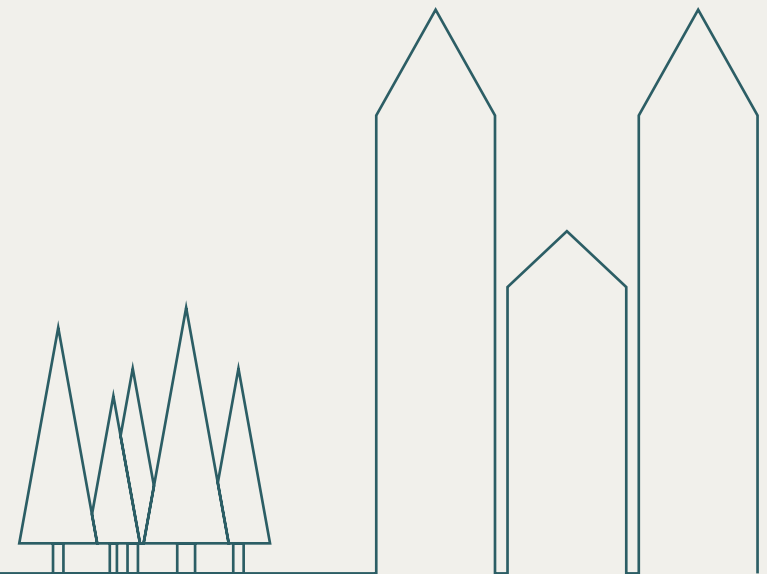


Annual summary 2022

This report gives some examples of what we did in 2022. We awarded £21.6m to 53 charities and projects.

This included exceptional grants to support the people of Ukraine. Our Sussex Lund programme continued to support environmental work in the High Weald in South-East England.

In 2022, the programme began to also fund projects that help people experience and connect with the landscape. We also worked with interns, who did research on river pollution and urban greening. Their research will help shape our future work. You can find out more about what we did in 2022 below, and more about Lund Trust on our [website](#).



Highlights from 2022

Inspiring solutions to climate change

Ashden has run its awards for more than twenty years. They celebrate people in the UK and worldwide whose work on climate solutions can inspire others. In 2022, we supported a new Community Nature Adaptation Award for communities in the UK that use natural solutions to tackle climate change. These might include planting trees to counter extreme heat or creating wetlands to tackle flooding and drought. The award will champion projects that bring people together and bring them closer to nature. Ashden will announce the first award winner in Autumn 2023.

Supporting the people of Ukraine

In response to the Russian invasion, we gave to organizations that could support the people of Ukraine. We gave £9.75m for emergency humanitarian work to charities such as the British Red Cross and Save the Children. We gave £750,000 to MAD-Aid, to get aid supplies to Moldova and to help small Moldovan non-profits to support Ukrainian refugees. We gave £500,000 to the Refugee Council as match-funding to help it raise funds for its work supporting refugees in the UK. We also gave £1.4m to the Frankfurt Zoological Society to support refugees and protect nature in Ukraine's national parks.

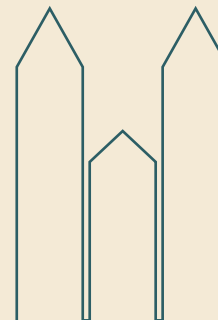
Internships

Our interns research issues we are interested in to help guide our future grant-making.

Husnayn Nazim, our summer intern, produced a report on river pollution in the UK. Husnayn's work looked at different ways to tackle river pollution. His report highlights the value of prevention and treatment projects that use nature-based solutions. He also recommends we support community-led work.

We also worked with Thuy Nguyen, a PhD candidate at Imperial College London. She produced a green space assessment framework. Her report includes chapters on types of green space, UK policies and guidelines, and young people and green spaces. Thuy's framework will help us assess the quality of urban greening projects.

You can read our interns' reports on our [website](#). In 2023, we will recruit two summer interns to research light and noise pollution in the UK.

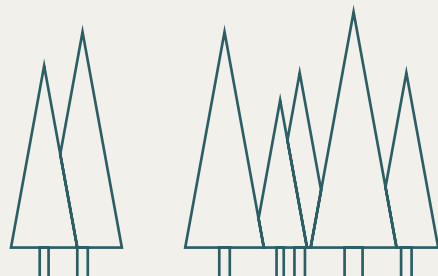


Sussex Lund

Sussex Lund funds practical work that improves the High Weald in south-east England. From 2022, it also funds work that helps people experience and connect with the High Weald landscape.

2022 was the seventh year of Sussex Lund, run by the High Weald AONB (Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty) team. In 2022, the programme received 26 applications. The panel awarded £111,000 to 18 projects run by landowners and managers, community groups, parish and town councils, local authorities and schools.

Since 2016, Sussex Lund has supported 262 projects with more than £1 million in grants.



Frog Field nature recovery project, Beckley, East Sussex

In 2020, we gave Beckley Parish Council a grant to help restore a local wildlife site called Frog Field. The village's Women's Institute created it in 1990. It was once an open field but, over time, had become neglected and woody. The site needed lots of work to 'open up' the area, boost biodiversity and make it accessible for visitors. Much of the work was carried out by local volunteers, with help from contractors and a local

ecologist. They cleared the site of rubbish and debris; took out non-native species; coppiced; made dead wood piles for insects; restored an ancient hedgerow; and planted native species. They also cleared paths so people can enjoy Frog Field.

Beckley now has a conservation area the community can enjoy. Native species that were lost have returned. The project has run several guided tours. They hope to inspire visitors to try some similar work in their gardens.



A tour group visits Frog Field

Gifts in 2022

Grantee	Project	Amount
British Red Cross Society	To the crisis appeal, to support the people of Ukraine.	£5,000,000
Oxford University – Mansfield College	To endow the Jonathan Cooper Professor of the History of Sexualities	£4,900,000
UNICEF UK	To support the emergency response in Ukraine.	£3,000,000
Save the Children	Towards Save the Children's Ukraine appeal.	£1,750,000
Fauna & Flora International	Towards core costs.	£1,500,000
Frankfurt Zoological Society	To help repair the buildings in the Ukrainian national parks in Carpathia and Polesia.	£1,443,200
Sightsavers International	Towards an eye health fund.	£820,000
MAD-Aid	Towards MAD-Aid's work supporting Ukrianian refugees in Moldova.	£750,000
Refugee Council	Match funding for an appeal to expand the Refugee Council's services.	£500,000
Ashden	To establish a new community adaptation award.	£270,000
Foundation Scotland	To support projects in Fort William and immediately surrounding areas.	£250,000
East Sussex County Council	Sussex Lund	£203,808
IntoUniversity	Towards core costs.	£100,000

Grantee	Project	Amount
European Roma Institute for Arts and Culture	To support Roma artists, curators and practitioners from Ukraine.	£91,050
American Council of Learned Societies	Towards core costs.	£82,000
Bard College Berlin	Towards core costs.	£82,000
Central European University	Towards core costs.	£82,000
Torekovs Församling Hallands Väderö	Towards conservation work on a nature reserve in Sweden.	£80,000
Open Seas Trust	Towards core costs.	£75,000
Environmental Funders Network	Membership contribution.	£60,000
Corrou Foundation	To support charitable work in Scotland.	£54,000
Laura Case Trust	Towards the trust's work.	£47,500
Authors Alliance	Towards core costs.	£41,000
Charities Aid Foundation	Match-funding for staff donations.	£30,000
British-Ukrainian Aid	Match funding for British-Ukrainian Aid's appeal.	£25,000
Mayfield Festival of Music & Arts	Towards the 2022 festival.	£25,000
National Garden Scheme	Towards the National Garden Scheme Centenary Circle campaign.	£25,000

Gifts in 2022

Grantee	Project	Amount
Age UK East Sussex	Towards core costs.	£25,000
Chestnut Tree House Children's Hospice	Towards core costs.	£25,000
Demelza House Children's Hospice	Towards core costs.	£25,000
Friends of Sussex Hospices	Towards core costs.	£25,000
Hospice in the Weald	Towards core costs.	£25,000
Re-engage	Towards core costs.	£25,000
Relieve	Towards core costs.	£25,000
The Swedish Church in London	Towards core costs.	£25,000
Whitley Fund for Nature	Towards core costs.	£25,000
City Of Westminster Charitable Trust	To support the City of Westminster Charitable Trust's work.	£10,000
Anglo Swedish Society	Towards core costs.	£10,000
Compassion in Dying	Towards core costs.	£10,000
Friends, Families and Travellers	Towards core costs.	£10,000
Naturskyddsföreningen – Swedish Society for Nature Conservation	Towards core costs.	£10,000

Grantee	Project	Amount
Turquoise Mountain Trust	Towards core costs.	£10,000
Royal Swedish Academy of Agriculture and Forestry	Support for the annual Case competition for young academics and scientists.	£8,000
Venice Family Clinic	Towards core costs.	£8,200
Thames21 Limited	Towards development work for a new programme to improve London's rivers and wetlands.	£8,000
British Academy	Towards core costs.	£5,000
Give a Book	Towards core costs.	£5,000
Hawk and Owl Trust	Towards core costs.	£5,000
Longford Trust	Towards core costs.	£5,000
Peter Treherne	Towards the 'Matter of Britain' film project.	£5,000
Royal Historical Society	Towards core costs.	£5,000
Society for the Advancement of Scandinavian Study	Towards core costs.	£5,000
Torekov Coast Guard	Towards core costs.	£5,000
Grants smaller than £5,000	7 small grants.	£6,528