





# Welcome Stephen Hardy MBE, Chairman



This past year ICET has approved funding for 32 projects injecting over £475k into the communities affected by landfill under the Landfill Communities Fund (LCF). In January 2017 Cory Environmental sold its UK Landfill and gas business, including the sites from which ICET derives its income, to reinsurance firm, Armour Group Holdings. ICET has been operating as a grant giving trust for 16 years, distributing funds derived from an annually reducing portion of Cory Environmental's landfill tax liability on sites owned by Ibstock Brick. We trust this will

continue, as will the relationships that make our trust special, including not asking the organisations we fund to find the 10% 3rd Party contribution for each grant award. We are grateful that the Trust's two sponsoring companies, Cory Environmental and Ibstock Brick, cover this contribution equally between them.

ICET is pleased that ENTRUST, the LCF regulator, has recently used an ICET project as a case study, illustrating how trusts came together to fund the creation of new football pitches at Kewford Eagles Football Club. The case study can be viewed at the following link:

<http://www.entrust.org.uk/case-studies/kewford-eagles-football-club-creation-of-new-pitches>

Our close working relationship with Cory Environmental Trust in Britain (CETB) magnifies the effect of LCF monies going to worthwhile projects. I would like to thank the Trustees of CETB for this co-operative approach that helps minimise administration costs in the light of the ENTRUST cap of 7.5% on administration out of our total spend. ENTRUST continues to apply strict controls to trusts that are not based in reality and not reciprocated in the way that ENTRUST itself operates. ENTRUST appears to ignore its own

recommendations for trusts. In its latest annual report we see they have increased key management costs by 4.9%. ICET now faces a 48% increase in the levy to pay for the costs of running ENTRUST. With its imposed cap on our administrative costs, one third of our total costs now goes to keeping our regulator funded. We need the Government to look urgently at how the Landfill Communities Fund operates, recognising that sympathetic, considerate treatment of the schemes and their regulator needs to be put in place rapidly in the twilight years of the LCF. This will ensure that the benefits of the Fund can be reasonably and properly distributed to the many worthy causes in local communities that see the LCF as a source of vital funds for their projects.

In closing, I would like to thank Angela Haymonds, our Trust Secretary, who provides helpful assistance to all those making an application, and my fellow Trustees for their sheer hard work, support and enthusiasm as they make difficult decisions about the projects the Trust funds. Jenny Doyle from Cory Environmental has joined as a new Trustee and has already made a very positive contribution to our discussions and decisions. I would also like to thank the small team of professionals we have who provide the Trust with specialist guidance and support.

**Stephen Hardy MBE, Chairman,  
Ibstock Cory Environmental Trust, July 2017**

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

### Wall Heath Tennis Club, Kingswinford: ICET grant £15,000

Wall Heath Tennis Club was formed by local residents in 1972. Affiliated to the Lawn Tennis Association, the club provides affordable opportunities for the community to play tennis. ICET contributed to the new clubhouse project that opened in September 2016.

Tennis has seen a rapid rise in popularity after Andy Murray won Olympic Gold, Wimbledon and became world number one. Johanna Konta is also inspirational for the women's game, ranked seventh best player in the world. Wall Heath Tennis Club boasts four all weather courts, two of which are floodlit. It needed a new clubhouse to create a 'Community Tennis Hub'. Claire Colling, Club Secretary, said: "The building will make such a big difference. We want Wall Heath Tennis Club to grow to something that is valuable to the community." The clubhouse and its courts are open all week and used by club members,



non-members and local schools on a daily basis. There are also regular open days and social events. In addition, groups such as Dudley Stroke Association, Dudley Ladies Hockey Club, local schools and local businesses use the clubhouse as a venue for meetings.

### Farnborough Pitch Improvement, Kent: ICET grant £15,000

Farnborough Old Boys Guild Football Club's (FOBGFC) main pitch is built on soil with a high clay content that stops the pitch from draining. Over the summer of 2016, the pitch was renovated with funding from ICET. FOBGFC can now host matches during the winter football season without fear of cancellation due to the pitch being waterlogged.

The project included harrowing the pitch and the addition of 200 tonnes of red sand that was also harrowed in to improve the drainage. Mixing sand in with the clay soil creates channels in the soil structure to help water drain away more quickly and prevent waterlogging. A top soil dressing, levelling the pitch, and over-seeding completed the project. At the inaugural match of the renovated pitch, Roger French, FOBGFC Committee Member said: "This is a great day for our club as we now have two functioning football pitches for our eight football teams to play on. Last year this pitch was out of action for nearly a third of the games we had planned, due to it being waterlogged. Thanks to ICET we have been able to renovate the pitch to improve its surface drainage and ensure it can be used for the whole season and beyond."



# Supporting the Community

### St Werburghs City Farm, Bristol: ICET grant £20,000

The Connection Centre at St Werburghs City Farm provides education and training in addition to a community facility that aims to connect people to food, the environment and each other. ICET funded the construction and fitting of the community kitchen in the Connection Centre.

St Werburghs City Farm is situated on the border of five wards, which are within the most disadvantaged in the UK. Child poverty in two of these wards is significant, as are unemployment levels. The Connection Centre has been developed to meet the needs of disadvantaged communities. Facilities include three classrooms, a training kitchen and a covered teaching space, which enables a number of groups to meet at the same time all year round, regardless of weather. The centre enables the farm to engage up to 7,000 people per year in unique activities that equip them with the skills, experience and support networks to change their lives for the better.

The Connection Centre is open seven days a week and the facilities are used by 40,000 visitors per year.



### Leigh Primary School, Kent: ICET grant £10,000

In March this year, Leigh Primary School opened its new Creative Arts Facility with an official ceremony conducted by Dominic Peckham, Assistant Music Director of the National Youth Choirs of Great Britain. ICET contributed to the project that transformed an old public toilet into a facility for the school and the local community to learn music, rehearse and perform.

The Creative Arts Facility was born when public toilets fell into disuse and the school acquired the building in 2010. The location was perfect, being adjacent to the school hall and adding much needed valuable space. "Creative Arts are something that we are very passionate about" explained headteacher Daniel Eaton at Leigh, but the school did not have specific facilities to teach music. "Music lessons were being crammed into spaces such as the library and corridors, with constant interruptions. When the opportunity arose to acquire the building, we decided to create a facility that would give all children the opportunity to develop their talents and skills in the arts. We are also passionate about allowing this facility to be used by members of the local community."





# Conserving the Environment

### West of England B-Lines: ICET grants of £25,000 and £18,815

ICET funded two projects supporting the innovative B-Lines project. The first project, in partnership with Avon Wildlife Trust, received £25,000 and the second received £18,815. B-Lines is an imaginative solution to the loss of wild flowers, bees and other wildlife in our countryside. Clare Dinham, Buglife Conservation Officer, said "Bees and other pollinators are disappearing from our countryside because we have lost 97% of the UK's wild flower-rich grasslands since 1945. By creating B-Lines we can help wildlife move across our countryside, saving threatened species and making sure there are plenty of pollinators out there to help crops grow." The West of England B-Lines project aims to create corridors of wild flowers across the countryside from the Cotswolds to the Mendips, from the coast to the hills, and from towns and cities to the countryside.



The B-Lines project has worked directly with landowners, provided advice and training, and created and restored meadows and wild flower rich grasslands making B-Line routes along which bees can fly. The project has created wild flower rich areas on accessible sites that everyone can enjoy.

### Woodland Trust Bat Haven, Himley: ICET grant £16,286

Bat experts and enthusiasts from several local conservation groups identified Himley Plantation as a valuable habitat for bats. With help from the Woodland Trust, a roosting site for new and rare species of bat was planned. ICET funded the work that installed 160 bat boxes across the site. The project included digging a pond to increase the diversity of prey available to foraging bats and provide a source of water for lactating female bats to drink. Thus the project created an environment for bats to live, feed and reproduce. It promises the discovery of new and rare species and opportunities for volunteers to examine these rare species and make formal scientific identifications. Six species that are listed as priority species in the UK Biodiversity Action Plan have already been recorded, including brown long-eared bats, noctule and soprano pipistrelle. Work began by removing invasive rhododendron to encourage the growth of native plant species that attract the insects that bats eat. Fencing has also been installed to protect the site and discourage motorbikes and quad bikes from driving through the woodland. Reducing disturbances in the plantation is encouraging bats to take up residence.



# Restoring Historic Buildings

### Gatehouse Tower Roof, Knole: ICET grant £22,000

The Gatehouse Tower at Knole was built for Thomas Bouchier, Archbishop of Canterbury, between 1472 and 1474. From the eighteenth century it was simply an entrance to Knole's historic courtyards and showrooms. Between 1926 and 1940 it became home to Edward Sackville-West, 5th Baron Sackville, a novelist and music critic. Knole made history in summer 2016 when the Gatehouse Tower opened to the public for the first time. ICET contributed to a project that created a permanent viewing area at the top of the gatehouse tower. The terrace lets visitors enjoy the panoramic views across the rooftops of the palace, the medieval deer park and North Downs for the first time in Knole's history. Knole's Youth Advisory Panel and student groups from local schools and colleges were involved in the development and delivery of the project. The creation of the terrace viewing area

included exterior work to the tower, helping young people develop new skills and safeguard this Grade I listed building for future generations. Also, several local primary and secondary schools are using the new attraction to bring their curriculum to life while they study geography and Tudor history.



### Repairs at Church of St Mary, Acton Turville: ICET grant £3,140

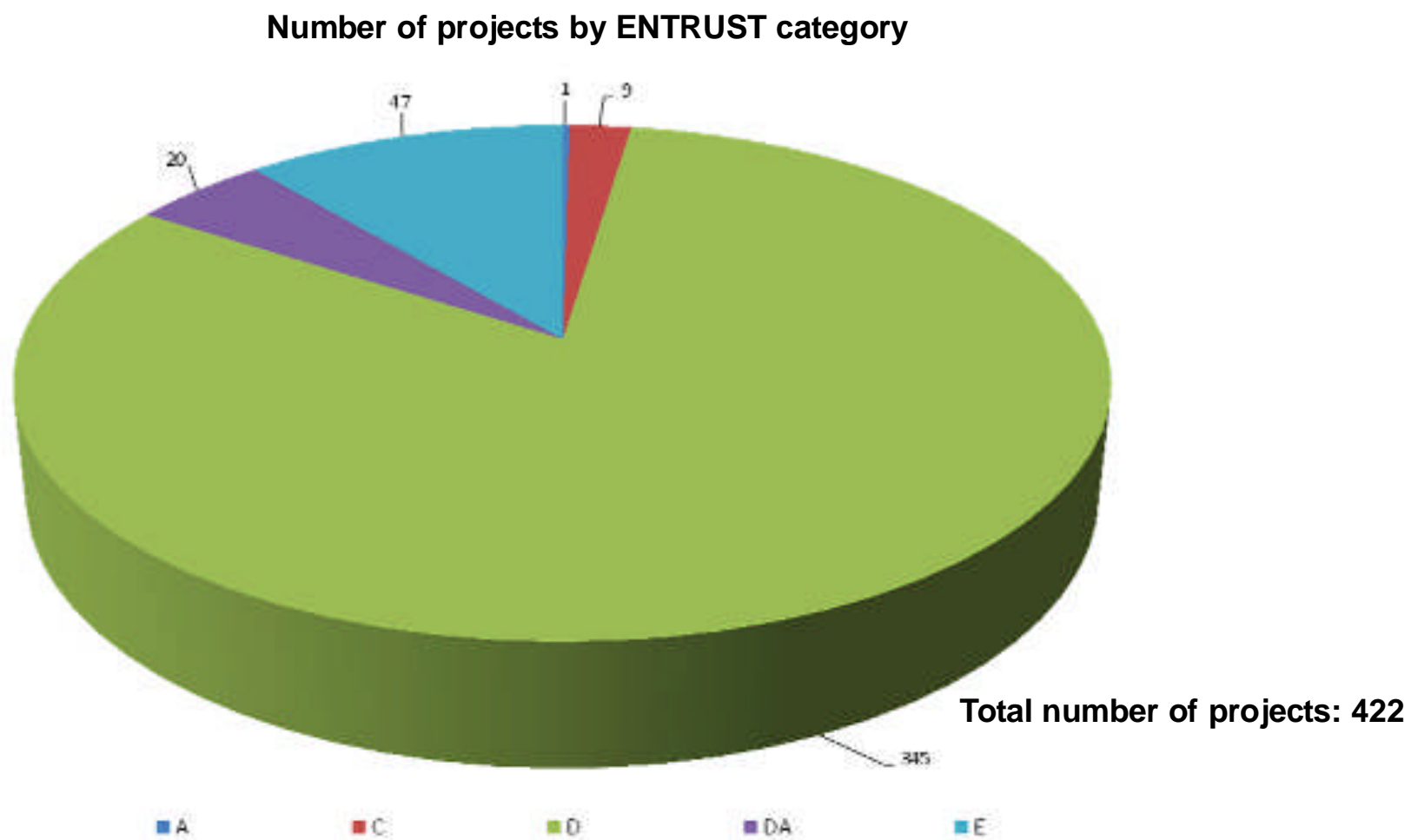
ICET has contributed to the repair of the windows, masonry and glazing which was essential to maintain the fabric of this important church.

St Mary's Church in Acton Turville is a Grade II\* listed building that dates back to the 12th Century. The original church was enlarged in 1853, under the direction of the architect T H Wyatt, adding a north aisle and vestry. While the church is small, it boasts fine stained glass windows that were designed and made by some of the leading studios of the day.

In July 2014, hairline cracks in the stone mullions in the east window of the north aisle appeared. The Diocesan Surveyor concluded that they were caused by rusting window bars. The leaded stained glass window and its protective grilles were removed to replace the defective stonework. The poor state of the window meant the glass needed re-leading before it was replaced and the rusted window bars were replaced with new stainless steel bars. The project also replaced the rusting grilles on the east window and de-rusted and painted the associated window bars.



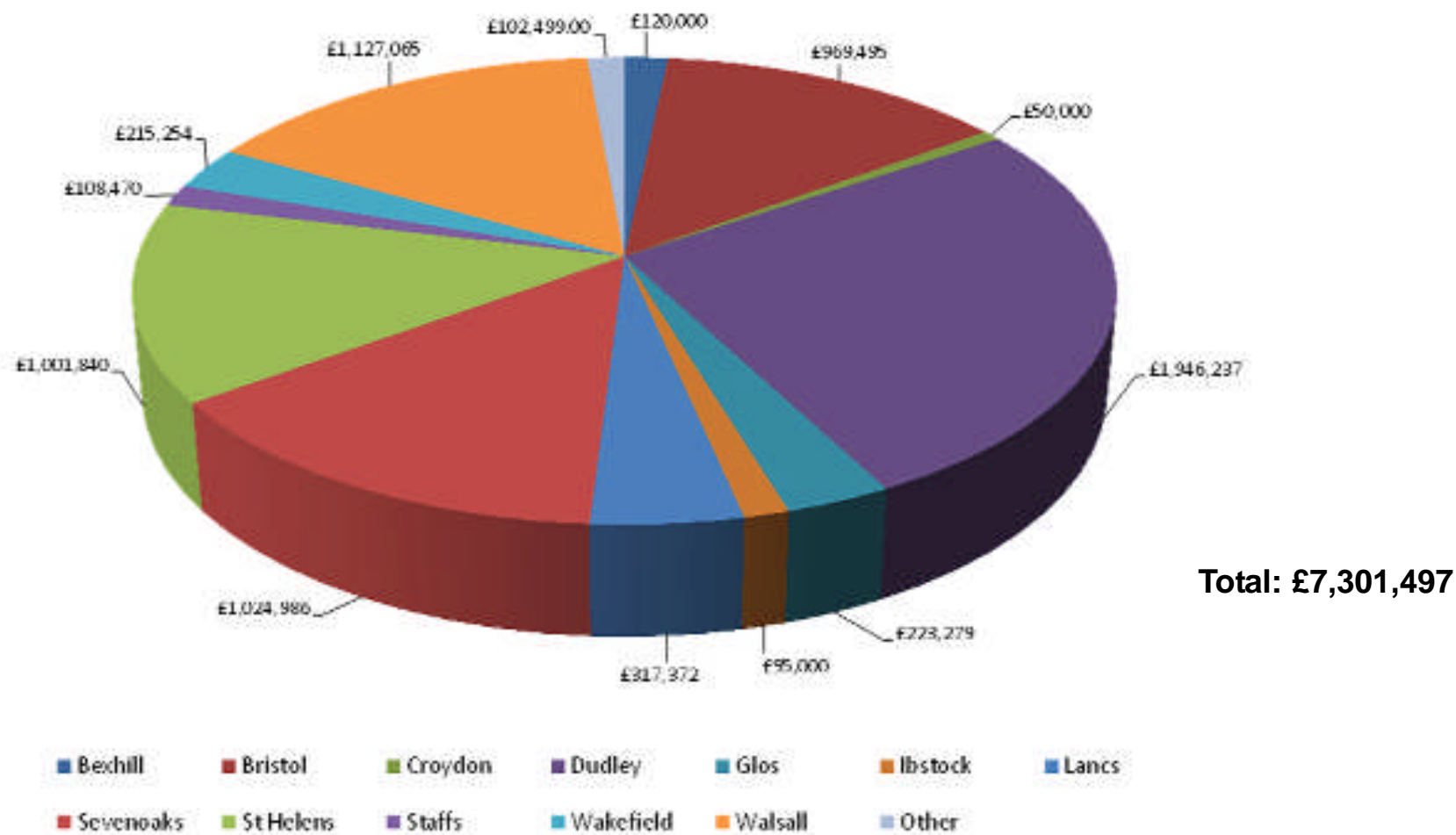
## How the grants were allocated from 2001 to 2016



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 2016

ICET project expenditure by area





## Statement of Financial Affairs

for the period ended 31st December 2016

	Restricted* funds 2016 £	Restricted* funds 2015 £
<b>Incoming Resources</b>		
Investment income	3,453	2,332
Grants from landfill operators	600,798	409,652
	604,251	411,984
<b>Resources Expended</b>		
ENTRUST administration fee	19,781	9,310
Management and administration	42,399	43,612
Project expenditure	567,322	495,843
Total resources expended	629,502	548,765
<b>Net Incoming Resources</b>		
<b>Net Movement in Funds</b>		
Balance at 1st January 2016	(25,251)	(136,781)
<b>Balance at 31st December 2016</b>	527,369	552,620

## Balance Sheet

as at 31st December 2016

	Restricted* funds 2016 £	Restricted* funds 2015 £
<b>Current Assets</b>		
Debtors	90,894	86,106
Cash at bank and in hand	486,105	544,837
	576,999	630,943
<b>Creditors:</b> amounts falling due within one year	(49,630)	(78,323)
<b>Net Current Assets</b>	527,369	552,620
<b>Total Assets Less Current Liabilities</b>	527,369	552,620
<b>Total Net Assets</b> (*Restricted funds)	527,369	552,620
<b>Total Funds</b>	527,369	552,620

\*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 2016

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ICET 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:

[www.ibstockcory.org.uk/application-pack](http://www.ibstockcory.org.uk/application-pack)

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