

# Annual Report 2015/2016



# Welcome Stephen Hardy MBE, Chairman



This past year ICET has funded 37 projects, injecting over £430k into the communities that are affected by landfill operations under the Landfill Communities Fund (LCF). The invaluable contribution the LCF makes to local projects can be seen in this and previous annual reports. However, as the landfill tax - from which the LCF is funded - continues to do its intended job of reducing waste going to landfill, the amount of money available to the scheme reduces year on year. Furthermore, the government continues to cut the percentage of landfill tax available to the LCF, reducing it from 5.7% last year to 4.2% in the 2016 budget. As I passionately campaign to promote the benefits of the LCF to communities and to keep the scheme alive, the government seems equally intent on strangling it.

Although further strangulation of the scheme seems inevitable, we have made some progress: HM Revenues and Customs (HMRC) is now prepared to listen to Environmental Bodies such as ourselves and take some positive action to benefit the community projects we support. There has been some other good news relating to changes in the asset management requirements of the scheme. Previously large awards to build new facilities required grant recipients to sign agreements to maintain the building for ever, and this resulted in several projects declining funding offers. The new arrangements are less onerous and it is hoped that this will encourage a wider range of applicants.

The Trust monitors closely its administration costs, ensuring that these remain below 7.5% of its income. Naturally, we aim to award as much of the funds received as possible and, even as the fund diminishes and administration costs rise proportionally, we continue to meet our target. It is a shame that the regulator, ENTRUST, is less diligent. While it has cut its administration costs by 14%, this is not in-line with the cut in the LCF.

Interestingly, ENTRUST's Corporate Report states: "We require a minimum level of funding to deliver our core functions, or we will be unable to provide assurance to HM Revenue and Customs (HMRC) that the LCF is regulated to an appropriate standard." I wonder whether this view, born of a new understanding of how financial pressure relates to the quality of output, might be applied to the Environmental Bodies that work to equally high standards, often, as in our case, with only part-time resources and volunteer Trustees.

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 making an application. Her deep knowledge of our scheme and approachable nature make the experience of applying for funding less taxing than with other grant-making bodies. I should like to thank Angela on behalf 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 regarding the projects that the Trust funds, as well as the small team of professionals that provide the Trust with specialist guidance and support, making all of our jobs that much easier.

**Stephen Hardy MBE, Chairman,  
Ibstock Cory Environmental Trust, July 2016**

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** and **South Gloucestershire**

### **Windmill Hill City Farm, Bristol: ICET grant £15,000**

Windmill Hill City Farm has created a new public garden that has transformed a grey concrete car park into a green and inviting entrance. ICET's contribution to the project has helped provide a new space for the local community to enjoy the benefits of cultivating fruit, vegetables and flowers, while meeting friends and being outdoors. The garden sets the scene for other garden areas within the city farm's four-acre site.

"We had tried a number of funding organisations to get the project off the ground and were delighted when ICET saw the benefits the project would bring to the community and got behind it. This unique project would not be a reality without ICET," said Steve Sayers, Windmill Hill City Farm CEO. The garden also provides an opportunity for a wide range of groups to develop horticultural skills. "There is something special about tending a garden and watching it grow. It has been



fantastic to see the number of volunteers that have been involved alongside our staff in making this garden come to reality. We hope everyone who visits us will enjoy the garden and get a host of benefits from it, whether just relaxing in it or helping to tend it," revealed Steve.

### **Dyrham Park Greenhouse Restoration: ICET grant £20,000**

Dyrham Park is a Grade 1 listed country house with a Grade 2\* listed park and garden. The Dyrham Greenhouse is one of the first of its type and one of the few still in use as a horticultural facility. It was built around 1700 by William Talman, Controller of the Royal Works, to cultivate sensitive plants, especially fruits and exotic imports.

The greenhouse has been gradually falling into a state of disrepair which was threatening its future; and with failing plaster and a leaking roof during heavy rain the greenhouse had to be closed to the public on health and safety grounds. The roof was inspected and further, more serious problems were detected when decaying timber was found in the Cill roof beams that provide significant structural support.

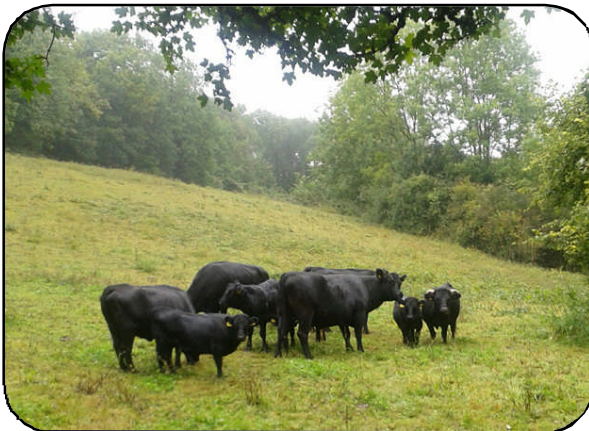
The National Trust, owner of Dyrham Park, turned to ICET for help and was awarded a grant towards the renovation and repairs to the roof. The greenhouse is now fully refurbished and open to the public and attracts 160,000 visitors each year from the large local resident populations of Bath and Bristol, as well as day trippers from further afield.



# In and around Sevenoaks

### Darent Triangle Living Landscape, Shoreham: ICET grant £20,000

This was a project to restore and maintain three chalk grassland areas within Kent Wildlife Trust's Darent Triangle Living Landscape area, which includes local nature reserves, local wildlife sites and areas of outstanding natural beauty. ICET's contribution has improved grazing and allowed more people to enjoy the areas. At the Fackenden Down Reserve a new gate ensures efficient management of the area, while a new interpretation board tells visitors about the reserve and the plants and wildlife they can see. New fencing at Magpie Bottom Reserve means sheep and cattle can graze the land as part of its management, while at Shoreham Road the removal of shrub is helping the chalk grassland thrive. All these reserves are open to the public so that they can enjoy the wildlife and flora that chalk grassland supports, including a large number of butterfly species and thousands of orchids in late spring and summer.



Kent Wildlife Trust runs a programme of guided walks and talks for visitors, as well as volunteer task days, to encourage learning about the importance of the chalk grassland areas, how to maintain them, and the plants and animals that make them their home.

### Vine Play Area, Sevenoaks: ICET grant £10,525

The Vine is a park situated on the edge of the famous Vine Cricket Ground in Sevenoaks. The park is gradually being improved to provide an area for the whole family to enjoy. Restoration of the bandstand, with funding from ICET, has attracted people to over 20 music events, and an unused pavilion has been converted into a community café to provide refreshments for people using the park. ICET was approached by the Town Council to help create a play area adjacent to the café that toddlers could enjoy while parents relaxed.

With ICET's contribution, the new play area has become a social meeting place for parents of young children, where they can watch their toddlers play while making new friends and enjoying the café. The new play equipment has proved popular with toddlers, offering a slide, rope and climbing area for children under five to enjoy.

The play equipment is made from high quality wood and set on a soft surface for the children's safety. Being close to the café and the bandstand, the toddler play area creates the opportunity for young children to enjoy healthy outdoor fun.





# In and around Dudley

### Woodsetton War Memorial, Sedgley: ICET grant £20,000

This was a project to move Woodsetton War Memorial from its previous location to a public spot where remembrance services can be held.

The Woodsetton War Memorial commemorates those who lost their lives in the First World War who lived in Swan Village, Woodsetton and Parkes Hall. The memorial was originally in the grounds of an old church that has come into private ownership. The local community was keen to reposition the memorial onto public land and select a more prominent place so that it would be visible to passers-by.

With ICET's contribution, the memorial now takes pride of place in a much larger space than its original position, at the junction of Sedgley Road West and Parkes Hall Road. Children from High Arcal School have researched the names on the memorial with assistance from a

World War One historian and held a public event to present the results to the local community. A service was also held at the war memorial to celebrate both its move to the new prominent site and the refurbishment that has restored it to its former glory.



### Community Hub, Sandwell Nature Reserve: ICET grant £50,000

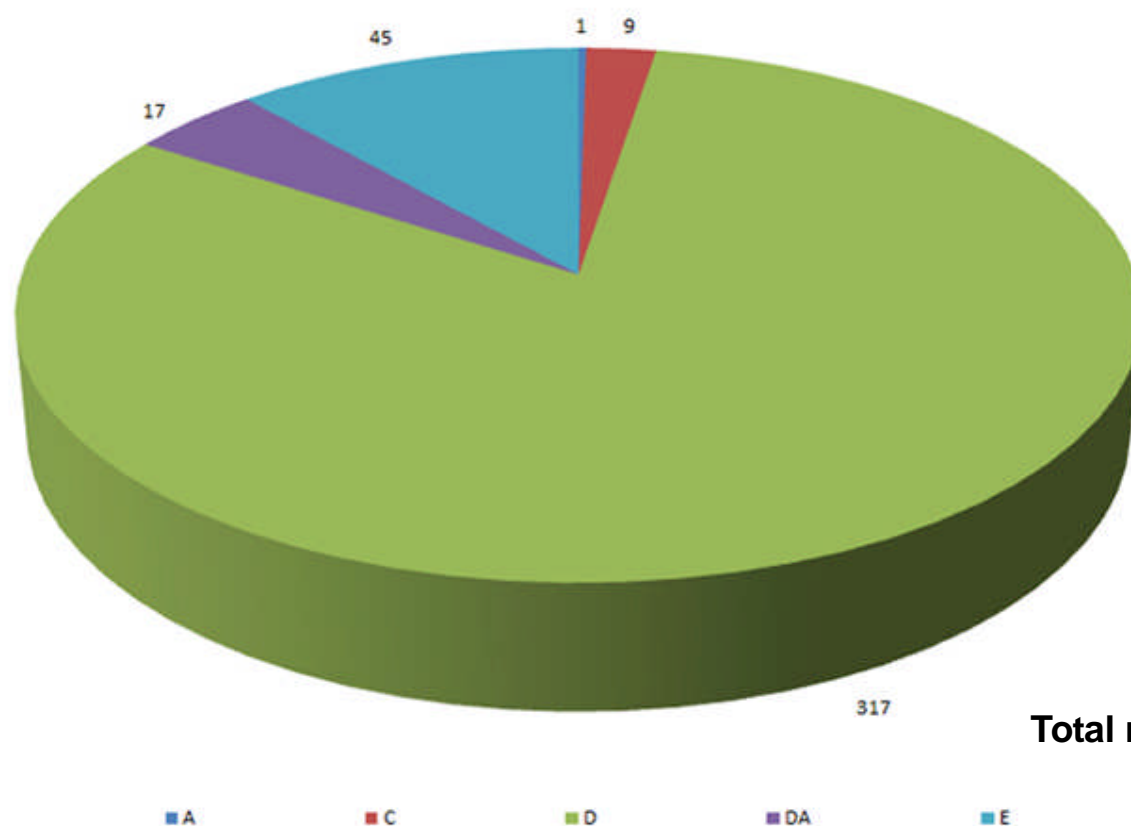
In March 2010 Sandwell Valley Nature Reserve's visitor centre was destroyed in an arson attack. The reserve, which is run by the RSPB, is a rural oasis in the heart of urban Sandwell, and the visitor centre had provided a reception venue and run a range of activities. The RSPB applied to ICET's 10-year Birthday Celebration Fund to help rebuild the centre and create a community and volunteer hub. The project was well received by the Trust and became one of the three Birthday Celebration Fund finalists.

The funding allowed RSPB to build a dedicated centre that reflected the changing needs of the groups that visit the nature reserve and improve access to the building. Visitors, volunteers and community groups were all consulted and it became clear that the new community hub needed to provide a place to meet, have lunch, receive training, exchange information and socialise. The new centre was opened in October 2015 and boasts a new family discovery area, a new learning space, enhanced office accommodation and an enticing welcome area.



## How the grants were allocated from 2001 to 2015

Number of projects by ENTRUST category

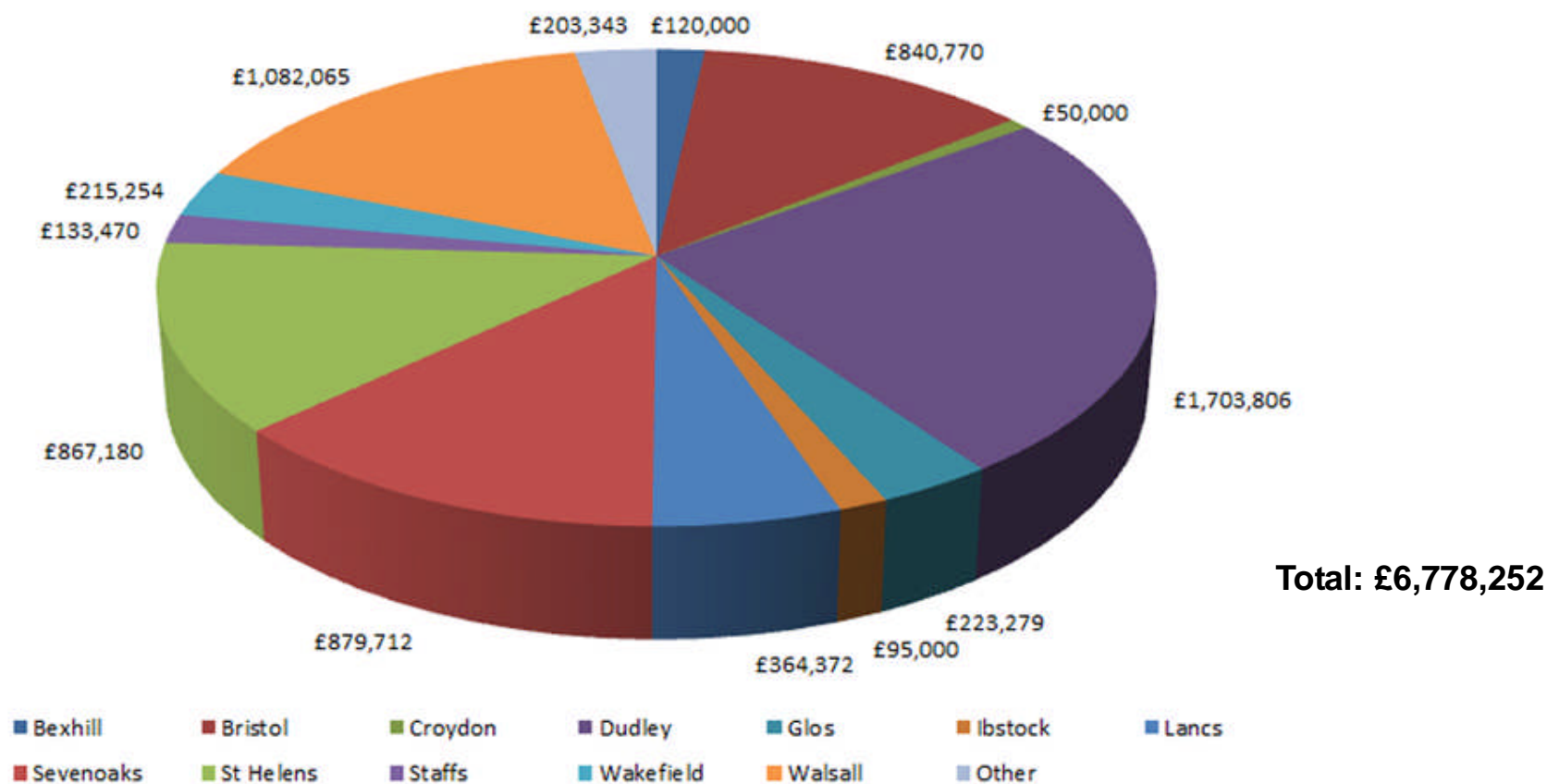


Total number of projects: 389

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 2015

ICET project expenditure by area



## Statement of Financial Affairs

for the period ended 31st December 2015

	Restricted* funds 2015 £	Restricted* funds 2014 £
<b>Incoming Resources</b>		
Investment income	2,332	647
Grants from landfill operators	409,652	425,965
	411,984	426,612
<b>Resources Expended</b>		
ENTRUST administration fee	9,310	7,440
Management and administration	43,613	36,492
Project expenditure	495,843	429,549
Total resources expended	548,766	473,481
<b>Net Incoming Resources</b>		
<b>Net Movement in Funds</b>	(136,782)	(46,869)
Balance at 1st January 2015		
	552,620	689,402
<b>Balance at 31st December 2015</b>		

## Balance Sheet

as at 31st December 2015

	Restricted* funds 2015 £	Restricted* funds 2014 £
<b>Current Assets</b>		
Debtors	86,107	83,099
Cash at bank and in hand	544,837	649,445
	630,944	732,544
<b>Creditors:</b> amounts falling due within one year	(78,324)	(43,142)
<b>Net Current Assets</b>	552,620	689,402
<b>Total Assets Less Current Liabilities</b>	552,620	689,402
<b>Total Net Assets</b> (*Restricted funds)	552,620	689,402
<b>Total Funds</b>	552,620	689,402

\*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 2015



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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.coryenvironmental.co.uk/page/lbstock.htm](http://www.coryenvironmental.co.uk/page/lbstock.htm)

Photo on front cover: Darent Triangle Living Landscape, Shoreham, recipient of ICET funds  
Photo on back cover: Trustees visit Kinver Edge, National Trust, recipient of ICET funds