

## Record of operational decision

<b>Decision title:</b>	Allocation of Climate and Nature Grant Scheme.		
<b>Date of decision:</b>	10 February 2022		
<b>Decision maker:</b>	Service Director Highways, Environment and Waste		
<b>Authority for delegated decision:</b>	<a href="https://councillors.herefordshire.gov.uk/documents/s50092501/Allocating%20the%20Use%20of%20the%20Climate%20Reserve.pdf">https://councillors.herefordshire.gov.uk/documents/s50092501/Allocating%20the%20Use%20of%20the%20Climate%20Reserve.pdf</a> The authority is for the specified officer to take this decision as approved on 17/12/21 <a href="https://councillors.herefordshire.gov.uk/documents/s50096655/Record%20of%20officer%20decision%20Climate%20and%20Nature%20Grant%20Scheme%20V1.docx.pdf">https://councillors.herefordshire.gov.uk/documents/s50096655/Record%20of%20officer%20decision%20Climate%20and%20Nature%20Grant%20Scheme%20V1.docx.pdf</a>		
<b>Ward:</b>	Countywide		
<b>Consultation:</b>	The grant scheme was promoted widely through: all Council social media platforms, including Zero Carbon Herefordshire website; Talk Communities and all Parish Councils.		
<b>Decision made:</b>	To award the following grants as detailed below.		
	<b>COMMUNITY ORGANISATION</b>	<b>PROJECT SUMMARY</b>	<b>AMOUNT APPROVED</b>
	Simpson Hall, Burghill	Energy Audit	£780.00
	St Leonard's Management	Air source heat pump	£14,500.00
	Linton Village Hall	Energy Audit	£720.00
	Much Marcle Memorial Hall	Various - insulation, lighting, thermal store, water temp sensor and heating controls	£15,000.00
	Brockhampton Village Hall	Energy Audit	£720.00
	Wellington Community Centre	Energy Audit	£720.00
	Madley Parish Hall	Energy Audit	£780.00
	Eardisland Parish Council	Community engagement and thermal imaging	£2,275.50
	Market Theatre Ledbury	Energy Audit	£780.00
	Ledbury Rugby Football Club	Insulation, double glazing, moving boiler	£14,994.74
	Staunton on Wye VH	Energy Audit	£780.00
	Bishopswood Village Hall	Energy Audit	£780.00
	St Peter's and St James' Church	Community garden/allotment	£2,361.28
	ECHO for Extra Choices in Herefordshire	Community area in Eaton Barn	£5,017.50
	Herefordshire Tree Wardens Network	Identify, protect and expand the relict population of the rare Native Black Poplar	£5,000.00
	Ledbury Places	Replace night storage heaters	£7,968.75
	Kingsland Coronation Hall	Solar panels, exterior doors, energy awareness training	£7,467.93

	The Venue - Ross Baptist Church	Insulation and LED lighting	£12,763.58
	Michaelchurch Escley and District Community Centre (Escleyside Hall)	Loft insulation and hot water tank	£2,463.33
	Little Birch Village Hall	Insulation	£14,793.75
	The Simpson Hall, Burghill	Insulation, LED lighting, new boiler	£8,447.66
	Linton Village Hall	Insulation and LED lighting, solar panels	£11,040.00
	St Michael's Hall (PCC Ewyas Harold & Dulas)	Energy audit and LED lighting	£780.00
	Brockhampton Village Hall	Upgrade roof and install insulation and LED lighting	£14,280.00
	Ewyas Harold Common Trust	Tools and training	£4,500.00
	Ewyas Harold GPC	2 x 4 hoop cycle racks	£549.60
	Upton Bishop Memorial Hall	Energy Audit	£780.00
	<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>£151,043.62</b>
<b>Reasons for decision:</b>	<p>On 29.07.21 Cabinet agreed to allocate £220,000 from the climate reserve to establish a new Climate and Nature grant scheme to empower local community groups, organisations and parish councils to apply for funding. Successful projects will deliver carbon reduction and ecological enhancement projects across the county.</p> <p>The Grant Scheme was launched in September 2021 and publicised widely.</p> <p>Applications were categorized into the following three categories:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reduction in CO<sub>2</sub></li> <li>• Increase in biodiversity</li> <li>• Community engagement in action on climate and nature</li> </ul> <p>Applications were administered by the Council's Delegated Grants team and appraised by a grant appraisal panel consisting of Herefordshire Council officers and a member from the Climate and Nature Partnership Board.</p> <p>The Climate and Nature Grant Panel met on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> December; 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> January and agreed to award the grants.</p> <p>The full list of grants which met the funding criteria and are recommended for approval are detailed above.</p>		
<b>Highlight any associated risks/finance/legal/equality considerations:</b>	All applicants will receive offer letters and submit monitoring reports to the Council on their successful outcomes and how they have contributed to the key criteria above.		
<b>Details of any alternative options considered and rejected:</b>	N/A		
<b>Details of any declarations</b>	None		

<b>of interest made:</b>	
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I am an officer delegated to make the decision

**Signed:**

**Print Name:** Phil Crossland

**Job Title:** Interim Service Director – Highways, Environment & Waste