Small Grants Scheme/ Rural Communities Fund 2017-18

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2017-18: a year of transition

- Closure of SGS with final Panel meeting in May 2017
- June-December 2017: Panel consulted by email on first tranches of RCF applications
- Early 2018: Panel approved Guidance for applicants (drafted by CERs, based on Panel feedback over the years)
- March 2018: Panel formally closed, quarterly/annual reporting to both LAFs





April 2017-March 2018 SUMMARY

	SGS (to May 2017)	RCF	TOTAL 2017-18
Applications	9	16	25
Projects approved	9	15	24
Grant approved	£9,077	£17,246	£26,322
Match funding	£7,249	£12,921	£20,170
Volunteer hours	£2,062	£1,849	£3,911
New Forest NPA	-	£375	£375
Range of project costs	£504 (Chilbolton map boards) - £3,980 (E. Woodhay Boardwalk)	£315 (B Waltham map board) - £8,750 (Headley Down path improvements)	



Projects funded

	2017-18	2016-17	2015-16	2014-15
Surfacing	7	11	14	11
Stiles to Gates	8	11	14	8
Boardwalk/bridge	2	2		1
Mapboard/leaflets	2	6	4	6
Tools	2	3		
Drainage	1	-		1
Handrail	1	1		
Steps	1	-		
Benches			1	
Permissive path		1		



Comparison with previous years

	2017-18	2016-17	2015-16	2014-15
Applications	25	37	46	49
Projects approved	24	35	33	30
Percentage approval	96%	95%	72%	61%
Funding approved	£26,323	£43,442	£39,927	£47,753
Match funding	£20,170	£28,119	£27,592	£44,077
Volunteer hours	£3,911	£8,595		
New Forest NPA funding	£375	£1,701	£600	£5,956
Range of individual project costs	£315- £8,750	£547- £10,000	£330- £21,258	£202- £11,000



Key role: Community Engagement Rangers (CERs)

- Promoting the scheme
- Liaison/support through application process
 - Eligibility/suitability/viability of schemes
 - Advice on sources of match funding
 - Advice on completing application forms
 - Reviewing applications before final submission
- Where needed, support with project delivery





New CER team (appointed July 2018)

- South/West: Ria Loveridge
- Central/East: Adam Macey
- North: Gareth Siu



Questions?



SGS/RCF schemes funded 2017/18					
Applicant	Project	Grant Approved (£)	Match funding (£)	Volunteer hours in £	Total match contribution
Small Grants Scheme					
Hampshire Rights of Way Improvement Trust					
Limited	Boardwalk	£ 946.67	£ 461.35	£ 720.00	£ 1,181.35
Chilbolt PC	Mapboards	£ 252.50	£ 117.50	£ 135.00	£ 252.50
St Mary's Church - Hayling Island	Surfacing	£ 1,743.69	£ 1,340.50	£ 403.20	£ 1,743.70
Buriton PC	Handrail	£ 292.50	£ 292.50		£ 292.50
Cheriton PC	Stiles to gates	£ 922.22	£ 442.22	£ 480.00	£ 922.22
Worldham PC	Steps	£ 289.50	£ 289.50		£ 289.50
Froxfield PC	Surfacing	£ 1,790.00	£ 1,790.00		£ 1,790.00
Butterfly Conservation	Surfacing	£ 849.50	£ 525.50	£ 324.00	£ 849.50
East Woodhay PC	Boardwalk	£ 1,990.00	£ 1,990.00		£ 1,990.00
Rural Communities Fund					
Overton PC/Steventon PC	Stiles to gates	£ 628.17	£ 450.00	£ 178.17	£ 628.17
Crondall PC	Mapboard	£ 500.00	£ 448.75	£ -	£ 448.75
University of the 3rd Age	Stiles to gates	£ 600.00	£ 271.60	£ 270.00	£ 541.60
Sherfield Park	Surfacing and path improvements	£ 500.00	£ 200.00	£ 232.50	£ 432.50
Steep PC	Surfacing	£ 1,340.00	£ 1,340.00	£ -	£ 1,340.00
Anna Bruce	Veg & ditch clearance (Hordle 743 - veg and ditch clearance)	£ 750.00	£ 695.18	£ -	£ 695.18
Bishops Waltham PC	Stile to gate	£ 157.40	£ 92.60	£ 64.80	£ 157.40
Headley Down Nature Reserve Trust	Surfacing and path improvements	£ 5,000.00	£ 3,749.02	£ -	£ 3,749.02
Whitchurch Town Council	Stiles to gates	£ 554.60	£ 434.28	£ 281.25	£ 715.53
Stratfield Turgis Parish Meeting	Stiles to Gates	£ 500.00	£ 92.20	£ 120.00	£ 212.20
Milford on Sea Council	Path Surfacing	£ 2,992.00	£ 4,000.00	£ -	£ 4,000.00
Overton Walkers are Welcome	Tools	£ 646.77	£ -	£ -	£ -
	Stiles to Gates	£ 500.00	£ 147.57	£ 202.50	£ 350.07
Berkshire Ramblers (Dave Ramm)	Tools			£ 202.50	£ 500.00
North Hampshire Downs Ramblers				_	
Polhampton Farm Partnership	Stiles to gates and permissive access		£ 1,000.00		£ 1,000.00
TOTALS		£ 26,322.20	£20,170.27	£3,911.42	£24,081.69