




Enovert
COMMUNITY TRUST



Annual Report and Accounts 2025 - 2026

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Objects Explained

The types of projects that can be funded by Enover Community Trust are set out in the Landfill Tax Regulations (1996) and are called Objects:

Object A: The remediation or restoration of land which cannot now be used because of a ceased activity that used to take place there.

Object D: The provision, maintenance or improvement of a public park or another public amenity.

Object DA: The conservation of a specific species or a specific habitat where it naturally occurs.

Object E: The repair, maintenance or restoration of a place of worship or a place of architectural importance.



Chairman's Foreword

I am delighted to introduce Enover Community Trust's Annual Report for 2025-26.

Enover Community Trust was established in 2003 and receives its income through the Landfill Communities Fund (LCF), through the tax on the disposal of waste to landfill. The tax aims to encourage waste producers to produce less waste, and a proportion of this tax can be diverted from the Treasury by waste management companies such as Enover and used to support environmental and community projects in the vicinity of landfill sites. The Trust operates under the objects of the LCF, which is regulated by Entrust.

The past year has been a strong one for the Trust which has seen a large number of important community projects supported in our areas of operation. Going forward, we expect to see income decline as landfill sites close to active waste inputs, which has recently been the case with Enover's Himley (Dudley) and Barling (Southend) landfill sites, but the Trust will continue to fund projects in the remaining areas in which Enover operates.

During the year the Trust has supported many worthwhile projects, some of which are highlighted in this report. These include biodiversity projects, such as a major habitat improvement project at Hellenge Hill in Somerset; energy conservation projects, like the replacement and upgrading of the Norton Sports Charity's floodlights in Stockton-on-Tees; community recreation projects, such as

providing new play facilities at a popular park in Halesowen; community building projects, like the loft conversion at Little Aston Village Hall in Sutton Coldfield; sports projects, such as the new water sports pontoon at Cotswold Lakes in Cirencester; and heritage projects, like the renovation of St Andrew's Church in Colchester.

The impact that a Trust like ours has is directly related to the applications that we receive, and we continue to encourage groups and organisations to apply for funding if projects meet the Trust's criteria. The Trust operates to fulfil the following objectives:

- Funding of high-quality projects which bring maximum impact to as broad a selection of the community as possible.
- Funding of projects in communities that are located within ten miles of a landfill facility operated by Enover Management Limited or within ten miles of a waste facility managed by the company.
- Funding of projects that help deliver biodiversity conservation for UK species but also engage with the local community where possible.
- Funding of projects that will deliver enhanced recreational facilities which are accessible for the whole community.

Anyone who is interested in applying for a grant can contact our Trust Manager, Angela Haymonds, who diligently manages the activities of the Trust and who supports all of our applicants through the process. Hopefully this report provides an insight into the type of projects we support and will encourage readers to fill out an application form.

Finally, all of our Trustees are volunteers who give up their time to contribute to the Trust and I would like to thank them for their tireless support and commitment.

I hope that you enjoy reading this year's Annual Report and seeing the difference that the Trust is making in communities across the country.



Steve Rogers,
Chairman

Hellenge Hill Nature Recovery Project, Avon Wildlife Trust



Avon Wildlife Trust has managed Hellenge Hill Nature Reserve since the 1990s, turning the site into a popular destination for the local community and visitors from further afield. The reserve is a Site of Nature Conservation Interest (SNCI), which is free to access and open all through the year.

A major habitat improvement project at Hellenge Hill was supported with a £50,000 grant from Enovert Community Trust. The Nature Recovery Project included the creation of 580m of new hedges, new boundary fences and gates, the installation of a water supply, habitat management, and the renovation of two interpretation boards.

Fern Elias-Stagg, Nature Reserves Officer at Avon Wildlife Trust, said:

“We’d like to express our gratitude to the funders and local volunteers who have supported the recent improvements. Since the new fence has been installed, livestock are now back on site, playing a vital role in managing the wildflower grassland through conservation grazing.”



Avon, Somerset



£50,000



NATURE / CONSERVATION

Cotswold Canals' Lost Habitats, Cotswold Canals Trust

More than 150 volunteers were involved in a project to create a new water vole pond on the banks of Stroudwater Canal, which was supported by a grant of £45,756 from Enover Community Trust.

The project was led by Cotswold Canals Trust and involved excavating the pond site, which is located alongside the Cotswold and Stroudwater Canal at Fromebridge Mill. The spoil was removed and reused to create bunds that will form the foundations of a restored towpath. The 150m pond has created a new habitat for water voles, which are crucial for diverse, thriving wetland ecosystems. The project will also better protect and sustain the endangered species.

David Hagg, Chair of the Cotswold Canals Trust, said:

“This has been a remarkable achievement for our volunteers and our funders, whose generosity has turned a vision into a reality. Fromebridge is becoming a special place for both people and wildlife.”



Cotswolds



£45,756



Fiddlers Hill Wetland Improvement, The Essex & Suffolk Rivers Trust



Enovert Community Trust provided a grant of £50,000 to the Essex and Suffolk Rivers Trust for its wetland restoration project at Fiddlers Hill in Fordham, Colchester.

The Fiddlers Hill Wetland Improvement project is enhancing five hectares of floodplain grazing marsh by creating new wetland scrapes, fens, ponds and river features, to expand habitats and improve biodiversity.

In addition to habitat creation, the project has also reduced flood risk by increasing the meadow's capacity to hold water, and has introduced new features, such as hibernacula, for amphibians and reptiles, along with bat and bird boxes.

Andy Went, Natural Rivers Manager at Essex and Suffolk Rivers Trust, said:

“It’s been a long journey to reach this stage, and we’re incredibly proud of the dedication and collaboration of all our partners. Together, we’re restoring nature, helping wildlife recover, and creating a vibrant space for the whole community to enjoy.”



Colchester

£50,000



Floodlights Upgrade to LED Lighting, Norton Sports Charity

Norton Sports Complex dates back almost 150 years, and provides access to sports for residents across Stockton, Darlington, Durham, Hartlepool, and Middlesbrough from its 55-acre site in Norton. The facility is home to a wide range of sports clubs, including archery, cricket, football, bowls, hockey, and tennis.

Enovert Community Trust provided a grant of £45,600 to replace and upgrade the charity's floodlights, which has increased usage while reducing energy consumption for the grass training area by over 50% during the winter months, improving energy efficiency, and supporting the charity's commitment to reducing its environmental impact.

Louise Harrison, Operations Manager at Norton Sports Charity, said:

“We would like to extend our sincere thanks to Enovert Community Trust for its support and contribution, which has been instrumental in delivering lasting environmental improvements, improving efficiency, and enhancing the experience for everyone who uses the facility.”



Teesside



£45,600




Teddington and Alstone Village Hall Re-Roofing and Solar Project




The Trustees of Teddington and Alstone Village Hall were struggling with a familiar dilemma – how to keep the only community establishment in the parish open, while the sky was visible through the roof where tiles had become warped, amid ever-increasing energy costs.

The answer was a project to re-roof the Village Hall and at the same time install a solar energy system. The project was supported by a grant of £37,000 from Enover Community Trust.

The existing 1930s roof tiles were replaced, the roof was re-felted and new insulation was added. A solar energy system consisting of twelve horizontal photovoltaic panels, an inverter and battery were installed to enable the Hall to generate its own electricity, significantly reducing its energy bills and enabling the Trustees to avoid increasing rental fees for the many groups and classes using the venue. The project also ensured that the building was made ready for a future implementation of an air-to-air internal heating system.

 Teddington Village Hall
Tewkesbury, Glos

 £37,000

Environmental Improvements and Additional Floodlights

To meet demand from users for additional winter play and coaching while reducing the club's carbon footprint and energy costs, Streetly Tennis Club asked Aston University to undertake an energy assessment programme.

The recommendation of the assessment was the installation of solar panels on the clubhouse along with battery storage and additional floodlighting, which was made possible by a grant of £37,258 from Enovert Community Trust.

The installation has resulted in a 30% electricity saving and the new LED floodlights have minimised light pollution and carbon footprint. The project has enabled more tennis to be played by juniors, adults, and over 65s during the winter months, improving health and wellbeing, as well as keeping costs down for the club's many non-tennis community group users.

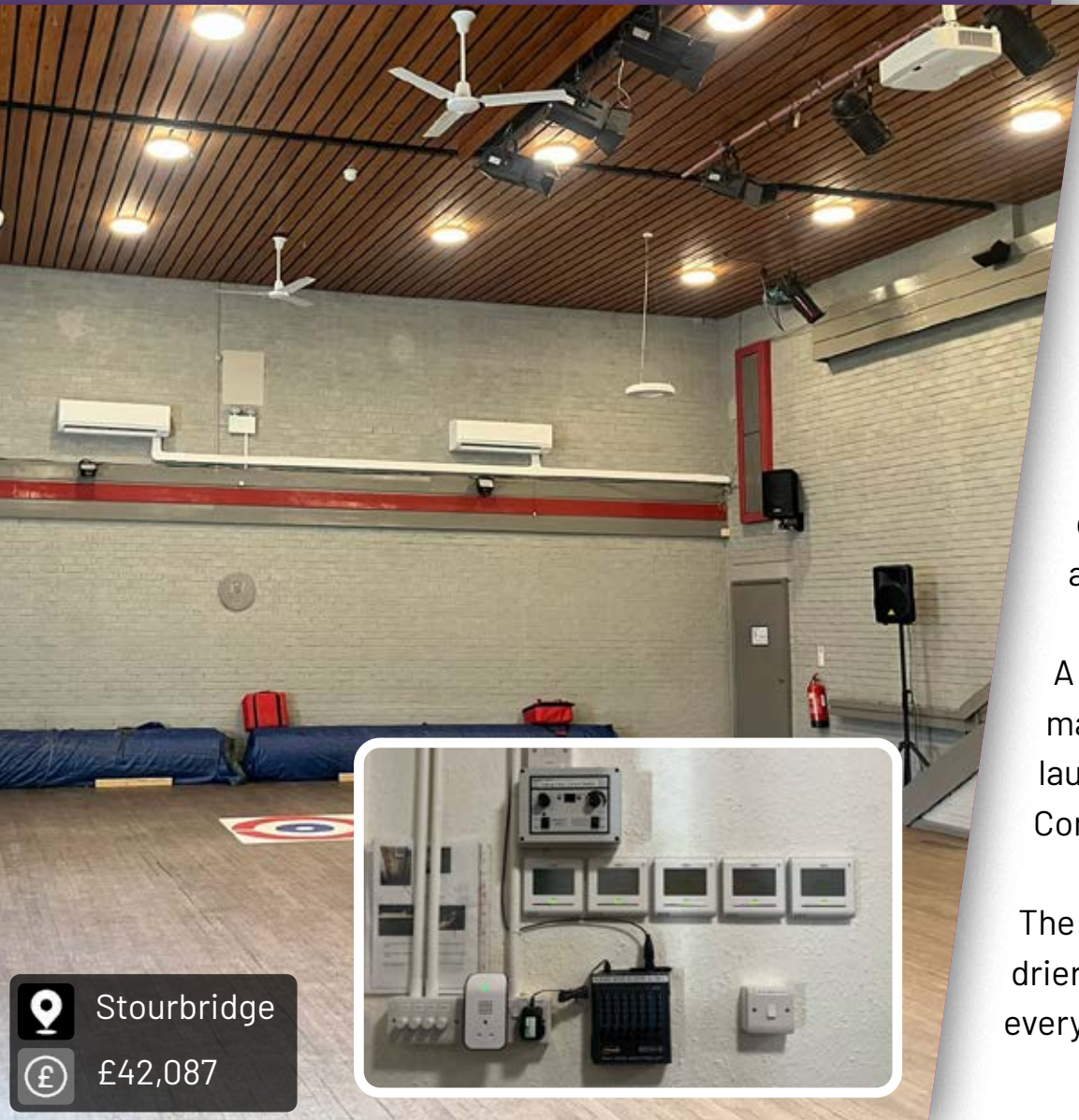


Streetly Tennis Club
West Midlands

£37,258



The Edward Marsh Centre, Heating System Upgrade



The Edward Marsh Centre, Marsh Recreation Grounds & Community Centre Trust (trading as The Edward Marsh Centre) in Kinver in Staffordshire serves as a vital hub for the local community, offering indoor and outdoor spaces for a wide range of activities.

Welcoming more than 100,000 visitors a year and facilitating almost 5,000 hours of booked usage, the centre plays a crucial role in preventing social isolation for young and old residents. However, frequent heating failures led to cancelled classes and events and jeopardised the centre's ability to operate fully, particularly during colder months.

A project to replace the centre's 35-year-old, frequently malfunctioning gas boiler with air-source heating units was launched and was supported by a grant of £42,087 from Enovert Community Trust.

The successful completion of the project has provided a warmer, drier and more energy-efficient facility for the thousands of users every year.

📍 Stourbridge

£ £42,087

Flatts Lane Woodland Country Park Project, Friends of Flatts Lane

Families visiting Flatts Lane Woodland Country Park in Middlesbrough can now enjoy a transformed play area for children aged nine years and under, thanks to a grant of £35,000 from Enover Community Trust.

Bespoke natural play equipment has been installed, including glacial boulders, log stepping stones, a play hut, tepees, log poles, a mud kitchen, and swing frame.

The Country Park, which has free access, sits adjacent to an urban area and is an invaluable asset for schools, community groups and thousands of visitors each year.

Malcolm Mitchell, Chair of the Friends of Flatts Lane Group, said:

“On behalf of the Friends of Flatts Lane, we are delighted to have had the opportunity to add features to the play area for younger children to enjoy and we’d like to thank those who made the project possible by their funding contributions.”



Middlesbrough

£35,000



Adult Outdoor Gym Installation, Greenstead Green & Halstead Parish



Greenstead Green and Halstead Parish near Colchester has a population of 640 and the Parish Council manages the local Grange Hill playing field.

To broaden the appeal of the playing field, which is accessible 24/7, the Parish Council embarked on a project to install adult outdoor gym equipment on the site to provide adults with something to do while their children are playing on the other play equipment.

With a £9,000 grant from Enover Community Trust, the gym equipment was installed and has encouraged adults to exercise outdoors, which has proved to be beneficial for mental health and has led to a healthier and happier local community.



Colchester



£9,000



COMMUNITY / RECREATION

Surfacing the Second Section of the Tetbury Trail

The Tetbury Rail Lands Regeneration Trust is a registered charity that develops the land and buildings of the former Tetbury Branch Line near Cirencester into a series of community assets for the people of the town and the surrounding area.

One of the Trust's longstanding projects is the construction of the Tetbury Trail, a multi-user path along the course of the old railway line, forming a linear park for people to enjoy. The former railway line is flat, with few gates and no stiles, making it extremely popular. Unfortunately, one section of the trail became severely eroded due to the large number of users, resulting in a mass of exposed roots and thick mud along the path when it was wet.

A £25,000 grant from Enovert Community Trust enabled the laying of an all-weather surface, ensuring that the trail can be enjoyed by walkers, runners, cyclists, horse riders, and disabled people, all year round.



Bernard Oakley Memorial Gardens Play Area Project



A popular park in Halesowen now has even more to offer visitors following the completion of a project to enhance its play facilities, thanks to a grant of £45,000 from Enover Community Trust.

The Friends of Bernard Oakley Memorial Gardens, a three-acre park in Cradley, now has new slides and swings, as well as a rope crossing challenge. For older children and adults there is also a range of trim trail equipment to encourage engagement in physical activity.

In advance of the installation, Dudley Council engaged in extensive consultation with the local community to gauge what improvements and new facilities they would like to see and then used the feedback to develop the detailed plans.

Councillor Damian Corfield, Cabinet Member for Neighbourhoods at Dudley Council said:

“Now the facility is open at Bernard Oakley it continues to be well received by the public and is used by a wide range of age groups and enjoyed by the local community. The additional trim trail equipment and inclusive items have made a huge difference to children in the local area.”



West Midlands



£45,000



COMMUNITY / RECREATION

The Wesley Staging Project, Internal Refurbishment

The Wesley Staging Project, Forest of Dean Community and Arts Centre in Cinderford is a dedicated community arts centre, that was purchased by Cinderford Town Council in 2022. The popular venue is used by the community for over 200 hours a month.

The Grade II listed church was purchased to provide a venue for residents and groups to meet and for events to be held. Unfortunately, the 70-year-old theatre stage was not safe, and needed to be repaired and made accessible. The Wesley Staging Project was supported by a grant of £45,000 from Enover Community Trust to repair the stage, add a wheelchair accessible ramp, and install theatre lighting and sound equipment.

The project was completed by contractors who were assisted by construction students from Gloucester College who gained invaluable work experience assisting on the repairs. The stage at the Wesley can now host a variety of charity organisations, community activities and events for all ages and abilities.



Gloucestershire



£45,000




Additional Room, Toilets, Kitchenette, and Storage Facilities




The Little Aston Village Hall in Sutton Coldfield had become a victim of its own success, having to turn away bookings due to limited availability, as it was being used daily by a wide range of users of all ages.

The Village Hall Management Committee came up with a bold plan to solve its capacity issue by converting the loft space above the existing committee room to create additional room. Enover Community Trust provided a grant of £30,000 along with other funders to convert the loft space into an additional room complete with separate access, toilets and a kitchenette. An air source heat pump was also installed to heat the new areas.

The new configuration of the hall enables multiple users to access the facilities at the same time without disrupting each other. The new facilities are already being well used, including a local toddler music group, which has moved its activities to the space on a permanent basis.

 Staffordshire

 £30,000



Extension to Existing Community Café & Replacement of the Outside Toilet

The Frankie Howerd OBE Trust in Loxton near Weston-super-Mare is a community hub which was created from a derelict former blacksmith's building in March 2022, with support from Enovert Community Trust.

Named after the actor and comedian Frankie Howerd, who lived locally, the community hub has proved to be extremely popular in reducing loneliness among elderly, isolated people in the villages and hamlets in the area and needed to expand and improve the facilities.

An additional £50,000 grant from the Trust was used to replace the temporary outside toilet with a permanent easy access toilet in an extension to the café building. The extension also includes an additional seating space where groups can meet, as well as a new storage area, and reduces any barriers to attending the café, opening it up to more people. The new facilities have also increased the opportunities to raise rental income to support the hub's work. The extension was opened in April 2026 by the Frankie Howerd OBE Trust's President, Dame Joanna Lumley.



Upgrade of the Men's Toilet Facilities in the Harold Rankin Pavilion





The Harold Rankin Pavilion is part of the Stambridge Community Centre in Rochford and is used by many different groups in the local community, including Corinthians Football Club.

The men's toilets in the pavilion were no longer fit for purpose, with no hot water supply to the basin, chipped and stained urinals, and a ceiling which was missing tiles and in dire need of replacement.

Enovert Community Trust provided a grant of £7769 to install three separate urinals with a stainless-steel trough, a new basin, re-plumbed hot water supply, a new ceiling, and a re-laid vinyl floor to make the facility more hygienic and easier to keep clean.

The new facilities have made the Pavilion even more popular, hosting shows, a dog training group, and community events along with the football club.

 Rochford, Southend

 £7769



COMMUNITY BUILT

Providing a Pump Track in Homer Hill Park for Community Use

Friends of Homer Hill Park in Cradley is now home to the area's only pump track, thanks to a grant of £50,000 from Enovert Community Trust.

Targeted at users on mountain bikes, BMXs, micro scooters, rollerblades, and skateboards, the facility has a footprint of approximately 30m x 15m and incorporates slopes, humps, obstacles, jumps, and banked corners.

The track has attracted more people of all ages to the park to participate or simply observe, encouraging outdoor activity, as well as the physical and mental health benefits of exercise.

Valerie Bloomer, Secretary of the Friends of Homer Hill Park, said:

“We are thrilled to see the project come to life, providing high-quality, inclusive facilities for the local community. The pump track is a fantastic addition to Cradley, providing a venue for a wide range of wheeled sports and helping to support fitness, social interaction, and free access to sport for everyone, no matter their ability or background.”



Cleveland Lakes – Opening Up Access, Cotswold Lakes Trust, Cirencester





The Cotswold Lakes feature over 180 lakes in a 42 square mile area in Gloucestershire and Wiltshire. The long-term vision of the Cotswold Lakes Trust is to realise the potential of the lakes for water sports and public access, while providing diverse habitat to allow wildlife to thrive.

That vision is now one step closer to reality after a grant of £31,000 from Enover Community Trust enabled the construction of a new pontoon at Waterhay Lake. The pontoon will help the lake become a major venue for a variety of water and land-based activities, such as rowing, swimming, walking, and cycling.

Matthew Millett, Development Consultant at Cotswold Lakes Trust, said:

“Demand is really high for accessible water, and this important project has opened up a new area to the public. Access to the lake will provide opportunities for increased physical activity and improved well-being for people of all ages. We are extremely grateful to Enover Community Trust for its grant which has made the project possible.”

 Cirencester

 £31,000



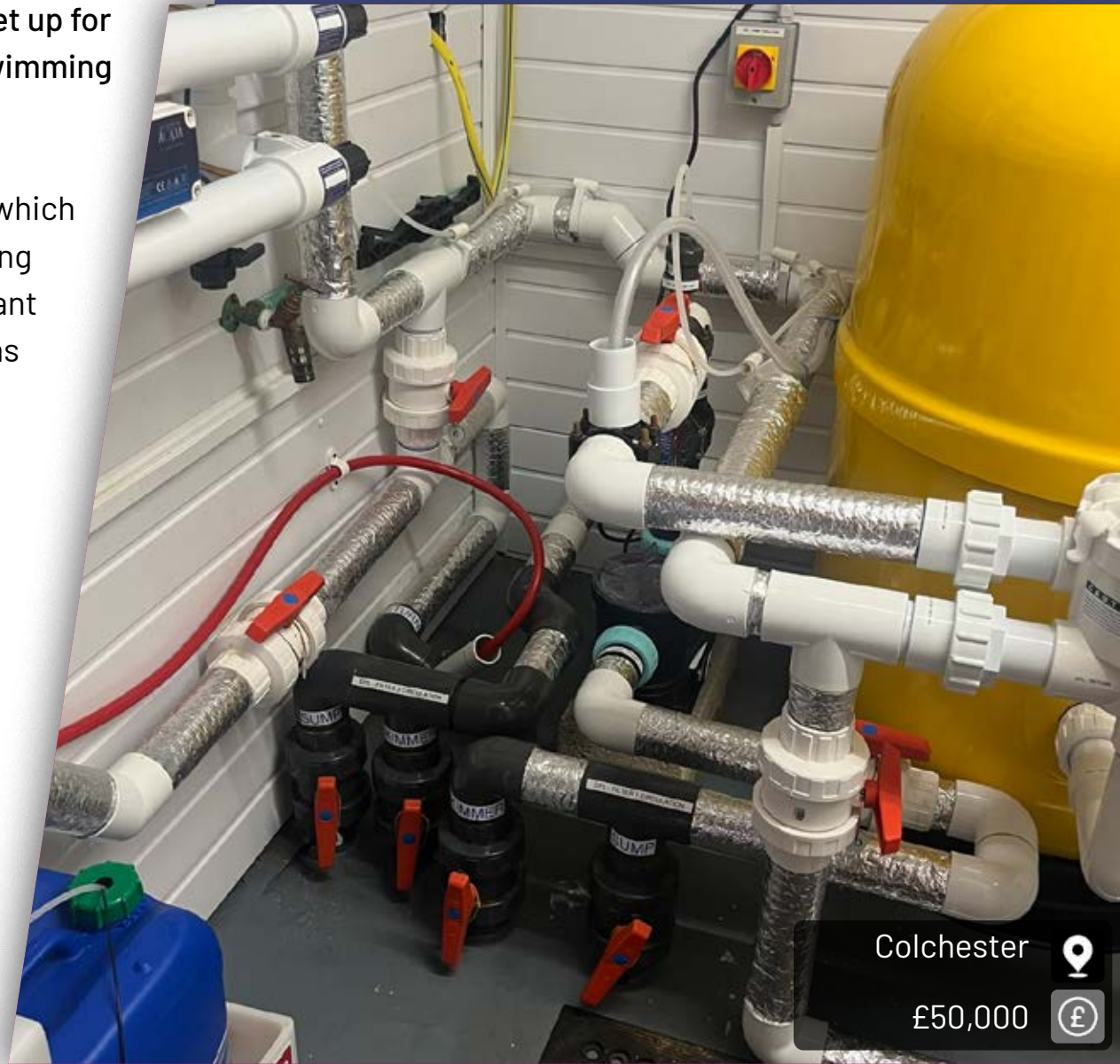
Upgrade Pool Plant Specification to Meet HSG179, BS EN 15288

Coggeshall Community Sports Association Pool was set up for the community by the community in 1980, providing swimming lessons for children and adults from the local area.

After 45 years of operating, the plant room was failing which would have resulted in the pool having to close. Following a £50,000 grant from Enover Community Trust, the plant room and all the circulation and filtration equipment has been fully renovated and upgraded, safeguarding the availability of the pool for generations to come.

Lisa Calvert, Trustee of Coggeshall Community Sports Association, said:

“We are incredibly grateful to Enover Community Trust for its generous grant, which has been a lifeline for Coggeshall Community Pool. The pool is a cornerstone of the community, having provided services and opportunities for people of all ages to engage in swimming and water safety since 1980.”



Colchester

£50,000



Saltburn PlayZone, Saltburn Athletic Football Club, Teesside

The community in the town of Saltburn has a new, multi-use PlayZone facility, following a grant of £50,000 from Enover Community Trust.

The PlayZone project is a national scheme part-funded by the Football Foundation in partnership with local authorities, with the Foundation providing 75% of funding and the remaining funds secured from other grant givers.

The new facility is housed at Saltburn Athletic Football Club and is designed to offer a range of sports, including multiple football variations, basketball, rugby, netball, hockey, and cricket (along with wheelchair variations). It brings much needed access to sport and recreation for the local community, much of which comprises lower socio-economic groups situated in small villages without easy access to sporting facilities.



📍 Teesside

£50,000

🏆 SPORT

Three-Bay Cricket Net Area, Walsall Cricket Club, Walsall

Over 250 members of Walsall Cricket Club can now enjoy a brand new three-lane practice net facility while honing their cricketing skills.

The previous net facility had become unsafe after years of wear and tear, with both the nets and the surface being repaired multiple times, leading to dangerous, uneven bounce and balls being hit through the net. As well as the danger, with more than 100 junior members, the existing two lanes were severely lacking in capacity, with the club having to hire nets at a local school for its under 16s.

Enovert Community Trust provided a grant of £50,000 to the club to install a fully enclosed three-lane net practice facility. The project has widened the club's offer to the ever-growing junior section and allowed it to make the facilities available to the wider community.



St Andrew's Church Tower Appeal, Church of St Andrew, Marks Tey



The Church of St Andrew in Marks Tey, Essex, is a 900-year-old Grade I listed landmark, as well as an important community building.

The Church's 18m tower is unusual, with half built of masonry construction and half oak framed, dating back to 1494. Inevitably over so many years the tower was in desperate need of repair to brick and stonework, as well as replacement of damaged elm boards with thicker new oak.

The renovation work also included the replacement of a broken weathervane and re-shingling the spire and was funded by a grant of £50,000 from Enovert Community Trust.

Andrew Waters, Church Warden of St Andrew's, said:

"We are extremely grateful for all the support we have received which has made this essential restoration possible. The project will ensure a symbol of our village's history and identity is preserved, enabling us to maintain this treasured landmark for generations to come."



Colchester



£50,000



Prestow Wood - Uncovering its Industrial Past, Wrington Parish Council



When two historically important limekilns were discovered in the oak woodland at Prestow Wood, a Conservation Group launched a project to safeguard the limekilns and establish the wood as a nature reserve to enhance biodiversity.

The project, supported by a grant of £50,000 from Enover Community Trust, conserved the limekilns, while also conducting ecological and tree work, installing seating and signage, and constructing paths and steps to make the area accessible. The group also created diverse habitats in the woodland, including sunny glades and spaces for species, including dormice, bats, insects and birds, to thrive.

Tony Harden, Project Manager, said:

“We couldn’t have achieved this without the tremendous support of Enover Community Trust and our local residents. This project has been a real community effort, and we’re proud to have safeguarded the limekilns, while improving the natural environment and making Prestow Wood more accessible.”



North Somerset 
£50,000 

Limekiln Conservation, Hobbs Nature Reserve Trust, Longhope



A grant of £12,274 from Enover Community Trust has been used for the conservation of a limekiln at Hobbs Nature Reserve in Longhope.

The limekiln is an integral part of the industrial history of the site dating back to the 1800s when it was an active limestone quarry, built to burn the extracted lime. Layers of fuel and limestone were stacked together in a mound, covered with clay or turf and slowly burned in a method similar to that used in charcoal burning.

The site is now a Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) due to its unique geological structures that were exposed by the limestone quarrying, and is managed in association with Natural England.

The conservation work on the limekiln involved the recycling of stone that had fallen from the existing kiln, incorporating additional locally sourced stone and the use of traditional lime mortar.



Gloucestershire



£12,274



Window Replacement, St Mark's the Evangelist Church, Thornaby

The committee of St Mark's Church in Thornaby was determined to offer a warm community space to combat loneliness and help those struggling with heating bills, but its existing single-glazed windows were letting heat out and water in.

Enovert Community Trust provided a grant of £51,696 to the popular church to replace the windows and reduce its carbon footprint and heating costs.

With the old windows replaced, the church has improved heat efficiency that has enabled it to keep the building open for longer periods of time to make it more accessible to the local community.

The project is part of a larger environmental plan as part of the Church of England's ambition to achieve Carbon Net Zero by 2030.





Accounts

	2025 (£)	2024 (£)
Income and endowments from:		
Landfill Tax Credits	2,912,839	3,564,953
Interest	77,372	84,987
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Total income	2,990,211	3,649,940
Expenditure on:		
Entrust administration fees	110,105	104,434
Grants payable and administration costs	3,736,737	2,746,309
Total resources expended	3,846,842	2,850,743
Net income/(expenditure) for the year		
Net movement in funds	(856,631)	799,197
Fund balances at 1 January 2025	<u>3,101,454</u>	<u>2,302,257</u>
Fund balances at 31 December 2025	<u><u>2,244,823</u></u>	<u><u>3,101,454</u></u>



	2025 (£)	(£)	2024 (£)	(£)
Current assets				
Debtors	421,714		793,606	
Cash at bank and in hand	<u>2,028,545</u>		<u>2,482,869</u>	
	2,450,259		3,276,475	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	<u>205,436</u>		<u>175,021</u>	
Net current assets		<u><u>2,244,823</u></u>		<u><u>3,101,454</u></u>
Income funds				
Restricted funds		2,244,823		3,101,454
Unrestricted funds		<u>2,244,823</u>		<u>3,101,454</u>

**Saltburn PlayZone,
Saltburn Athletic Football Club, Teesside**





Environmental Improvement Project, Farmers Boy Fishing Club, Rushall, Walsall





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