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Foreword from Chairman Alistair Holl



It gives me great pleasure to introduce the Enovert Community Trust's annual report for 2017-18.

In the past year the Trust has supported [number] projects with a total value of over £[value]. In line with best practice and to reflect Government guidance, the Trust gives priority to projects which meet its criteria of benefiting as many people in the community as possible, including environmental conservation, local heritage preservation and projects to strengthen and improve neighbourhood amenities.

Those of you that have been following the progress of the Trust over the past 15 years will notice the Trust has recently changed its name. Having been formed in 2003 as Cory Environmental Trust in Britain, the Trust was required to change its name following the sale in 2017 of Cory Environmental's landfill and gas business.

The deal required the landfill business to rebrand, and the name 'Enovert' was chosen, which reflects the new company's 'green' credentials and also its desire to be innovative in its business practices.

One fallout from the sale of the landfill business is that the Trust will soon cease to fund projects in the London Borough of Bexley. The Riverside Resource and

Recovery Energy-from-Waste Facility at Belvedere has been retained by Cory and as the company no longer has any landfill sites it will be unable to participate in the Landfill Communities Fund scheme.

A further change to our areas of operation has also come about in Wales, precipitated by the transfer of responsibility for the collection and administration of Landfill Tax in Wales to the Welsh Government from 1 April 2018. This affects the Landfill Communities Fund (LCF) which ceased in Wales from 1 April 2018.

In order to ensure that all projects are completed within the two year transition period, no further applications will be considered. Going forward projects seeking funds in Wales will be able to apply to the Welsh Council for Voluntary Action, which is managing the scheme in Wales.

One of the biggest challenges facing the Trust is a requirement from our Regulator, ENTRUST, to keep administration costs at or below 7.5% of expenditure. This is no mean feat, as the total fund is reducing year-on-year waste, as the UK reduces the amount of waste sent to landfill. However, I am pleased to report that the Trust has achieved administration costs of

2.97%, well below ENTRUST's target. This is a fantastic achievement, as any savings can be distributed to fund additional worthwhile community projects.



I would like to take this opportunity to thank my fellow Trustees for their commitment to the Trust, which takes time away from their busy careers and requires good judgement to make some very difficult decisions about the projects the Trust funds. I am also extremely grateful to Angela Haymonds, our knowledgeable and dedicated Trust Secretary, who provides helpful guidance and assistance throughout the application process.

I hope you enjoy reading this year's Annual Report.

Alistair Holl

Chairman, Enovert Community Trust



Monitoring the elusive dormouse population at Lower Woods (£50,000)

Lower Woods Nature Reserve in Gloucestershire is a fantastically diverse green space and one of the largest ancient woodlands in the south west of England. The Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust, which manages the reserve, approached Enover Community Trust for a grant of £50,000 to fund a project to restore and open up areas of the Lower Woods for the benefit of local people and wildlife.

Home to numerous species, the reserve boasts a population of the endangered Hazel Dormouse, as well as rare butterflies and deer. The project involved the restoration of ancient tracks, construction of wildlife observation towers and the installation of cameras on dormouse nest boxes to monitor the population and raise awareness.

Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust has also introduced green woodworking and outdoor education facilities to provide opportunities for visitors to become involved in sustainable woodland management.

NATURE

Wickwar, Gloucestershire

Creating a Living Landscape at Wrexham Industrial Estate £30,000



The Trust provided a grant of £30,000 to the North Wales Wildlife Trust to fund a project to improve the green infrastructure at Wrexham Industrial Estate and safeguard many important species and habitats.

A number of habitat and amenity improvement objectives were met, including tree planting, hedgerow creation, and grassland management. The project has also sought to engage the community and raise awareness via a programme of practical conservation activities, including species monitoring and training workshops.

The Living Landscape project has successfully reconnected the people and businesses operating on the estate with the green infrastructure and habitats that surround them, integrating business, industry and people with wildlife in a working landscape.

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Accessibility improvements open up Broadwater Warren to the community £25,000

NATURE

The RSPB approached Enovert Community Trust for a £25,000 grant to fund accessibility improvements at Broadwater Warren near Tunbridge Wells. The nature reserve forms the core remaining section of the ancient Broadwater Forest, one of the four great medieval forests in the Weald of Kent.

The site was purchased by the RSPB in 2007, with the aim of restoring the woodland by removing planted conifers, in order to create a number of new biodiversity-rich habitats. To enable the restoration works, a new access track was required.

Funded by Enovert Community Trust, the project has created a new 1,300 metre track with wildlife-rich edges, a pond and intermittent sunny glades to attract insect species and the animals that feed upon them. The new track provides free access to an area that was previously ankle deep in mud and water, and has greatly improved the wildlife spectacle for the site's thousands of annual visitors.

Tunbridge Wells, Kent

Volunteer project cleans up canals in Bexley £30,000



The Thamesmead Canal Habitat Enhancement project is helping to turn Thamesmead's canals into places where wildlife can flourish and which the community can enjoy.

A partnership between Peabody Trust and Thames21, with investment from Envoert Community Trust and the London Borough of Bexley, the project is delivering improvements and enhancements to create and restore natural wildlife habitats, improving access for local people and providing volunteering opportunities for the local community.

Delivered by more than 600 volunteers, the project incorporates waterway clean-ups, vegetation planting and wildlife management activities, in order to further develop the community's interest and foster a stronger sense of local ownership of Bexley's waterways.



Children flock to renovated play park in West Mersea £50,000

A dilapidated children's play area in West Mersea has been given a new lease of life thanks to a £50,000 grant from Enover Community Trust, which helped to fund brand new, inclusive play equipment for children of all ages and abilities.

West Mersea Play Park is situated opposite the local primary school and next to a supermarket. With a high footfall and many children in the local area, it is one of the most popular parks in the district, but had fallen into disrepair. The Town Council undertook a public consultation which showed strong support for replacing the old apparatus with modern equipment.

New equipment included the installation of a 30 metre zip wire, a wheelchair access roundabout, seesaw, climbing frames and a 360 degree single point swing for older children. The project also included the creation of a seating area with picnic tables, where adults can sit and relax while their children play safely.

New waterpark for Belvedere causes a splash £150,000



Enovert Community Trust contributed £150,000 towards a project to replace the water park at Belvedere Recreation Ground North. The existing facility had reached the end of its life and the London Borough of Bexley was keen to install a bespoke new facility that is inclusive for disabled children and supports financially disadvantaged households by providing free access. The project has also improved the council's sustainability by delivering affordable ongoing maintenance costs.

The new park offers residents a unique play area where all elements of play equipment have been designed to complement each other to provide an holistic play landscape. Designed following a consultation with local people, the play area includes educational and inclusive outdoor play facilities for use all year round.



Welsh youths delighted by new skate park near Swansea £50,000

A £50,000 grant from Enover Community Trust has funded the installation of a concrete skate park in the town of Gorseinon near Swansea. Reacting to a petition instigated by local children, Gorseinon Town Council approached the Trust to contribute funding towards the new skatepark, which is situated on a brownfield site next to the local comprehensive school and leisure centre.

As well as providing a valuable facility for young people to enjoy, the skatepark will also support the delivery of the Council's initiatives to improve facilities that promote physical education and activity among young people.



New play centre and café welcomes all comers at St Peter's Church £50,000



COMMUNITY - RECREATION

A brand new soft play centre and community café was opened at St Peter's Church in Bristol, thanks to a £50,000 grant from Enovert Community Trust. The new centre provides much-needed indoor space for young children to play and interact.

The grant from Enovert Community Trust funded the supply and installation of soft play equipment for the play centre, including tunnels, slides and a ball pool. The new play area boasts separate areas for babies, toddlers and children up to 11-years-old.

Pupils from nearby St Peter's Primary School will also use the facility for PE lessons and any income from the centre will be reinvested to fund a range of community services within the centre.

Bishopsworth, Bristol



Istead Rise Scouts' new HQ officially opened £39,000

Enovert Community Trust awarded £39,000 towards the rejuvenation of a fantastic new HQ for the 1st Istead Rise Scout Group in Gravesend, Kent.

The new state-of-the-art building replaces the old 1960s hall, which had ceased to be fit-for-purpose. Boasting a main hall, kitchen, toilet facilities, storage space and a small office, the new building is designed to be fully accessible to disabled members of the community.

The hall provides the local community with a valuable facility that is regularly used by Scouts, Cubs, Beavers, Guides and Brownies, as well as other organisations in the neighbourhood. Additional community groups, including a baby clinic and an exercise class, have expressed an interest in using the new hall.

COMMUNITY - BUILT



Gravesend, Kent

Community cafe improves social cohesion at Bristol's Page Park £50,000



Photo courtesy of: Quattro Design Architects Ltd

The Trust provided a £50,000 grant to South Gloucestershire Council to fund the construction of a new community café, christened 'Bean Tree Cafe' and meeting space at Page Park in Bristol. The £536,000 building is at the heart of the council's plans to comprehensively regenerate Page Park.

Page Park is a vital feature of the Staple Hill neighbourhood and is widely used by local residents for a range of activities, including recreation, sports, dog walking, exercise and enjoying nature.

The new building provides a vibrant community facility that will enhance social interaction among all park users, developing social cohesion and providing a quality environment that the whole community can come together to enjoy.

COMMUNITY - BUILT

Staple Hill, Bristol



Refurbishments boost inclusion at Newton Community Centre £49,314

Newton Family and Community Centre approached Enover Community Trust for a grant of nearly £50,000 to fund the refurbishment of the centre's dilapidated toilet facilities.

Newton Family and Community Centre is an open access help centre near St Helens which engages deprived local families with opportunities for learning and education, in order to enrich lives, reduce social isolation and empower individuals to reach their full potential.

Installed over 30 years ago, the disabled and female toilets were in desperate need of refurbishment as they were old, not fit-for-purpose and did not meet current regulations. The new toilets now provide a modern, functional, non-restrictive facility suitable for all of the centre's users regardless of their abilities, including wheelchair users and the parents and carers of young children.

COMMUNITY - BUILT

Newton-le-Willows, St Helens

Trust grant helps transformation of King Street Club £47,600



Enovert Community Trust provided a grant of £47,600 towards a project to renovate the concert room at the King Street Progressive Club in Walsall.

The club is an important community asset, as there are no other similar facilities in the area. The project included works to repair the roof, replace the air conditioning system and extend the dance floor, as well as general aesthetic improvements. As a result of the works the concert room is now regularly used by community groups for meetings, classes and performances.

Improvements to Little Aston Village Hall (£25,000)

A grant of £25,000 funded a host of improvements to make Little Aston Village Hall a more flexible and appealing space for local community groups.

The project removed the stage in order to create more floor space also addressed the lighting, thermal insulation and acoustic problems, as well as aesthetic improvements to make the hall a more attractive venue.



COMMUNITY - BUILT



School delighted by new pool enclosure £25,000

SPORT

Borough Green Primary School in Sevenoaks approached Enover Community Trust for a grant of £25,000 to fund a project to enclose the swimming pool and provide new changing facilities. Built over 40 years ago, the outdoor pool was previously open to the elements, limiting its use to the warmest few weeks of the summer term.

The project enclosed the pool with a weather-proof structure, extending its use to nine months a year and giving the school flexibility over the timing of swimming lessons throughout the year. The school's 320 pupils will benefit from increased access to swimming facilities, while the use of the pool has also been extended to other primary schools and community fitness classes in the local area.

Sevenoaks, Kent

New bowling green puts a spring in club's step £50,000



Enovert Community Trust contributed a grant of £50,000 to Spring View Cricket Club in Wigan towards a project to install a new bowling green on the club's premises. Due to council budget restrictions and the closure of many of the area's public houses and clubs, bowling greens in the region are in short supply.

Spring View Cricket Club has a large active membership, with more than 500 people using the club's facilities each week throughout the summer. The new bowling green has enabled the club to broaden its appeal, by providing alternative opportunities for sport and recreation, which are of immense value to the local community.



SPORT

Wigan, Greater Manchester

Trust grant sees Net Gains for cricket club £28,500

Halesowen Cricket Club approached the Trust for a grant of £28,500 towards its Net Gains project, which has provided new cricket net practice facilities at the club. A recent survey revealed a high level of support amongst members for improvements to the net facility, which had become dated, dangerous and not fit-for-purpose.

The club is widely used by more than 300 members, as well as 2,500 people from local schools, youth groups, and nearby cricket clubs. As the only club in the region with artificial practice net facilities, it was imperative that the repairs and improvements were carried out to ensure users have access to safe, modern training facilities.



Community all-weather pitch for Sevenoaks (£50,000)

Sevenoaks Hockey Club received a grant of £50,000 to fund the replacement of the all-weather pitch at Hollybush Astroturf facility with a new state-of-the-art 3G surface.

As the last all-weather pitch available for community use in Sevenoaks, the facility provides a vital sporting resource for people in the local area.

Grant helps Little Theatre Company achieve big dreams £28,590



The multi award-winning Swansea Little Theatre Company is a thriving community amateur drama group based in Swansea. The group approached Enovert Community Trust for a grant of £28,590 to fund the replacement of the stage at the Dylan Thomas Theatre, which had degraded over the years, with significant areas deemed rotten and unsafe.

The Theatre is used by a variety of organisations including schools and community groups for workshops, performances and conferences. The new stage is accessible for people with disabilities, including full wheelchair access onstage and back stage.

The project has contributed to the Swansea Little Theatre Company's goal to accommodate the needs of even more community groups and visitors, and to broaden its historic contribution to the arts in Swansea.





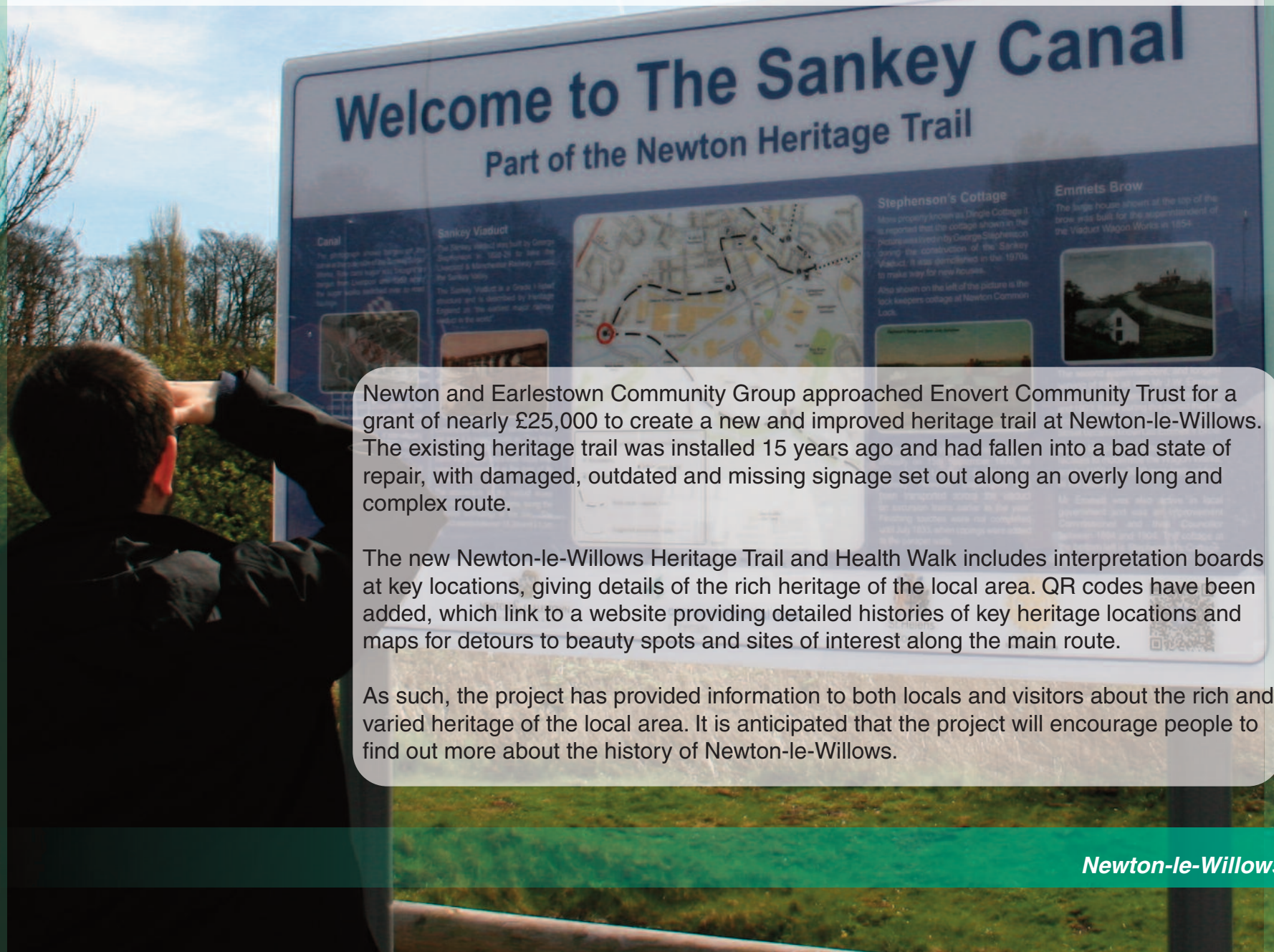
Trust grant helps unlock nature on the River Stour £85,269

Enovert Community Trust provided a grant of more than £85,000 to The River Stour Trust to fund the restoration of the Stratford St Mary Lock on the River Stour. Originally built in the 1930s, the lock gates were in an advanced state of decay and were largely impassable by sightseers.

The River Stour Trust has undertaken a project to reinstate the locks along the river to enable through navigation by members of the public. Restoring the lock at Stratford St Mary formed the final part of the project and has opened up a further three miles of navigation along the River Stour by boat.

The lock is now operational and has been renamed the Roger Brown Lock in honour of one of the River Stour Trust's dedicated volunteers who maintained his enthusiasm and determination to complete this project for over twelve years.

New trail shares the delights of Newton-le-Willows' heritage £24,454



Newton and Earlestown Community Group approached Enover Community Trust for a grant of nearly £25,000 to create a new and improved heritage trail at Newton-le-Willows. The existing heritage trail was installed 15 years ago and had fallen into a bad state of repair, with damaged, outdated and missing signage set out along an overly long and complex route.

The new Newton-le-Willows Heritage Trail and Health Walk includes interpretation boards at key locations, giving details of the rich heritage of the local area. QR codes have been added, which link to a website providing detailed histories of key heritage locations and maps for detours to beauty spots and sites of interest along the main route.

As such, the project has provided information to both locals and visitors about the rich and varied heritage of the local area. It is anticipated that the project will encourage people to find out more about the history of Newton-le-Willows.



Enovert Community Trust statement of financial activities for the year ending 31 December 2017

INCOMING RESOURCES

Donations and grants

Interest

TOTAL INCOME

EXPENDITURE ON:

ENTRUST administration fee

Charitable activities:

Administration Costs

Grants

TOTAL EXPENDITURE

NET INCOME / (EXPENDITURE)

NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS:

Total funds brought forward

TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD

Restricted funds 2017
(£)

Total funds 2017
(£)

Total funds 2016
(£)

3,336,572

3,336,572

1,034,696

2,200

2,200

2,277

3,338,772

3,338,772

1,036,973

89,010

89,010

24,419

56,959

56,959

82,951

2,189,908

2,189,908

1,490,287

2,335,877

2,335,877

1,597,657

1,002,895

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2,295,413

2,295,413

2,856,097

3,298,308

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Enovert Community Trust balance sheet as at 31 December 2017



	(£)	2017 (£)	(£)	2016 (£)
CURRENT ASSETS				
Debtors	1,586,929		91,873	
Cash at bank and in hand	2,053,257		2,353,816	
	3,640,186		2,445,689	
CREDITORS: amounts falling due within one year	(341,878)		(150,276)	
NET CURRENT ASSETS		3,298,308		2,295,413
NET ASSETS		3,298,308		2,295,413
TRUST FUNDS				
Restricted funds		3,298,308		2,295,413
TOTAL FUNDS		3,298,308		2,295,413



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