£30,420

**Fusilier Museum, Bury**  
Boiler Replacement  
£30,000

**Gorsehill Park, Stretford**  
New Play Equipment  
£41,168

**Greenmount Village Green, Bury**  
Play Equipment  
£44,042

**Manchester Jewish Museum**  
Roof Repairs  
£100,000

**Moorlands Park, Stubblee**  
**Playground, Bacup**  
New Equipment  
£49,885

**Moorside Cricket and Bowling Club**  
Practice Nets  
£28,457

**People's History Museum, Manchester**  
Pump House Renovation  
£43,898

**Prestwich Cricket, Tennis and Bowling Club**  
Nets and Pitch  
£25,000

**Rossendale Sports Club, Rawtenstall**  
Field drainage  
£37,730

**Stand Cricket Club, Manchester**  
Pitch and Nets  
£35,353

**Stretford Public Hall, Manchester**  
Renovation  
£97,000

**St George with St James' Church, Farnworth**  
Roof Repairs  
£50,000

**St John the Baptist Church, Bircle**  
Roof Repairs  
£32,634

**St Leonard's Church, Middleton**  
Fabric Repairs and Toilet  
£50,000

**St Matthew's Church, Little Lever, Bolton**  
Tower and Transept Roof Repairs  
£100,000

**St Paul's Parish Church, Norden**  
Renovation and Kitchen  
£2,263

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## LCF Funded Projects

**Waterhead Parish Church Hall, Oldham**  
Heating  
£22,500

**Wharton and Cleggs Lane Church**  
Community Room  
£50,000

**Winton Cricket Club, Salford**  
Practice Nets  
£40,000

**Woodhouses Cricket Club, Manchester**  
Community Space  
£50,000

**Worsley Cricket Club**  
Practice Nets  
£30,900

### Kent

**Boughton Village Hall**  
Kitchen and Heating  
£45,170

**Boughton-under-Blean Bowling Club**  
Mower  
£5,093

**Canterbury Cathedral**  
South Quire Restoration  
£99,907

**Chilham Parish Recreation Ground**  
Car Park  
£40,000

**Conrad Hall, Bishopsbourne**  
Refurbishment  
£13,750

**Holy Cross Church, Canterbury**  
Toilet and Kitchen  
£25,000

**St John the Baptist, Barham**  
Redecoration  
£25,700

**St Peter and St Paul Church, Upper Hardres**  
Serving and Community Area  
£32,570

### Ardley ERF

**Charlton Memorial Hall**  
Insulation and Lighting  
£20,000

**Kirtlington Village Hall**  
PV Panels  
£20,000

**Piddington Village Hall**  
Extension  
£8,843

**St Peter's Church, Stoke Lyne**  
Parish Room  
£15,290

**Widnell Park and Playing Fields, Piddington**  
Fitness Trail  
£7,486

**Wootton Memorial Field**  
Playground  
£12,150

### Peterborough ERF

**Ramsey Football Club, Huntingdonshire**  
Tractor  
£18,000

### Runcorn ERF

**Pheonix Park, Runcorn**  
BMX Track  
£20,000

**St Wilfred's Church, Grappenhall**  
New Bells  
£19,693

**Wavertree Cricket Club**  
Roller  
£14,764

### Somerset

**All Saints' Church, East Huntspill**  
Stained Glass Window Repairs  
£15,148

**All Saints' Church, Poyntington**  
Fabric Repairs  
£11,391

**All Saints' Church, East Pennard**  
Clock Restoration  
£9,990

**Balliol Hall, West Huntspill**  
Store Room Extension  
£12,150

**Brewham Village Hall**  
Restoration  
£48,708

**Burnham Association of Sports Clubs**  
Platform Lift  
£13,928

**Caryford Community Hall**  
Extension  
£50,000

**Caryford Community Hall**  
Refurbishment  
£50,000

**Chilton Polden Hall**  
Improvements  
£4,665

**Compton Dundon Cricket Club**  
Storage Building  
£25,230

**East Huntspill Cricket Club**  
Ground Machinery  
£11,778

**Edithmead Church, Highbridge**  
Window Replacement  
£5,697

**The Elim Connect Centre, Wells**  
Roofing  
£52,845

**Holy Cross Church, Babcar**  
Community Space  
£20,772

**Lydford Sports Club, Somerton**  
Practice Nets  
£13,954

**Middlezoy Rovers FC**  
New Clubhouse  
£50,000

**Our Lady and the English Martyrs RC Church, Burnham on Sea**  
Car Park  
£24,906

**Recreation Ground, Templecombe**  
Hall Extension  
£9,525

**Sherbourne Town FC**  
Storage  
£6,102



**St Barnabus Church, Queen Camel**  
Roof Repair  
£31,934

**St John the Baptist Church, Glastonbury**  
Nave Floor  
£99,302

**St Mary's Church, Berrow**  
Refurbishment  
£50,000

**St Mary's Church, Bridgwater**  
New Bells and Restoration works  
£32,805

**St Michael's RC Church, Shepton Mallet**  
Roof Repair  
£4,273

**St Stephen's Church, Charlton Musgrove**  
Roof Repairs  
£50,000

**St Stephen's Church, Charlton Musgrove**  
Pathway, Served and Toilet Works  
£45,742

**Thurloxton Village Hall**  
Re-development  
£50,000

**Wedmore Playing Fields**  
New Pavilion  
£46,366

**Wells and Mendip Museum**  
Window Repairs  
£3,840

**Wembdon Parklands**  
Woodland Improvements  
£70,306

**Westfield Community Centre, Yeovil**  
New Build  
£50,000

**Westfield URC Hall, Bridgwater**  
Kitchen  
£20,000

## Suffolk

**All Saints' Church, Chelworth**  
Re-ordering  
£50,000

**All Saints' Church, Little Bealings**  
Community Hub  
£21,100

**Bredfield Village Hall**  
Extension  
£6,908

**Chelmondiston Playing Field**  
Gym Equipment  
£6,295

**Claydon Football Club, Suffolk**  
Clubhouse Refurbishment  
£69,747

**Museum of East Anglia, Stowmarket**  
Improvements  
£49,737

## Thames

**198 Contemporary Arts and Learning, Lambeth**  
Community Space  
£41,830

**Bishop of London's Palace, Fulham**  
Restoration  
£44,939

**Christ Church, Surbiton Hill**  
Heating  
£50,000



**Church of the Good Shepherd, Carshalton**  
Refurbishment  
£100,000

**Church of the Most Precious Blood, Southwark**  
Lighting  
£49,639

**Ebbisham Sports Club**  
Refurbishment  
£29,106

**Holy Trinity Church, Tooting Bec**  
Tower Repairs  
£50,000

**Longfield Hall, Camberwell**  
Accessibility  
£45,300

**The Old Vic Theatre, London**  
Foyer/Basement Access and Toilets  
£100,000

**St Anne and St Agnes Church, London**  
Accessibility  
£49,831

**St Edward's Church, Mottingham**  
Heating  
£45,842

**St George the Martyr, Shirley**  
Lady Chapel Roof  
£24,284

**St John the Divine, Croydon**  
Garden Room  
£46,188

**St Leonard's Church, Stretham**  
Underpinning and Alterations  
£80,185

**St Mary Magdalene Church, Paddington**  
AV Equipment and Furniture  
£47,508

**Tooting and Mitcham Sports Club**  
Kitchen  
£31,537

**Tooting United Reformed Church**  
Kitchen  
£36,968

“**LCF Fact**  
In 2018/19, our North steering group funded 16 Sports Clubs at an average of £26,820.”

## Community – South West

### Newton St. Cyres Tennis Club, Devon

Newton St. Cyres Tennis Club near Exeter is a small, friendly, active club in a quiet rural setting which caters for players of all abilities. There are two well-maintained, all weather courts with floodlighting, which are in frequent use throughout the year with regular daytime and evening sessions.

The clubhouse, by modern standards, had become woefully inadequate. It was originally an Exmouth beach hut that was transported inland in the mid 1960's to be used for serving refreshments at cricket and football matches on the local Recreational Club grounds. In 1977, when the Tennis Club was founded, the hut was offered to the club for storing equipment and to provide shelter from passing showers.

Following the growth and success of the club over the years, a plan for a new clubhouse was a regular item on the committee agenda but they weren't able to proceed due to lack of funds. Instead, a proposal to extend and modernise the club hut by providing a viewing area of the courts, a changing room with toilet facilities and a modern kitchen area was explored.



“Thanks to Viridor Credits’ very helpful response, the project has been a **huge success** and a **rewarding experience** for all involved.”

**Martyn Hopwood**  
Committee member for  
Newton St. Cyres Tennis Club

In February 2018, Viridor Credits awarded funding to the Club so that they would be able to realise their wishes. The club chose a local, talented craftsman, specialising in bespoke timber garden buildings and extensions, who showed a genuine enthusiasm for the project and was prepared to work within a tight budget to undertake the new construction work.

The result was even better than could've been imagined. The new clubhouse is more spacious and comfortable for members and visitors but will also ensure the future of the club as a local community resource in the long term. This former beach hut is a shining example of what motivated volunteers can do once they put their mind to a project.







## Community – North

### **Moss Valley Woodlands, Sheffield**

Moss Valley Woodlands, managed and maintained by Sheffield Wildlife Trust, consists of a string of diverse ancient woods, each with its own distinctive makeup and character, set end to end down the steep-sided valley of the River Moss. This nature reserve is freely open to everyone and is particularly popular with visitors for its rich carpet of woodland wildflowers as well as its insects, invertebrates and abundant birdlife.

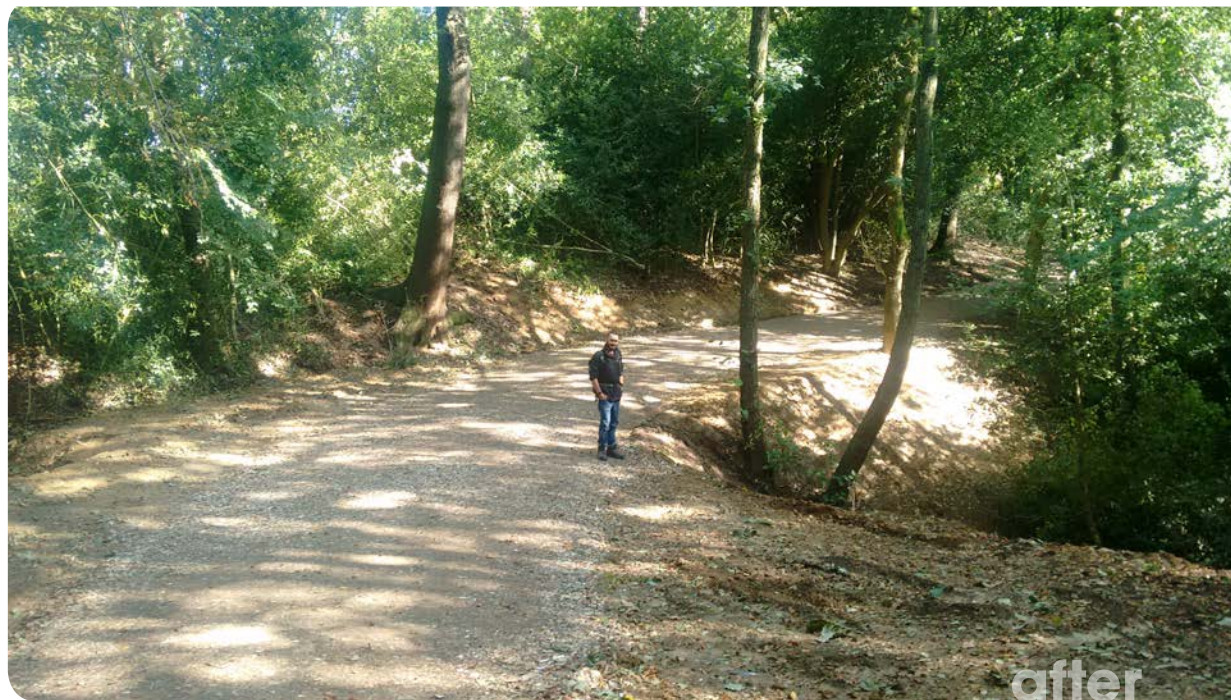
The main walking route for visitors to the Woodlands was an informal path leading from the nearby housing estate through the centre of the reserve alongside the river. Unfortunately, water run-off from the surrounding fields, together with the damage caused by thousands of visitors' feet and hooves had made many sections of the path impassable or washed them away altogether. Visitors were forced to leave the path to seek drier routes and were crashing off the path and into adjacent vulnerable woodland habitats, trampling, damaging and disturbing the very wild flowers and animals they had come to see.







Thanks to funding from Viridor Credits and Countryside Stewardship, Sheffield Wildlife Trust has been able to install proper drainage and surface along a kilometre of walking track, providing a good all-year-round surface. Not only has this work improved the accessibility of the nature reserve, it is also channelling visitor traffic and helping to prevent erosion of the precious wildflower and wildlife habitat.





## Community – South East

### **Sturry Church, Kent**

Sturry Church in Kent dates all the way back to the 11th Century. Due to planned housing development in the Parish, it's anticipated that the congregation will increase significantly – with this in mind, the church community is working hard to improve their facilities.

The building has suffered from an ineffective and wasteful heating system which has deterred the community from using the building in the winter and has contributed to some of the building's present state of disrepair.







In December 2017, Viridor Credits awarded the church £38,025 to replace their heating system with something more efficient and warm. Achieving the award and working with Viridor Credits has lifted the spirits of the church community and has made the applicants more outward-looking. It has stimulated other initiatives, such as working with offenders on Community Payback, and has given them the confidence to tackle a major preservation project.

“The community is already using the building more and we look forward to welcoming a greater number of users and visitors.”

**Martin Pilgrim**  
Church Member

## Heritage - South West

### Edithmead Church, Highbridge

This beautiful little 'tin tabernacle' started its life over 100 years ago as an adult school in East Brent, some three miles away. At the end of the Great War in 1918, it was decided to purchase the building and transport it to Edithmead to become a Mission Church for the community to worship in. Summer of 1919 saw the Church being packed up and brought to Edithmead where it was rebuilt on the edge of a local field belonging to Edithmead Farm.

The Parish Church of St Andrew's at Burnham on Sea is the parent church and over the last hundred years they have provided clergy to take the services at Edithmead.

The church has been continually used since it was brought to the village.

Over the years, the congregation has looked after the building and most of the repairs and general maintenance have been completed by the local community. The outside is painted regularly to protect the metal cladding but they soon noticed that the windows, which were still the original installations, were slowly leaking into the walls and had become unfit for purpose.

An application was submitted to Viridor Credits and in October 2018, they were awarded £5,697 to replace six large and two small windows.







“Viridor Credits’ help with funding such a large task has been a relief to all the local community as we now have a water tight building that will continue for another 100 years.”

**Maureen Phillips**  
Treasurer at Edithmead Church



## Heritage - North

### St Peter with St Andrew Church, Manchester

The Lychgate that serves as both the main entrance to St Peter with St Andrew's Church in Levenshulme and also as the main war memorial for the area was in severe need of repair and restoration as identified in the Churches most recent quinquennial inspection. Slates on the roof were loose, there was damage to the walls from inadequate gutters and down pipes and there had been recent graffiti vandalism.







An application was submitted to Viridor Credits in October 2017, and in March 2018 the Parochial Church Council was delighted to hear that they had been awarded £17,682 to carry out works that included the complete replacement of the roof, renewal of the guttering, a protective covering to the plaques inside the gate with improved and additional lighting.

It's clear to see from the pictures that the Lychgate has been restored and transformed into a wonderful memorial and entranceway that will last for years to come.



“On Remembrance Sunday (which was the 100th anniversary of the end of the First World War), we had a special service and the War Memorial Lychgate was the focus for the Act of Remembrance. There were choirs from 4 local schools as well as members of the community. The work that we have been able to carry out on the Lychgate thanks to Viridor Credits has been vital and we cannot thank them enough.”

**Dr Peter Gibson** from the PCC



## Heritage - South East

### St George the Martyr, Shirley

The Lady Chapel at St George the Martyr in Shirley, Surrey is a small, intimate area adjoining the main church, built in 1967. Following the discovery in the autumn of 2017 of cracks in the ceiling of the Chapel plus damage to the roof structure, it became clear that extensive repairs would be necessary to make the Chapel safe and to preserve it for the future. Not only was the Chapel unusable but with a propped ceiling and caving-in roof it was an unsightly and hazardous corner of the church.

Viridor Credits awarded the applicants £24,284 to enable the repair work to go ahead. The work took just over eight weeks and included repair of the roof and restoration of internal areas of the Chapel. Work was completed in the autumn of 2018.

The beautiful space, to many the most important part of the church, is ideal for visitors to retreat to from the busyness of life, to sit comfortably for quiet contemplation or private prayer. It is also widely used for varied activities and small gatherings.





“The church and family of St George the Martyr are extremely grateful to Viridor Credits who, not for the first time, have given financial support to help preserve the church for future generations.”

**Judy Talmage**  
Vicar of St George's



## Biodiversity – South West

### Holly Hedge Animal Sanctuary, Barrow Gurney

Concern over nearby housing developments and woodland felling has prompted Holly Hedge Animal Sanctuary to try to offset the damage to the local wildlife. They purchased a 3.5 acres area of pastureland opposite the sanctuary entrance with the aim of creating a wild flower meadow and pond which would increase biodiversity and create a conservation area for multiple species, along with a small resource area.

They were awarded £36,310 in funding by Viridor Credits in March 2018 which was used to not only purchase seeds, plants and trees, but to create a wildlife pond and an amazing bat folly – an artificial roost for endangered species, protecting them from local predators.

The group has also been able to build a shelter filled with information about wildlife for visitor and volunteers alike. What started out as a plain grassy area has now been transformed into a wildlife haven – the pond has already attracted birds, frogs and several species of dragonfly. Further seed sowing and planting will be carried out in 2019 ensuring the meadow's longevity.







“On behalf of The Trustees and the Meadow Trust Group at Holly Hedge, I would like to send our heartfelt thanks to you for supporting our Project and for giving us this opportunity to begin the work and to put in place the measures to protect and enhance the precious habitat around our Sanctuary.”

**Pam Bytheway**  
Project Co-ordinator





## Biodiversity – North

### **Blacktoft Sands, East Yorkshire**

RSPB Blacktoft Sands is part of the Humber Estuary and an area of international importance for wildlife. It's also one of the most important sites for wetland birds in the UK. The site is naturally quite dynamic with the wetland dependent on tidal flood water to keep the wetlands wet and to provide food for birds and wildlife. In recent years, there had been problems with lack of connectivity between the estuary and the wetland habitats meaning it has become more difficult to control water levels and allow fish and invertebrates to move into the lagoons and pools.

RSPB had identified some areas where new pools and scrapes could be created that would enhance the site along with other forms for management including grazing with ponies and reed cutting. A successful application to Viridor Credits for £20,590 allowed this work to be undertaken as well as the management of a larger area of reed-bed by cutting, desilting an existing lagoon, creation of new seasonal pools, clearance of existing ditches and the installation of new sluices.

The dry summer of 2018 was a bonus to the project as it allowed the major land suite of habitat creation works to be completed with relative ease. During the high tides in September 2018 water flowed up newly cleared ditches and through the sluice pipes flooding many of the newly-created pools. These new areas have quickly been used by wintering birds including the largest number of curlew recorded on site in over 15 years, as well as species such as snipe and teal.





“ These works will have a significant effect on the quality of the habitat and feeding resource for birds across the whole of the 150 hectare site. The reserve staff are looking forward to the spring and seeing these areas being used by our important breeding birds including bit tern and bearded tits. ”

**Mike Pilsworth**  
RSPB

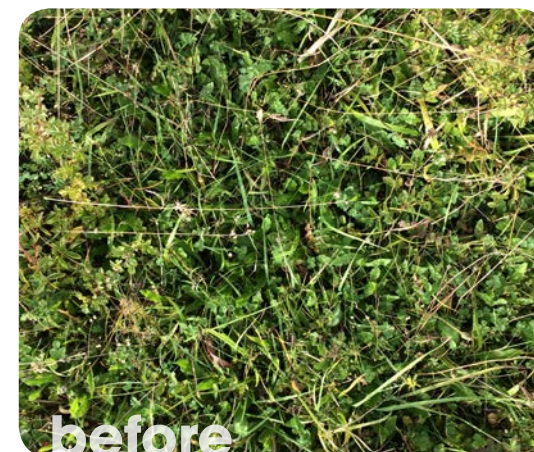


Biodiversity - South East  
**Chapel Bank Nature Reserve, Croydon**



Chapel Bank Nature Reserve in South London, owned and maintained by London Wildlife Trust, is well known for its stunning displays of orchids and wildflowers. However, encroaching scrub was threatening to invade the delicate chalk grassland habitat. Over the whole reserve, coverage of scrub was approaching 35% where optimum levels are between 5-10%.

In September 2018, Viridor Credits awarded London Wildlife Trust £14,088 so that the scrub that was competing with the wildflowers could be manually removed. Semi-mature scrub clusters of hawthorn, blackthorn, ash and dogwood have been targeted and regrowth has been treated with selective herbicide. Scrapes have been created in areas where there was a large



proportion of scrub. Excavation down to the bare chalk has also taken place in order to create habitat to ensure that chalk pioneer plant species are able to colonise. The excavated materials will then be piled up on the south facing side of the new scrapes to create banks for invertebrates to bask upon.





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“The works funded by Viridor Credits at Chapel Bank have not only helped increase the resilience of the nationally important small blue butterfly on site and in the surrounding landscape through the creation of 3 new scrapes, but also restored priority chalk grassland habitat.

The reserve is one of 6 chalk grassland sites managed by London Wildlife Trust in the south of London which are open for the public to visit all year round. The summer season is particularly beautiful with displays of wildflowers, orchids and butterflies.

**Amy Warner**  
London Wildlife Trust

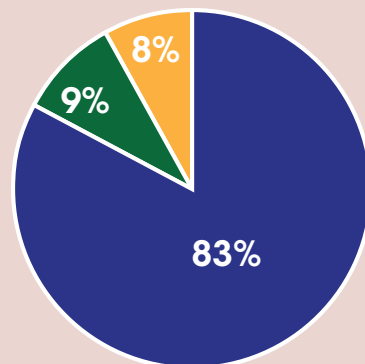


## Pennon Environmental Fund Introduction

The Pennon Environmental Fund (PEF) was set up in 1999 to distribute awards from the Landfill Communities Fund in South West Water's (SWW) operating area.

The fund allows non-profit groups to apply for funding up to £20,000 in areas served by SWW, mainly Cornwall and a large part of Devon. You must also be within 10 miles of a licensed landfill site.

In 2018/2019, the Pennon Environmental Fund awarded over £234,000 to 15 projects.



- Community 83%
- Heritage 9%
- Biodiversity 8%

“In 2018/2019, The Pennon Environmental Fund awarded an average of £15,617 per project.”

“In 2018/2019, The Pennon Environmental Fund awarded over £90,000 to 5 play area projects.”

2018/2019

## PEF Funded Projects

### Abbotskerswell Play Park

New Equipment  
£18,104

### Ashton Village Green

Play Equipment  
£14,225

### Beaford Green, Devon

Play Equipment  
£20,000 & £18,530

### Bickington Village Hall

SW Roof Repairs  
£6,750

### Bovey Tracey Methodist Church

Windows  
£6,692

### The Dartmoor Way

Signage  
£15,881

### Halwill Baptist Church Hall

Extension Improvements  
£20,000

### Lanreath Village Hall

Improvements  
£17,998

### Ockment Centre, Okehampton

New Windows  
£19,388

### Poughill Recreation Ground, Bude

New Equipment  
£20,000

### St Mary's Church, Bideford

Entrance Improvements  
£13,690

### Teigngrace Meadow, Newton Abbot

Wildflower Project  
£19,598

### Toines Methodist Church Hall

Ceiling Works  
£3,402

### Wheal Martyn Museum, Carthew

Building Restoration  
£20,000

## Community – Pennon Environmental Fund

### Beaford Green Play Area

In early 2018, a plan was formed by Beaford Green Parish Council in Devon to rejuvenate their tired play area with exciting new equipment. A climbing frame for older children was decided upon and in April 2018 an application to the Pennon Environmental Fund was submitted.

In June 2018, it was confirmed that the Parish Council had been awarded the maximum £20,000 towards the purchase and installation of a 'Birds Nest tree' – a multi-layered climbing frame including ladders, rope monkey bars and baskets. With a climbing height of 3 metres and an overall height of 6 metres, the brightly coloured, multi-use apparatus is an impressive sight.

The result of the Parish Council's efforts is clear to see at the end of a school day and at weekends when children swarm to the new equipment.





Biodiversity – Pennon Environmental Fund  
**Teigngrace Meadow**



Teigngrace Meadow in Devon is a 33ha nature reserve of reclaimed industrial land which has been owned by Devon Wildlife Trust since 2016.

The introduction of cattle on to the site was an initial priority for the charity, which wished to improve the reserve's grassland areas for wildlife. A lack of good fencing and a water supply, however, remained barriers that frustrated this ambition and threatened the future of the site's rich mix of biodiversity. These included the rare green-winged orchid; insects, including grizzled skipper butterflies; and birds, including skylarks and meadow pipits.

Devon Wildlife Trust was awarded £19,598 to carry out these vital works by the Pennon Environmental Fund in June 2018 and since then, 2ha of scrub vegetation has been thinned, 280m of stock-proof fencing has been installed along with gates, a water tank, pumps, pipework and cattle troughs.







“Funding through the Pennon Environmental Fund has allowed us to make some key changes, which will help local wildlife. The introduction of the cattle and their grazing will keep in check the rough grasses and scrub which could otherwise overwhelm the site and dominate the orchids and other wildflowers that grow here.”

**Andy Bakere**  
Devon Wildlife Trust



## Scottish Landfill Communities Fund Introduction



Michael Cunningham  
Project Liaison Manager



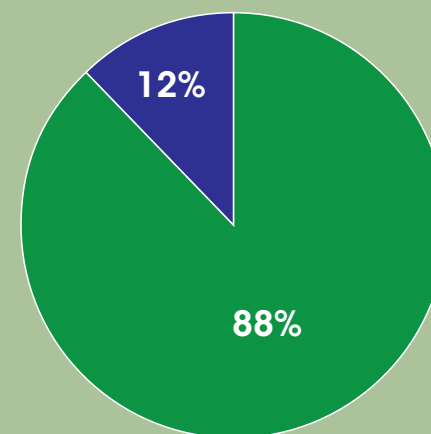
St Philomena's Church, Winchburgh

Since April 2015, Landfill Operators in Scotland have been able to participate in the Scottish Landfill Communities Fund (SLCF); a scheme set up to emulate the UK Landfill Communities Fund (LCF) after the devolution of landfill tax to Scotland. Viridor Credits is able to consider applications from anywhere in Scotland that are within 10 miles of an active landfill site or a transfer station, meaning that the SLCF can fund even more communities than ever before.

It's been a very busy year again for Viridor Credits and the SLCF. In this year, our fourth since the scheme started, we've been able to fund 42 projects in Scotland, totalling in excess of £1,300,000.

Our Project Liaison Manager who covers Scotland on behalf of Viridor Credits is Michael Cunningham.

In 2018/2019,  
**Viridor Credits**  
awarded an average  
of £31,273 per project.



- Community 88%
- Heritage 12%

In 2018/2019,  
**12 sports clubs**  
were awarded a total of  
over £326,000.

2018/2019

## SLCF Funded Projects

### **Aden County Park, Aberdeenshire**

Play Area  
£49,974

### **Athelstaneford Village Hall**

Refurbishment  
£50,000

### **Barrton Park Tennis Club, Edinburgh**

Court Resurfacing  
£20,000

### **Barrhill Centre, Cumnock**

New Windows  
£21,000

### **Beechbrae Barn, Blackridge**

New Building  
£30,000

### **Belvidere Bowling Club, Glasgow**

Pavilion Improvements  
£10,725

### **Broxburn Utd Sports Club**

3G Pitch  
£20,000

### **Cambuslang Lawn Tennis Club**

Court Resurfacing  
£49,616

### **Cambuslang Remembrance Garden**

War Memorial  
£12,380

### **Carstairs Junction, Lanark**

Play Park  
£49,397

### **Carstairs Parish Church**

Restoration  
£25,000

### **Coldingham Priory Church**

Stonework  
£47,998

### **Corstorphine Old Parish Church**

Spire Repairs  
£18,230

### **Cromarty Film Society**

Community Cinema  
£50,000

### **Cromarty Harbour**

Restoration  
£40,000

### **Dunbar Community Tennis Centre**

Court Refurbishment  
£29,800

### **Dunbar War Memorial**

Restoration  
£10,000

### **Dunbog Community Park**

Groundworks  
£30,261

### **Eaglesham Scout Hall**

Rebuild  
£20,000

### **Ellon Castle Gardens**

Wall Restoration  
£43,535

### **The Epicentre, Strathaven**

External Refurbishment  
£19,650

### **Gifford Community Woodland**

Pathways  
£30,000

### **Gifford Golf Club**

Clubhouse Refurbishment  
£46,757

### **Granton Church Hall**

Windows  
£29,000

### **Holy Trinity Church, Motherwell**

Disabled Access  
£36,421

### **Humbie Hall, East Lothian**

Roof Repairs  
£50,000

### **Kilwinning Community Sports Club**

New Pathways  
£19,141

### **King's Park Church Hall, Glasgow**

New Roofs  
£20,000

### **Lanark Tennis Club**

New Clubhouse  
£34,012

### **Murrayfield Curling Rink, Edinburgh**

Cladding  
£49,817

### **Nairn Bowling Club**

Kitchen Renovation  
£12,720

### **National Christian Outreach Centre, Perth**

Refurbishment  
£35,025

### **Portsoy Church Hall**

Air Source Heating System  
£32,459

### **St Cuthbert's Church, Burnbank**

Replacement Heating  
£50,000

### **St Joseph's Church Hall, Blantyre**

Windows and Repairs  
£36,476

### **St Ninian's Church, Glasgow**

Vestibule Refurbishment  
£6,155

### **St Peter's Church, Edinburgh**

Community Hall Restoration  
£50,000

### **St Peter's Church Hall, Aberdeen**

Internal Refurbishment  
£10,000

### **St Serf's Tennis Club, Edinburgh**

Lighting  
£15,000

### **Thistle Tennis Club, Edinburgh**

Lighting  
£19,000

### **Upperton, Airdrie**

MUGA  
£50,000

### **Whitlawburn Community Resources Centre**

Refurbishment  
£33,937



## Scotland - Community

### Cambuslang Remembrance Garden



What began as a grassed area, just off of the main street in Cambuslang, has become an amazing garden of remembrance with the help of some very committed volunteers.

Cambuslang Remembrance Garden Group had been working on the project for a number of years due to the fact that the current War Memorial in the public park was not accessible to disabled and elderly people. They secured a lease and planning permission on land near the Toll Pitch pavilion and, after applying to Viridor Credits, were awarded £12,380 to transform their space.

The Memorial Wall and Remembrance Garden quickly took shape and included shrubs, benches, planters and floodlighting. The Group was also lucky enough to be granted two replica Victoria Cross stones of local men by the Commonwealth Office.

The garden was officially opened in August 2018 where Forces personnel, civic dignitaries, children and the group were all able to come together and celebrate their wonderful achievement. The coming year will see more developments within the garden including a stone to commemorate those with no known grave, planters and flowers to enhance the area.









## Scotland – Heritage

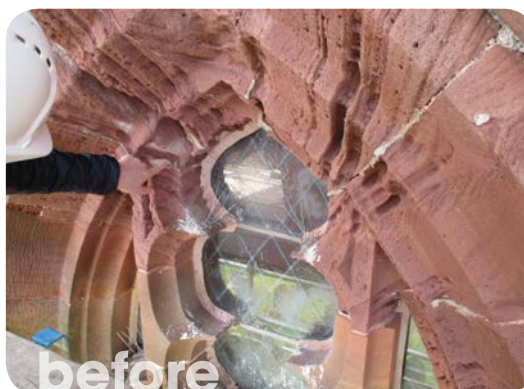
### Dunbar Parish Church

Dunbar Parish Church, a Category A listed place of worship and a significant historic landmark within the town of Dunbar, is set high on a site exposed to east winds off the North Sea.

In the Spring of 2015, the ravages of time and weather could no longer be ignored and surveys of the stonework identified extensive amounts of priority works required. The restoration work included a high percentage of pointing to be raked out and re-pointed as well as over 100 indents to replace stones that were too eroded to remain in place.

In December of 2017, Viridor Credits awarded the Church a grant of £50,000. This was key to the Church officials proceeding with the full restoration of the outside stonework as well as a number of the Church's stained glass windows which had become unstable in high winds.

The work involved cladding the whole of the Church with scaffolding over a period of about 8 months with completion just prior to Christmas 2018.







“We’re extremely grateful to Viridor Credits. The exterior fabric of the Church is now fully restored and should require no further investment for at least a generation.”

**Charles Easton**  
Elder and Property Committee member



## Scotland – Biodiversity

### Balnaguard Glen, Perthshire

Viridor Credits awarded Scottish Wildlife Trust just over £36,000 in December 2017 allowing them to carry out important works at Balnaguard Glen Wildlife Reserve in Perthshire.

The aim of this project was to enhance the regeneration of juniper – a UK BAP priority species – which supports a range of specialist insects, fungi and lichens. Juniper is in serious decline nationally, which is also affecting wildlife such as Snipe and Woodcock, who benefit from the dense ground cover it provides.

The project took a two-pronged approach to creating conditions to help juniper thrive. Two kilometres of deer fencing (with badger gates to allow access for the resident badgers) was erected to prevent browsing pressure on fruiting and flowering shoots. Intensive bracken control through a combination of spraying and flattening was also carried out using contractors and enthusiastic local volunteers. The results of a recent Habitat Impact Assessment shows that these measures are already taking effect.

“The Trust was delighted to receive the funding from Viridor Credits. The fencing that was installed with the award has reduced deer browsing and enabled us to introduce cattle for conservation grazing, creating conditions which we hope will secure a long-term future for the juniper stands at Balnaguard Glen. A healthy heathland habitat will also benefit a huge range of wildlife, from insects to pine marten.”

**Rab Potter**  
Reserves Manager



Photography courtesy of DC Thomson





If this work had not been carried out, an important designated population of this priority species would have rapidly declined. As well as encouraging juniper regeneration, the project activities will lead to a stronger ecological network in the area with the predominant thick grass sward gradually developing into a healthy heathland habitat where heather and blueberry thrive.





## The Viridor Credits Board

### The Board

The objectives of the volunteer members of the Viridor Credits Board are to promote community participation and partnership as well as supporting environmentally-friendly projects with an emphasis on volunteering, sustainability, value for money and proven need.

### Regional Steering Groups

Viridor Credits has established four regionalised steering groups that cover the areas which qualify for funding. Each group is comprised of individuals with specialist knowledge in biodiversity, heritage or community facilities as well as community-minded people from the local funding areas. The areas that these Steering Groups cover are Scotland, North, South East and the South West.

### General Manager

Alison Salvador is responsible to the Board of Trustees for the leadership, strategic direction and overall management of Viridor Credits.



**Aerospace Bristol**

### From Left to Right:

David Robertson, Mary Prior CVO MBE, Simon Catford, Peter Renshaw (Chairman), Dan Cooke

## The Viridor Credits Team



### From Left to Right:

Karen Chilcott, Tony Painter,  
Gareth Williams, Nick Berry,  
Alison Salvador, Phil Lettley

### Operations Manager

Gareth Williams is responsible for delivering the operational function of Viridor Credits, including applications, compliance and communications. Gareth manages a team of three who work together to deliver funding to our applicants.

### Viridor Credits Team

All applications submitted to Viridor Credits are handled by the Grants Officers, Phil Lettley and Tony Painter. The team processes the project enquiries, prepares applications, working with applicants to ensure eligibility and compliance with the rules of the scheme. The Project Liaison Officer in England, Dr Nick Berry and the Project Liaison Manager in Scotland, Michael Cunningham, will visit every project prior to consideration for funding and completion. This team is managed by Operations Manager, Gareth Williams

The Finance & Support Officer, Karen Chilcott, processes all project payment requests as well as providing support to our steering groups. Karen reports to General Manager, Alison Salvador.



## THANK YOU

Volunteers are really the life blood of how all the projects featured in this brochure happen – without the hundreds of people who give up their time to complete application forms, make phone calls, hammer a nail or make cups of tea, none of these projects would ever have gotten off the ground. You're why we're able to fund the projects we can.

Thank you all!



Evercreech Village Hall



Holmewood Cricket Club



Kilnhurst Ings Nature Reserve, Sheffield





Athelstaneford Parish Church



Govan and Linthouse Parish Church



Burnham-on-Sea Roman Catholic Church



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