





# Welcome Stephen Hardy MBE, Chairman



This past year ICET has funded 25 projects injecting over £400k into the communities affected by landfill under the Landfill Communities Fund (LCF). This is despite the Government continuing its relentless assault on the LCF, trying to claw back money for its own purposes from the Fund. This year it has been a straight reduction in order 'to fund government action against waste crime', ie littering and illegal tipping. I believe the projects in this report show very clearly the better use of that money in creating longer term and more tangible benefits for communities, in contrast to

the short term benefit of that money being spent cleaning up after littering and vandals.

We are involved now in another consultation about how LCF money is spent by trusts like ourselves. The Government's aim is to speed up the spending of the cash but the hidden plan is simply to allow them to claw back any money not spent after 18 months. Such a reform would not take account of project delays outside of the control of the organisations delivering the projects, such as planning issues, funding shortfalls or inclement weather. ICET feels it is important to have ring-fenced any grants made, so organisations have peace of mind that the award can be paid when the project is completed. I continue to speak to government and regulators to ensure ICET's voice is heard in the debate and the implications of any proposed reforms on project funding decisions is fully understood by our law makers.

It is just so unfortunate that what started off as a brilliant idea some 15 years ago, to allow part of the landfill tax to be distributed in a non-bureaucratic way to communities affected by landfill, has been so eroded. If you check back to see my annual reports in years past, you will see in practically all of them I have railed against some proposed clawback initiative. All so far have failed, but let us hope that we succeed with this one. In the meantime, the Trust will

favour projects that are ready to start almost immediately, with the rest of their funding in place, so ICET can make the final contribution to ensure the project completes within 18 months. We continue to receive many more applications than we can fund but will continue to fund the best in the Dudley, South Gloucestershire, Bristol and Sevenoaks areas.

ICET has always been keen to ensure that applications can be made without the bureaucracy associated with many other government-sponsored funding streams. Angela Haymonds, our Trust Secretary, provides helpful assistance to all those making an application. She celebrated ten years as Trust secretary in 2014 and her deep knowledge of our scheme and approachable nature makes the experience of applying for funding less taxing than with other grant making bodies. I should like to thank Angela and, through me, provide the thanks of my fellow trustees and all our 'clients' for the amazing job she does for the Trust.

In closing may I also thank my fellow Trustees for their sheer hard work, support and enthusiasm as they make difficult decisions about the projects the Trust funds, as well as the small team of professionals we have who provide the Trust with specialist guidance and support, which certainly makes our job easier.

**Stephen Hardy MBE, Chair,  
Ibstock Cory Environmental Trust, July 2015**

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

# Supporting the Community

### Trinity Community Arts Centre, Bristol

Trinity Community Arts Centre (TCA) is a former church that has become a cultural hub for the city where people can come together and get involved in the arts. It is also one of Bristol's leading independent live venues, and has been bringing live music to the city since 1976. TCA's mission is to make sure everyone is able to access arts and cultural activities in Bristol. Over 40,000 people use TCA each year taking part in a range of activities and events. The centre also runs a Trinity Community Initiative that provides over 1,000 hours of free or subsidised hire a year to community and grass roots group that cannot afford venues to run their projects.

ICET contributed £30,000 to fund vital improvements to the building's heating systems to keep the many groups that use the centre warm, cost-effectively and efficiently. The heating system consisted of a

replacement boiler and an underfloor heating system, giving greater control over which areas of the building are heated. The new system has made the centre more user-friendly and has also ensured its future sustainability.



### Briarlands Activity Centre, Bristol

Girlguiding Bristol and South Gloucestershire bought the Briarlands site in Upton Cheney in 1996 to provide a facility for local Girlguides in which they could camp and have basic amenities available. The original site had two camping areas and facilities including toilets, a small kitchen and a wet-weather room. Work began to improve the drainage on the site and build a new facilities block, in addition to an activity and accommodation centre. ICET contributed £20,000 to fund fitting out the accommodation and activity centre. The Briarlands centre is now an all-weather, fully-accessible site that can be used all year round by people of all ages and abilities. Guides and other members of the community including Boys Brigades, Air Cadets, Trefoil groups, martial arts groups and the local school all use the centre regularly. The site is small enough to ensure it is a safe intimate experience for the groups that use it and to provide a welcoming venue for groups and societies at a reasonable cost. The modest size of the camp means that the whole facility can be hired by groups for a variety of events and occasions. In its first year it has hosted birthday parties, a school summer ball and pilates classes, in addition to regular camping activities.



# Conserving the Environment

### Warley Woods Community Trust, Smethwick

Warley Woods is run for the benefit of the local community by Warley Woods Community Trust. The Trust has 750 members many of whom volunteer their time each year to keeping the woods in trim. Seven years ago an area of the park was restored with improvements being made to the paths, shrubs being cut back and six wooden memorial benches being installed. This created a tranquil area on the site that is popular with many visitors stopping to have a break and a moment's contemplation.

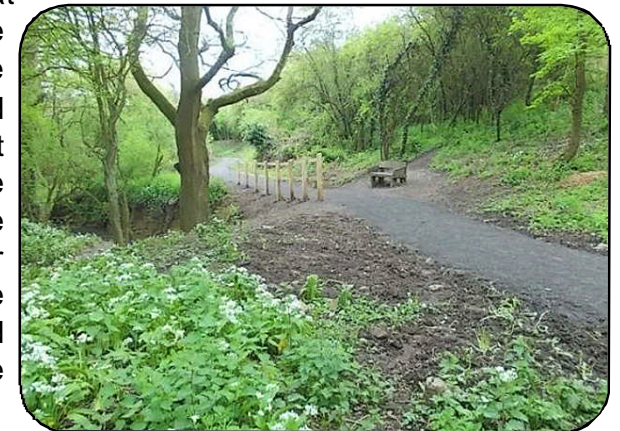
Sadly one summer evening in 2013 vandals uprooted the six benches from their fixings and set fire to them. Warley Woods Community Trust approached ICET to replace three of the benches and ICET was delighted to provide the £1,159 needed. The new benches are metal, so they cannot be burnt, and heavy, so two people cannot lift them.

The benches are also secured in place with tamper proof bolts holding strong ground fixings into deep pads of concrete. The metal benches have been painted with a special finish to ensure they continue to look good for many years to come.



### Warmley Forest Park, South Gloucestershire

Warmley Forest Park is an important green space on the eastern fringe of Bristol. The Warmley Forest Park: Making the Connection project aims to bring people closer to the park enhancing its biodiversity, landscape and heritage simultaneously. Phase 1 of the work was completed in 2012. Phase 2 of the work focused on improving Siston Brook Path, improving the Phase 1 project. Siston Brook Path is a popular path used frequently by dog walkers, schools and local community groups. As a result of its location close to the brook, the pathway was regularly subject to flooding and erosion. The surface was also overgrown by nearby vegetation and gates along the path were in disrepair. ICET contributed £15,000 to the project that improved the path surface, incorporating ramps, re-graded crossfalls and widening of the path to allow for disabled access. Gates were removed and the adjacent blackthorn bushes cut back to keep the path open to air flow and sunlight that help keep the path dry. The collapsing banks of the brook were repaired and oak seating installed at strategic points for people to enjoy the views. The park is proving popular with over 20,000 people walking the new path and enjoying the wildlife around them.





# New facilities for Sport

### Avon Riding Centre, Henbury

Over 190 riders a week with a range of physical and learning disabilities use the Avon Riding Centre for the Disabled. Originally built in 1980, its covered riding arena provides opportunities for people to ride all year round. However over time the roof of the arena had fallen into disrepair. ICET contributed £50,000 when the riding centre applied to its Ten Year Birthday Celebration Fund and became a finalist. With the roof repaired, hundreds of disabled children and adults can experience the joy of riding a horse, whatever the weather. The benefits they gain from riding include improved physical strength, stability and coordination, in addition to the opportunity to socialise with fellow riders and volunteers. The riders gain confidence and a new perspective when seated high and controlling a horse. Being with a horse also has a tremendous calming effect and helps build self-esteem. The new roof has given the

arena a new lease of life, making it dry, warm and improving the light levels. Disabled riders took to their ponies in a gala dressage competition to celebrate the new roof over their riding arena, demonstrating the relationship they have with their horse and their ability to ride in a competent manner.



### Project Freedom, Earlestown

Project Freedom provides services for young people working with a range of partners from schools to the youth service. Its Ramp Riders project takes a mobile skate park to deprived areas and provides a healthy, exciting and fun activity for young people. The mobile skate park has proved to be very popular, visiting many different venues throughout the summer months in schools and at weekend events. ICET contributed £20,000 for the new mobile skate park. The mobile equipment constitutes a set of ramps that are robust and can also be easily packed up into a van and transported to different venues. The ramps are used by young people on skates, skateboards, bikes and scooters. Ramp Riders provides a valuable healthy diversion from everyday life for young people growing up in deprived areas where there is high unemployment. It helps them come together and develop social skills and community awareness, in addition to honing their riding skills. Ramp Riders provides an exciting activity for young people where often there are no others and the project is valued by them with some of the riders becoming volunteers on the project helping to run events.



# Restoring Historic Buildings

### Cradley War Graves, Halesowen

ICET was pleased to contribute £8,750 for the restoration of parts of the graveyard at St Mary's Church in Cradley, where gravestones had become hidden and almost inaccessible. Areas around the gravestones and the paths leading to them needed to be cleared of undergrowth. Now restored, local schools take children on history visits and nature trails around the graveyard, while learning about the two World Wars. The Cradley Ex Servicemen's Association produced education packs for visitors that give them a greater understanding of the military and information about the wildlife that can be found in the graveyard.

The graveyard was thought to contain the war graves of eleven servicemen killed in the line of duty during two world wars. As the undergrowth was cleared a Boer War and two First World War graves were revealed that no one knew existed. The Boer War grave is that of Grenadier William Harrison

who died on December 9 1900, in Pretoria, South Africa. The two First World War graves are of J Southall, who served in the 2nd Battalion Worcestershire Regiment, and Sergeant J J Tyler, of the 3rd Birmingham City Battalion, who were buried with full military honours.



### The Vine Bandstand, Sevenoaks

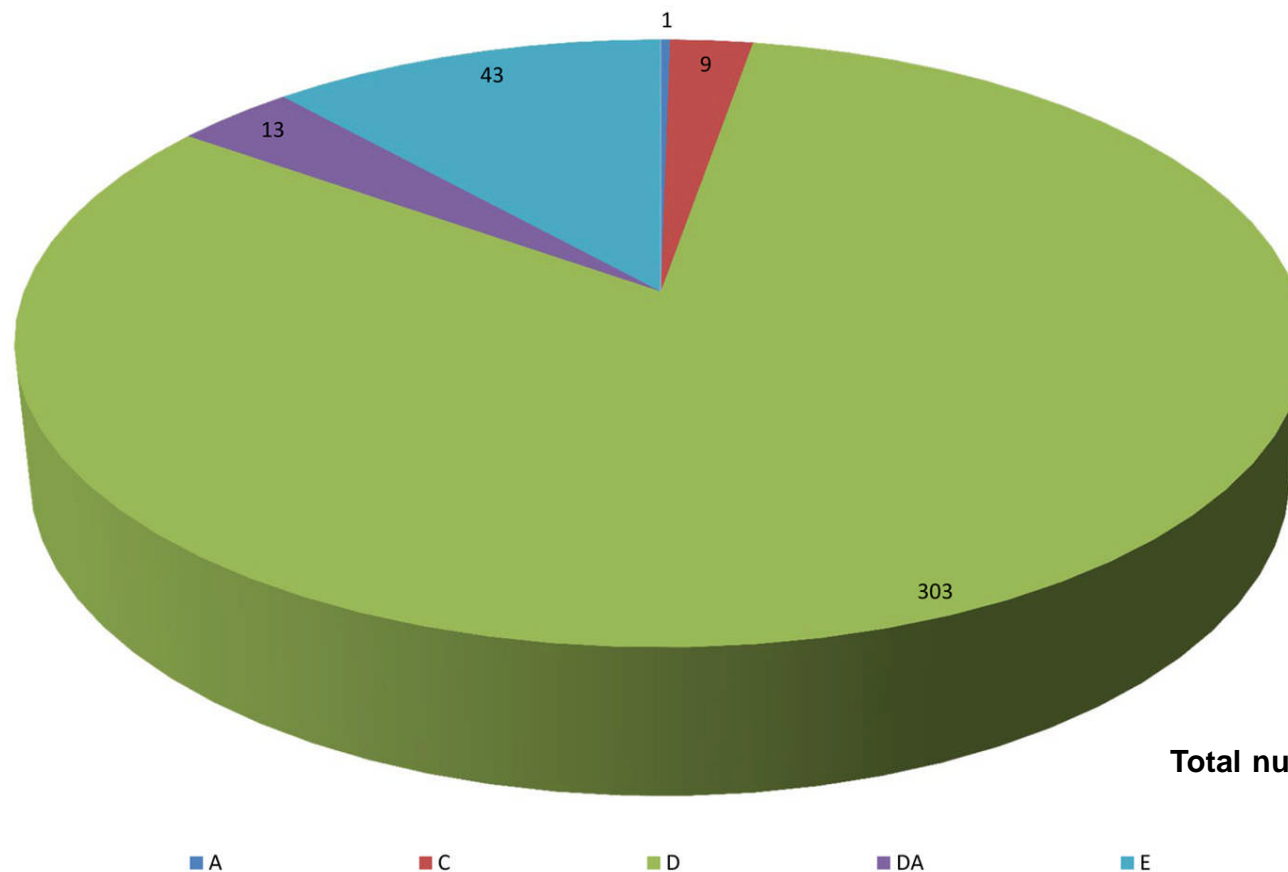
Situated on the edge of the famous Vine Cricket Ground is a wonderful piece of Victoriana in modern day Sevenoaks, the town's listed bandstand. Built in 1894, it was falling into disrepair, so Sevenoaks Town Council approached ICET who contributed £9,022 to return the bandstand to its former glory. The bandstand now provides a great venue for a wide range of bands to play open-air concerts during the summer to appreciative audiences, who relax in the lovely surrounding gardens and often bring a picnic while they sit and enjoy the music. The bandstand has proven popular with over 20 music events held there on Sunday afternoons throughout the summer months.

The refurbishment of the bandstand was extensive, with work to replace cracked and broken tiles on the roof, repair brick joints, coping, repair cracked iron columns, and replace the timber ceiling. The refurbishment has ensured that the bandstand will be the site of many more concerts for the public to enjoy for years to come. The refurbishment also included the installation of an information board that provides local historical information about the Victorian bandstand and the park in which it stands.



## How the grants were allocated from 2001 to 2014

Number of projects by ENTRUST Category

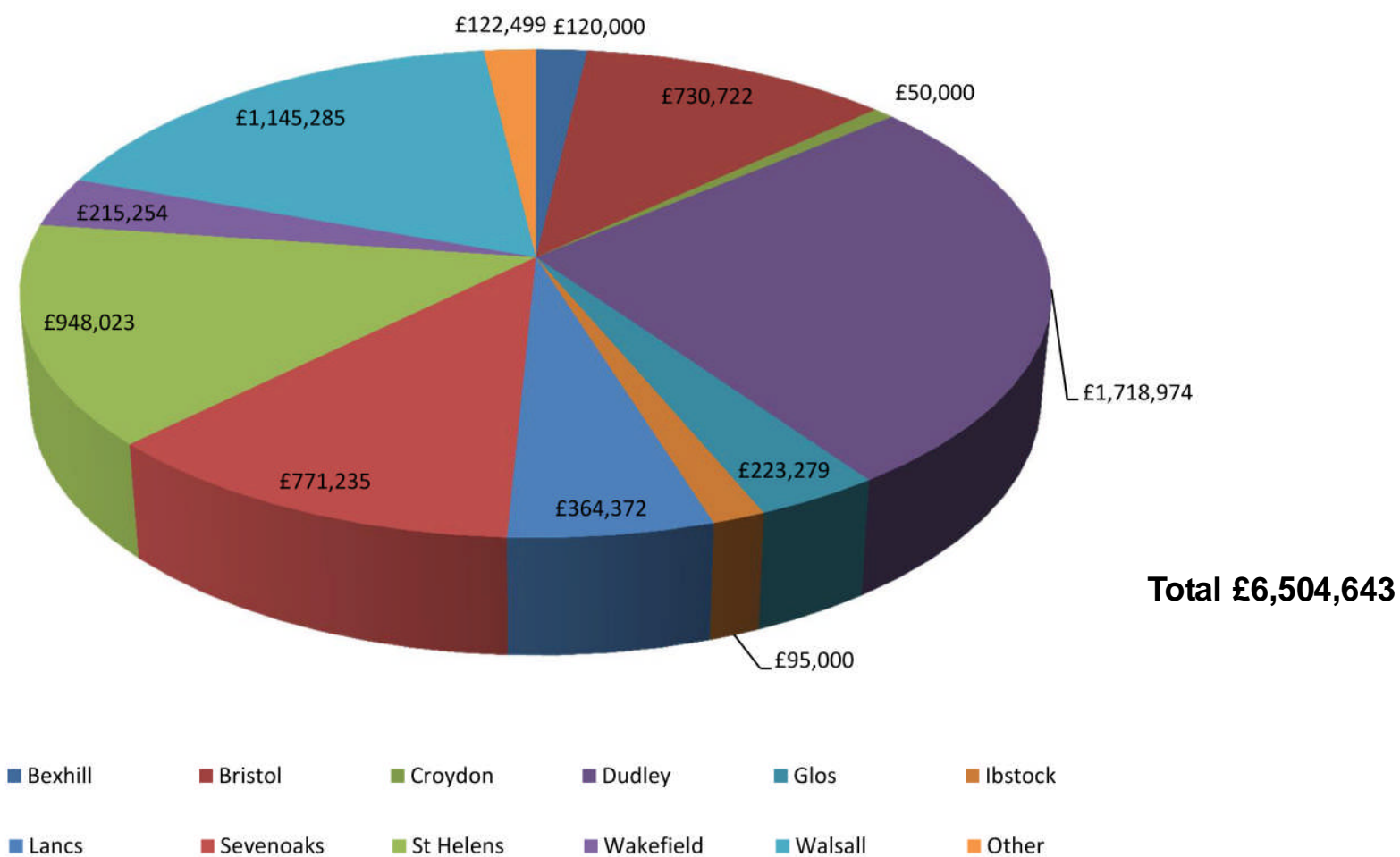


Total number of projects: 369

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 2014

ICET Project Expenditure by Area





## Statement of Financial Affairs

for the period ended 31st December 2014

	Restricted* funds 2014 £	Restricted* funds 2013 £
<b>Incoming Resources</b>		
Investment income	647	7,824
Grants from Landfill Operators	425,965	509,522
	426,612	517,346
<b>Resources Expended</b>		
ENTRUST administration fee	7,440	10,190
Management and Administration	36,492	39,426
Project Expenditure	429,549	603,647
Total Resources Expended	473,481	653,263
<b>Net Incoming Resources</b>		
<b>Net Movement in Funds</b>	(46,869)	(135,917)
Balance at 1st January 2014		
<b>Balance at 31st December 2014</b>	689,402	736,271

## Balance Sheet as at 31st December 2014

	Restricted* funds 2014 £	Restricted* funds 2013 £
<b>Current Assets</b>		
Debtors	83,099	141,461
Cash at Bank and in Hand	649,445	670,523
	732,544	811,984
<b>Creditors:</b> amounts falling due within one year	(43,142)	(75,713)
<b>Net Current Assets</b>	689,402	736,271
<b>Total Assets Less Current Liabilities</b>	689,402	736,271
<b>Total Net Assets</b> (*Restricted Funds)	689,402	736,271
<b>Total Funds</b>	689,402	736,271

\*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 2014.

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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.

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Photo on front cover: Holywell Orchard, Dursley, recipient of ICET funds  
Photo on back cover: Trustees visit Kinver Edge, National Trust, recipient of ICET funds