



Isle of Man
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Wildlife and Conservation Grants Scheme Guidelines

The aims of this scheme

- To benefit the wildlife and wildlife habitats of the Island,
- To involve the community and individuals in active wildlife conservation work

Eligible works

The project must be of direct relevance and benefit to Manx wildlife or Manx wildlife habitats and may include works to –

- (a) contribute towards the conservation of species and habitats (especially less common species and habitats) either –
 - (i) through practical habitat management and creation; or
 - (ii) through research and survey;
- (b) promote public enjoyment of the Island's biodiversity and natural heritage;
- (c) increase awareness and understanding of the Island's ecology and wildlife.

Ineligible works

- Works, which have been provided or commenced before an application, has received the written approval of the
- Department;
- Works required to meet planning conditions imposed by the Department of Infrastructure;
- Works which are wholly of a commercial or a business nature or those that are likely to result in a direct financial benefit to the applicant;
- Works already funded through other Government schemes, such as the Agri-Environment Scheme 2002;
- Land purchase.

Payment rates

The normal level of support available is 50% of the total project costs. Exceptionally, up to 75% of project costs can be paid where applicants have highly valuable project proposals but also experience funding difficulties. (It must be emphasised that applicants hoping to secure 75% funding will be competing against other applicants seeking 50% funding. In many cases they may be at a disadvantage in terms of the value for money offered by their outputs).

The minimum payment is £50 and the maximum £2,000.

Payments will be retrospective, but DEFA may agree to pay for separate stages of a project. The payment of any grant in respect of any project shall be at the discretion of the Department.

Applications

These must be made on the application form supplied.

Each year there are two closing dates to enable the proposals to be evaluated and those giving the greatest wildlife value in the view of the Department will then be funded. These dates are 30th June and 31st October each year.

Conditions of funding:

Publicity

- A written report of an approved project, with accompanying documentation and photographs, maps or other visual material as appropriate, shall be submitted to the Department by the applicant on completion of the project.
- The Department may publish any written reports received.
- Any publicity associated with the project shall acknowledge the financial support of the Department.

Failure to complete

In the unlikely event of an applicant

- a) failing to complete a project, or
- b) failing to complete it in a satisfactory manner to DEFA or
- c) the applicant not complying with the conditions or limitations applied by DEFA when offering the grant, the Department may withhold grant money or require it to be repaid by the applicant, for the whole approved project or for any component part or stage of the project. It is accepted that there may be circumstances out-with the applicant's control.

Eligibility

Any person or any body of people is eligible if;

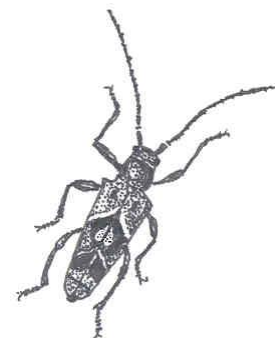
- a) they are ordinarily resident or based on the Island,
- b) they can demonstrate their ability to undertake the proposed project;
- c) they own, manage or have the agreement of the land owner of any area involved; and
- d) that the necessary supporting or additional funding has been made available to complete the project.

Government Departments, Statutory Boards and local authorities are not eligible applicants for this Scheme. Schools are eligible provided they can demonstrate the involvement of a parent/teacher group or other voluntary organisation in the project.

Further information and to obtain an application form contact:

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The full list of definitions and the full legal wording of the scheme are in the Wildlife and Conservation (Grants) Scheme 2004 document, available from Department of Environment, Food and Agriculture.

The information in this leaflet can be provided in large print or on audio tape, on request.