

Welcome Stephen Hardy MBE, Chairman



2019-20 Annual Report

Welcome to Ibstock Enovert Trust's (IET) annual report for 2019-20. The Landfill Tax, from which our funding is generated, has achieved its aim, diverting waste away from landfill. While monies continue to reduce year-on-year, revenues are expected to remain strong next year, following the Government's 2020 Budget. The continued commitment to a 5.3% landfill tax credit ensures the Trust will have the funds to continue its support for current projects with environmental and public benefits. However, our funding comes from Landfill Tax credits at Ibstock Enovert landfill sites in the Dudley, South Gloucestershire and Sevenoaks areas. In the next year some of these landfill sites will close, reducing significantly the funds available for us to distribute. So, this is sadly the final annual report for the Trust that will close in 2021.

We will still be accepting applications prior to our closure, but must favour those that can be delivered within a reasonable time frame. So we encourage you to submit applications as soon as possible. Remember IET funds the 10% 3rd party contribution for all grant awards.

We also need to observe the requirements set by government and our regulator, ENTRUST. We are required to give out our Landfill Tax receipts as quickly as prudently possible and to keep our expenses to below 7.5% of the funds we receive. A recent ENTRUST compliance inspection found that IET has operated in accordance with all regulations, and were compliant in every area of our activities.

The COVID-19 lock down has caused disruption to many of the ongoing projects which the Trust is supporting. IET is working closely with projects on a case-by-case basis providing support and advice. The Trust remains committed to honouring its agreements where the offer of a grant has been made, accommodating new timeframes for delivery of projects it is supporting.

The success of this Trust over the last 19 years is a result of the diligence and commitment of my fellow Trustees. I would like to give my heartfelt thanks for all their hard work. I also wish to thank Angela Haymonds, our Trust Secretary, for her hard work and dedication. Her friendly, helpful assistance is appreciated by those exploring how best to present their projects for consideration.

**Stephen Hardy MBE, Chairman,
Ibstock Enovert Trust, July 2020**

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.

In and around Bristol

Improving and providing access to Batheaston Gardens, Bath IET grant £10,000

Batheaston Gardens' pathways had become unsafe. Over the years tree root growth and the wear from thousands of people visiting the popular gardens had worn the paths out. In particular the disrepair of some of the paths was making it difficult for residents to visit the Secret Garden, one of the park's premier features.

IET funding has improved the paths and built an additional one to the Secret Garden. Now residents can enjoy a community area that includes vegetable plots and raised flower beds. People of all ages are using the Secret Garden to enjoy their favourite activities, from vegetable growing, juice-making and open air meetings, to tranquil pursuits, such as meditation and Qi Gong classes. The Secret Garden is open all year round and with the improved paths is ideal for push chairs, wheelchairs, scooters and skateboards. Everyone

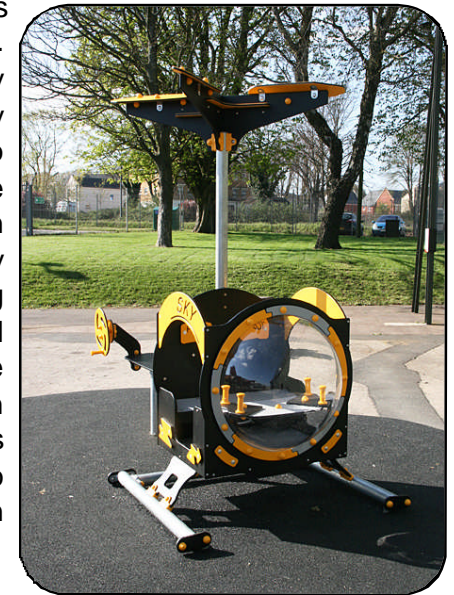
can enjoy it whatever the season. A number of partners have contributed to the project and are committed to maintaining the gardens into the future. These include: Waterspace Partnership at Banes, Age UK, Batheaston Garden Group, Batheaston Youth Club, and Mentoring Plus.



Aerospace Bristol's Toddler Play Area, Bristol IET grant £15,000

Aerospace Bristol inspires its visitors with the rich aviation heritage of the area. It has conserved part of the historic Filton Airfield where bombers were made in World War II, Submarine Spitfires were stationed, and Vulcan Bombers sat on standby during the Cuban Missile crisis. The museum has a spectacular hanger housing Concorde, amongst other fantastic exhibits.

While it attracts thousands of visitors a year of all ages, this project brings much needed additional activities for the under-fours. Future potential fixed wing and rotary pilots can take to the tarmac and climb aboard bouncy planes and helicopter climbing frames to help their imaginations take off. Rubber surfaces help to avoid any crash landings and the new play equipment is bright and colourful to complement the current aeroplane activity frame. Parents have not been left out either. They can enjoy comfortable heated and lit seating should toddlers indulge in some cold night flying. Access to this innovative playground is free and provides an inclusive experience for all toddlers as Aerospace Bristol continues to entertain and inspire more than 150,000 visitors a year.



In and around The Midlands

Adult Outdoor Gym, Halesowen IET grant £15,000

Visit Hurst Green Park in Halesowen and you'll see people of all ages enjoying the play equipment in this green Black Country oasis. The park borders the M5 and an industrial estate, punctuating this urban environment with a much needed haven. Residents from several local housing estates use the park for recreation and relaxation. This project brings a green gym to the park, providing the opportunity to build muscle, work off excess pounds, and enjoy an alfresco work out. The gym equipment offers a free facility with robust low maintenance equipment designed to complement even the most rigorous fitness regime. After a run or a vigorous walk you can tone up on a range of fitness machines all tastefully decorated in lime and black to complement the park setting. Friends of Hurst Green Park saw the success of other green gyms in the local area and approached IET for funding.



Now local residents can enjoy socialising and exercising, making getting fitter fun. The equipment includes an instruction plaque on how to use the machines and a suggested circuit for all over body fitness. Residents are already enjoying the new gym, making it part of their daily exercise routine.

Enhancing Marsh bird life, Sandwell Valley IET grant £3,384

RSPB Sandwell Valley reserve is an important habitat for a wide range of wetland wading birds and ducks including Lapwings and Shovelers. The visitor centre itself looks out over the marsh attracting large numbers of ornithological visitors. It became apparent that fewer birds were being seen on the marsh and the reason became rapidly apparent. An invasive non-native New Zealand Pygmyweed (*Crassula helmsii*) that was accidentally introduced to the UK in 1911 was to blame. It grows so quickly that it prevents other native plants from growing. New Zealand Pygmyweed forms dense impenetrable mats, not only in the water but all over damp mud, taking the oxygen out of the water, killing fish and plants in its wake.

This project helped RSPB take back control of the marsh getting the native plants and birds back. RSPB staff and volunteers have scraped away the plant and buried it. The project is also providing herbicides that will be used to kill any further outbreaks.

Already, birds have returned to feed in the marsh and native plants are beginning to regrow.



In and around Sevenoaks

Riverhill Rock Garden Restoration, Riverhill IET grant £10,000

The gardens at Riverhill are a popular local attraction. More than 30,000 visitors enjoy the gardens and most come from within a 25 mile radius. Schools, local societies, scout groups and institutes all travel to enjoy the gardens. The gardens are maintained and run by 25 volunteers and Hospice in the Weald use the gardens for their 'Forget-me-not' campaign that raises money through creating a unique individual floral memorial.

The Rock Garden is a feature that has been neglected for the last 50 years. It is a grade II listed garden and in 2019 Natural England reported it had many features in a critical state and was in need of significant restoration. The Rock Garden was renovated in 2018 and this IET project helped to restore the pathways leading to it and through it. The project has resulted in visitors being able to enjoy a magnificent rock garden with a pond centre piece that water cascades into.



The new smooth pathways in and around the garden let people with pushchairs, wheelchairs and buggies relax in a tranquil garden with running water, ferns and alpinines.

St Edith Hall Kitchen Refurbishment, Kemsing IET grant £14,000

The original kitchen in St Edith Hall was built in 1976. It was a domestic kitchen with a hard composite floor, so when crockery was dropped by accident it broke. The kitchen had an old wooden table and a worn out cooker. It was not up to today's standards to cater for the wide variety of community groups and clubs wanting to use the hall.

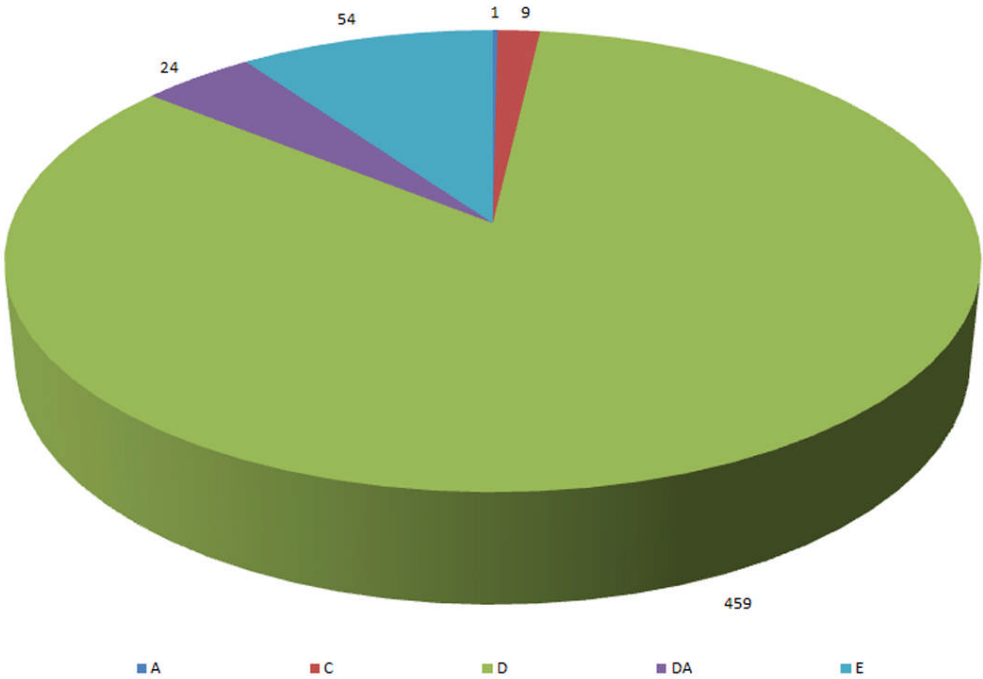
IET funded the refurbishment of the kitchen to modern day commercial standards. The old kitchen was stripped out completely and a new soft flooring installed to minimise breakages when crockery is dropped. The centre piece of the kitchen is a large stainless steel table that can be used for preparing food for large groups. It is also easy to wipe down to keep it clean and hygienic. The modern day commercial cooker also means that local groups and catering companies can produce meals for large numbers of people attending events in the venue. This will be a boon for the luncheon club in particular, and anyone considering hiring the hall for a celebration.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic the kitchen has not yet been used, but once the hall is back in normal use the new catering facilities will be a real boon.



How the grants were allocated from 2001 to 2019

Number of projects by ENTRUST category

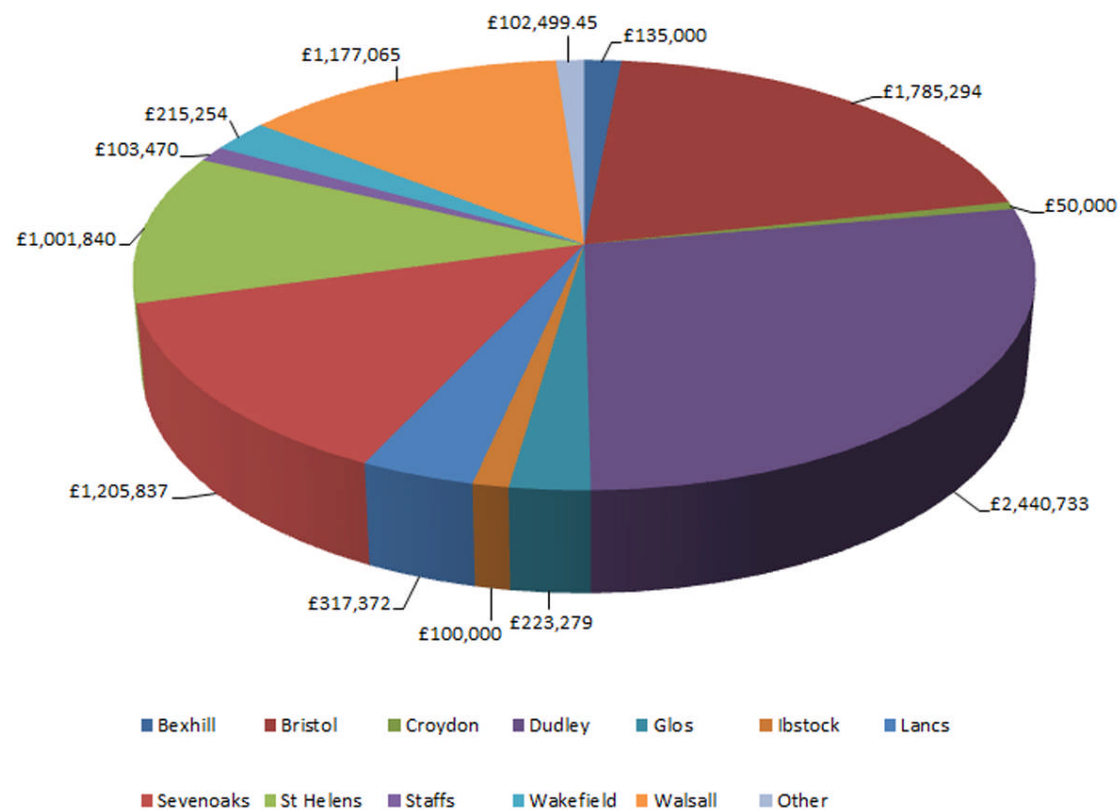


Total number of projects: 547

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 2019

IET project expenditure by area



Statement of Financial Affairs

for the period ended 31st December 2019

	Restricted* funds 2019 £	Restricted* funds 2018 £
Incoming Resources		
Investment income	0	129
Grants from landfill operators	484,136	579,058
	484,136	579,187
Resources Expended		
ENTRUST administration fee	13,701	18,935
Management and administration	25,217	22,839
Project expenditure	535,852	483,958
Total resources expended	574,770	525,732
Net Incoming Resources		
Net Movement in Funds		
Balance at 1st January 2020	(90,634)	53,455
Balance at 31st December 2019	466,140	556,775

Balance Sheet

as at 31st December 2019

	Restricted* funds 2019 £	Restricted* funds 2018 £
Current Assets		
Debtors	104,134	126,251
Cash at bank and in hand	404,692	492,772
	508,826	619,023
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	(42,686)	(62,248)
Net Current Assets	466,140	556,775
Total Assets Less Current Liabilities	466,140	556,775
Total Net Assets (*Restricted funds)	466,140	556,775
Total Funds	466,140	556,775

*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 2019

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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:

www.ibstockenover.org



Photo on front cover: Upgrading of external refreshment area, Avon Valley Railway Heritage Trust, recipient of IET funds.
Photo on back cover: Trustees visit Kinver Edge, National Trust, recipient of IET funds

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