



Annual Report 2017/2018

Welcome Stephen Hardy MBE, Chairman



It gives me great pleasure to introduce the Ibstock Enovert Trust's annual report for 2017-18. Those of you that have been following the progress of the Trust over the 17 years since its start will notice the Trust has changed its name. Having been formed in 2001 as Ibstock Cory Environmental Trust, the Trust was required to change its name following the sale in 2017 of Cory Environmental's landfill and gas business to reinsurance firm, Armour Group Holdings. The deal required the landfill business to rebrand, and it decided on the name 'Enovert', to reflect the new company's 'green' credentials and also its desire to be innovative in its business practice. The 'Ibstock' element of the Trust remains unchanged, with Ibstock Brick continuing to have a strategic relationship with Enovert, which is the basis of the funding for this Trust. Therefore the two names were combined to reflect the two sponsoring companies, who together fund the 10% 3rd party contribution for all grant awards. We hope this significant contribution, which we believe may be unique amongst environmental trusts, encourages more community organisations to apply.

In the past year the Trust has supported 32 projects with a total value of over £400k. 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, and that of being able to draw down the funds quickly. 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, because we are landfilling less, whilst external costs, such as the administration fee paid to ENTRUST, continue to rise; however we are pleased that we have been able to meet this target.

Over the next two years, some of the landfill sites from which the Trust receives landfill tax credits will be closing and it is anticipated that the level of funds available to distribute will drop considerably. To face this challenge over the next year, the Trust will continue to receive applications but will draw up plans for its closure in 2020. Bearing this in mind, we encourage those organisations who have projects that they are seeking to deliver to ensure they submit their applications at the earliest opportunity and to make sure that any projects that are submitted can be delivered within a reasonable time frame. As ever, projects that affect as broad a section of the community as possible will be welcomed and the Trustees are also really keen to consider biodiversity (DA) projects to ensure the Trust's legacy in the communities in which it operates.

Finally, I would like to thank my fellow Trustees for their commitment to the Trust, which takes time away from their busy careers and requires good judgment to make some very difficult decisions about the projects the Trust funds. I also thank Angela Haymonds, our extremely hard-working, knowledgeable and dedicated Trust Secretary, who provides helpful guidance and assistance to all those making applications.

**Stephen Hardy MBE, Chairman,
Ibstock Enovert Trust, July 2018**

The areas that the Trust is able to fund, and welcome project applications for, are in the following ENTRUST categories:

- A) reclaim land and bring it back into use for the community
- D) create or maintain public amenities and parks
- DA) conserve the environment and encourage biological diversity
- E) restore or repair buildings of religious, architectural or historical significance.

New facilities for Sport

St Helens CE Primary School Multi-Use Games Area, Bristol IET grant £10,000

In 2017 St Helen's CE Primary School in Alveston, Bristol, celebrated its 50th Birthday. To mark this occasion the school raised funds to build a brand new multi-use games area, or MUGA, on the site of a redundant swimming pool. The aim of the project was to create a facility which would be used by future generations of children of the school and by the wider community.

The MUGA will enable a wide range of sports to be played and developed, whatever the weather, improving children's enjoyment and developing healthy lifestyles. Whilst having your own swimming pool can have many benefits, they are notoriously difficult and expensive to run and maintain and, owing to the UK's inclement climate, can only be used for a few weeks during the summer term.



By converting the pool into a MUGA, the facility will be able to be used year-round for a wide variety of sports, including tag rugby, netball, basketball, football, hockey, tennis, cricket and multi-sports. It will also bring savings, which will benefit the school's ever tightening budget.

Orchard Field Regeneration, Sevenoaks Vine Cricket Club IET Grant £20,000

Sevenoaks Cricket Club has an enviably rich history, with matches being traced back to 1734 on its main ground in the centre of Sevenoaks at The Vine. This project, however, relates to the club's second ground - Orchard Field - in Otford, where IET was approached to contribute towards the provision of a 'best in breed' bespoke three lane, non-turf net practice facility.

The new facility has provided much improved practice facilities for local community cricket as well as opening the ground up for other sports such as football and its surface is also more suitable for use by those with disabilities. The new nets complex is used regularly by the club's juniors, from under 11s upwards (80+ a week during the season) as well as extensively by the senior players.

Additionally new nets have enhanced the Otford facility such that the club is able to offer them to local schools for matches and training, as well as to the Kent Visually Impaired team and for 1:1 coaching sessions. They have also played an important role in the start-up of a girls section.



Supporting the Community

St Paul's Community and Learning Centre, Brierley Hill, Dudley **IET Grant £7,900**

St Paul's Community and Learning Centre is a busy hub in the Brierley Hill community, with many groups using it as their base. From over 50's to dance groups, martial arts and kids clubs, the centre is booked six days a week. With so many users the centre's kitchen facilities had become worn out, so the organisation approached the Trust with a project to completely upgrade the kitchen and make it 'fit for purpose'. "After activities have finished, many of the groups want to prepare refreshments and socialise before heading home, so the kitchen is an important facility and is well used. It is also something new groups looking for a venue ask about and want to inspect before committing to a booking," explains Ray Gibbs, Secretary of St Paul's Community and Learning Centre. The kitchen was originally installed in 1998 and was becoming very tired with constant use over the last 18 years. "It was clear we needed to upgrade the kitchen facility to retain the clubs that use the centre and attract new groups. We

are delighted with how the kitchen now looks and our user groups are even more pleased" said Ray.

The 81 square foot kitchen was transformed in just one month. It now has modern grey and charcoal units, together with new appliances, including a dishwasher, fridge and a microwave.



Ide Hill Playground Renovation Scheme **IET Grant £15,000**

Ide Hill's Recreation Ground is a real focal point of the village, with a fancy new clubhouse for the football club (part-funded with a £20,000 grant from IET, no less) and a large open green space, which is used for everything from football matches, to dog walking, to the Annual Ide Hill Fair. It is also the site of Ide Hill's only play area, which is particularly well used by the siblings of boys and girls who play for Ide Hill FC.

The playground, however, was well past its sell-by date, with several pieces of equipment in danger of being condemned. Other limitations were that all of the equipment was for younger children, with nothing to excite or challenge older kids. To address this, Sundridge and Ide Hill Parish Council put a bid in to IET for a grant to replace the equipment and also to renovate the safety surfacing. As the total project costs were bigger than the grant, a further award of £20,000 was made by Enover Community Trust (previously Cory Environmental Trust in Britain), which enabled the complete upgrade and transformation to take place.

Now the play area has an exciting range of robust wooden play equipment, with pieces suited to different age ranges, all designed to fit with the rural setting.



Conserving the Environment

Forestry and Wildlife Corridor and 10 Year Anniversary of RSPB Broadwater Warren. IET grants of £20,000 and £5119

2017 marked the ten year anniversary of the RSPB's ownership of Broadwater Warren near Tunbridge Wells. In that time, the former conifer plantation has been reverted to a heathland reserve that is teeming with wildlife. During the last two years IET has supported two projects at the site. The first involved the creation of 1300m of forestry ride, together with the creation of a wildlife pond at the end of the new ride, which has created a focal point where several tracks converge.

The second project was a celebration of the RSPB's ten year ownership and included the creation of two new viewpoints, ten new interpretation panels, ten new waymarkers, and a new pond dipping platform. The viewpoints have provided stunning vistas of the Wealden landscape and the interpretation provides an insight into the wildlife and management on

the reserve. With the reserve attracting over 35,000 visitors per year, these projects have both greatly improved the visitor experience, and will ensure that all those that visit gain a better understanding of the importance of restoring the landscape and the wide benefits it can bring to the environment.



Lower Woods Nature Reserve Coppicing Project, Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust. IET grant of £12,438

Lower Woods is one of the largest ancient woodlands in the south-west of England and covers three square kilometres. It is a fantastically diverse green space, which includes a Site of Special Scientific Interest, a Scheduled Ancient Monument, Key Wildlife Site and Common Land and, as such, is of huge county and regional significance.

Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust approached IET to fund a project aimed at ensuring the rejuvenation of ancient coppices and the provision of vital habitats for rare and vulnerable species by fencing newly coppiced areas from deer browsing. A further objective was to improve people's understanding and appreciation of wildlife and green spaces whilst giving them the skills and knowledge to undertake activities to help improve and conserve wild places and wildlife through a holistic and sustainable project.

Volunteers are key to the delivery of a project such as this, and Lower Woods Nature Reserve is able to host them in relative comfort owing to the beautiful yurt that provides a base for community activities, education and volunteer groups, funded by a grant from Enover Community Trust.



Restoring Historic Buildings

The Dairy at Blaise Castle House Museum, Bristol Museums Development Trust. IET grant £20,000

The Grade II listed dairy at Blaise House in Bristol is a charming building, but was in desperate need of re-thatching and, as such, owing to its poor state of repair, was only opened occasionally for special events such as butter making. Following a successful bid to IET, the building underwent refurbishment, including re-thatching, replacement of lead flashing and repairs to the lime mortar.

Several open days were held during the course of the project, whereby visitors could watch the master thatcher at work and see for themselves this incredible and ancient craft, as well as handle some of the specialist tools used by the thatcher. Now that the building is in a good condition it can be hired for meetings and is used by the Bristol Museums Trust for events, as well as being used as a base from which the Blaise Castle House volunteers operate.



The dairy's lawned garden, with pond, historic planting and grassed amphitheatre, which for an open-air venue provides excellent acoustics, offers a delightful outdoor venue and it is hoped that community choirs will perform here during the summer months.

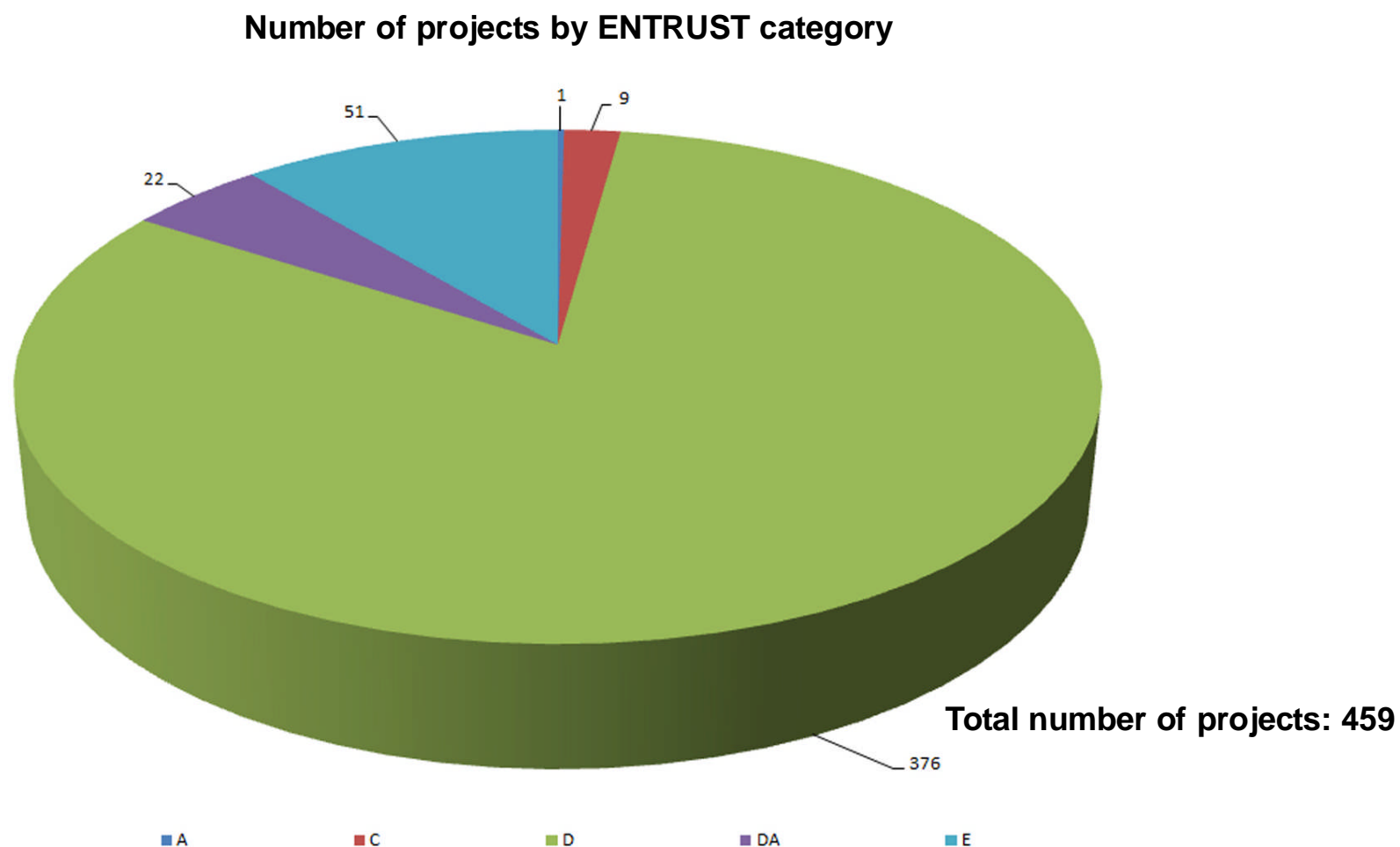
Restoration of the Nave and Tower Floor at St Benedict Biscop Anglican Church, Wombourne. IET grant £20,000

St Benedict's Church in Wombourne, Staffordshire, is a busy hub in the community, accommodating a wide range of local organisations. The church sees over 28,000 people visit it each year and hosts an annual week long music festival that attracts 2750 visitors. Over the last couple of years the church has been undertaking refurbishment works and the last phase required was the refurbishment of the flooring in the nave.

The £62,000 project required specialist tilers to construct and lay traditionally-made black and red tiles. "Our church is a listed building, dating back to 1850. We have worked closely with the Victorian Society to ensure that the tiles are a close match to the originals laid when the church was built," explains David Crathorne, who is responsible for the fabric of the building. The church approached IET for a contribution towards the total project costs, which took over three months to complete, during which time the congregation attended services at its sister church, the Venerable Bede. The completed works look stunning and will ensure that the church is in a great condition to serve its local community for the next 100 years and beyond.



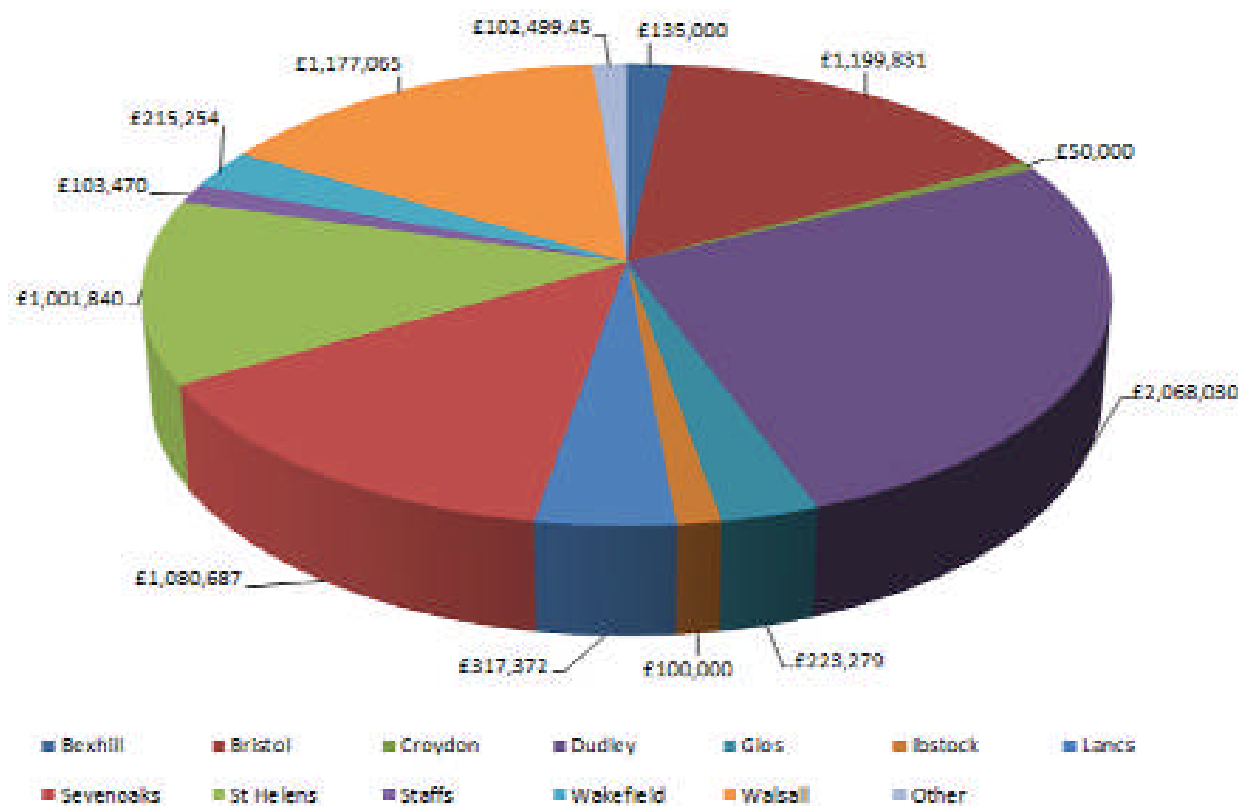
How the grants were allocated from 2001 to 2017



Note: See page 2 for full description of ENTRUST categories
Category C is no longer an available category for further funding

How the grants were allocated from 2001 to 2017

IET project expenditure by area



Total: £7,774,327.45

Statement of Financial Affairs

for the period ended 31st December 2017

	Restricted* funds 2017 £	Restricted* funds 2016 £
Incoming Resources		
Investment income	227	3,453
Grants from landfill operators	470,867	600,798
	471,094	604,251
Resources Expended		
ENTRUST administration fee	12,572	19,781
Management and administration	38,501	42,399
Project expenditure	444,070	567,322
Total resources expended	495,143	629,502
Net Incoming Resources		
Net Movement in Funds		
Balance at 1st January 2017	(24,049)	(25,251)
Balance at 31st December 2017	503,320	527,369

Balance Sheet

as at 31st December 2017

	Restricted* funds 2017 £	Restricted* funds 2016 £
Current Assets		
Debtors	105,384	90,894
Cash at bank and in hand	447,905	486,105
	553,289	576,999
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	(49,969)	(49,630)
Net Current Assets	503,320	527,369
Total Assets Less Current Liabilities	503,320	527,369
Total Net Assets (*Restricted funds)	503,320	527,369
Total Funds	503,320	527,369

*Restricted funds are funds which have been given for particular purposes and projects. The restricted fund must be used wholly to provide grants to successful applicants

This data is extracted from fully audited financial statements for 2017

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IET is keen to make the application process for funding as easy as possible. We have a comprehensive application pack that shows you how to apply and gives you examples of how to complete the application form, and explains the supporting information you need to provide. If you would like an application pack, please contact Angela Haymonds, or download one from our website:

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Photo on front cover: Mill Pond, Greatness, Sevenoaks, recipient of IET funds.
Photo on back cover: Trustees visit Kinver Edge, National Trust, recipient of IET funds



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