

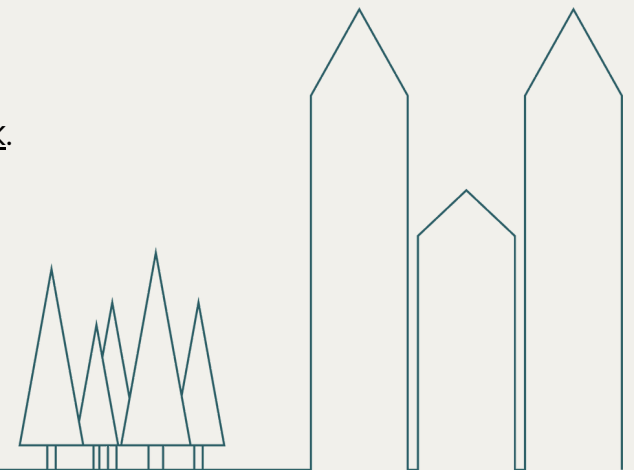


Summer Report 2025

This report gives some examples of what we have done so far in 2025.

So far this year, our Donor Board – Sigrid Koerner, George Morris and Lisbet Rausing – has awarded grants totalling £2.17m to seven organisations working to green people's lives in the UK by improving the environment, improving policy and practice, and providing opportunities for young people.

If you are a donor or funder that would like to find out more about the organisations we support, we would be happy to speak with you. Contact Andrew.Wright@lundtrust.org.uk or Olivia.Dryden@lundtrust.org.uk.



Our vision is a UK where everyone benefits from and enjoys thriving nature.

We aim to fund transformative work that greens people's lives.

Grants awarded in 2025

Grant recipient	Project	Amount	Duration
Total		£2.17m	
<u>Women's Environmental Network</u>	Towards core costs, to improve chemical policy in the UK.	£500k	Five years
<u>Open Seas</u>	Towards core costs, to protect the UK's marine environment.	£400k	Four years
<u>Beaver Trust</u>	Towards core costs, to support landscape restoration through beaver reintroduction.	£400k	Four years
<u>Green Alliance</u>	Towards the work of Impact25.	£271k	Two years
<u>Soil Association</u>	Towards core costs, to improve chemical policy in the UK.	£250k	Five years
<u>Ashden</u>	Towards the 'Resilient Roots' programme.	£200k	Three years
<u>Youth Environmental Service</u>	Towards core costs, to help young people get jobs in green organisations.	£150k	Three years

We also made gifts to a range of other causes our donors especially care about. You can find information on all our grants on our [website](#) and [360 Giving](#).

Some highlights from 2025 so far

Two of this year's new grants – to the **Women's Environmental Network** (Wen) and the **Soil Association** – continue our support for work that aims to reduce chemical pollution by changing policy in the UK. This year, Wen and **Pesticide Action Network UK**, which we also support, published 'Blood Sweat and Pesticides: A closer look at toxic chemicals in period products' to extensive media coverage. You can read the report and join their campaign [here](#). You can find out more about these grants on the next page.

Ashden celebrated the 25th anniversary of its awards for climate solutions this year. With our funding it also launched a new project – Resilient Roots – a network and mentoring programme. Resilient Roots provides councils, charities and community groups in the North West of England with the tools they need to implement solutions to the effects of climate change, such as increased flooding and urban heating. Our new grant to Ashden will help it continue this work and expand it to London.

If you were not able to attend **Citizen Zoo's** 'Rewilding Futures' conference in January, you can now watch it on their [Youtube channel](#).



We have renewed our support for **Open Seas Trust**, which aims to protect the UK's marine environment from unsustainable fishing practices. Its work includes legal challenges, policy interventions and campaigns, but also research and data gathering.

The photograph above shows Open Seas working with a group on the west coast of Scotland, using underwater robotics to monitor marine habitats from a restored 19th-century herring lugger.

Chemical Pollution

We continue to support work to reduce chemical pollution in the UK. In February, we made core grants to the Women's Environmental Network (Wen) and the Soil Association. The different focus areas of these organisations reflects our approach to grant-making on chemicals. We aim to support improvements in policy and regulation that prevent the release of harmful chemicals into the environment. We are open to progress through a variety of routes, including through better health, agriculture, and nature policies.

Wen

Wen supports women and their communities to take action on the climate and nature emergencies, amplifying the voices of marginalised and racialised women. It campaigns for the reduction of harmful chemicals in everyday products and advocates for stronger chemical regulations. Women are disproportionately affected by chemicals. They are exposed through work in female-dominated industries and personal care products. Endocrine-disrupting chemicals (those that mimic, block, or interfere with the body's hormones) and other toxic substances cause a number of health issues, including menstrual irregularities, endometriosis, and cancers. This year, in collaboration with another of our grantees, PAN UK, Wen released a report showing that glyphosate, a known carcinogen, was present in tampons at levels 40 times higher than the legal limit for drinking water. The findings were featured widely in the news, including The Guardian, Women's Health and the Daily Mail.

The Soil Association

The Soil Association aims to create sustainable food, farming and forestry systems by supporting the transition to agroecological farming, reducing the environmental impact of food systems and promoting healthy diets. It campaigns to raise political and public awareness of the relationship between agriculture and pollution. It lobbies for better farming policy and agricultural subsidies that will support farmers to reduce their chemical use.



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Young people

In February, we renewed our support to the **Youth Environmental Service** for its work helping young people get paid work placements in environmental organisations. Its aim is to increase both the number and diversity of young people working in the environmental sector. This new grant will support a pilot project focused on Bristol and its surrounding area that will offer 40 young people paid, 12-month placements in a range of green organisations, including charities, public bodies and for-profit companies.

Last year, we awarded £300,000 over three years to **Action for Conservation** towards its core costs.

Action for Conservation works with young people aged 12-18 to support them to become leaders in the environmental sector. This year it ran education programmes in 15 schools and youth clubs, had more than 64 young people attend residential summer camps and provided an ambassador programme for 60 past summer camp participants, offering one-to-one mentorship, skills development, and work experience opportunities.

Action for Conservation champions young people, creating opportunities for them to take leadership roles in intergenerational projects. It advocates for youth leadership and decision-making approaches to be widely adopted across the environmental sector.

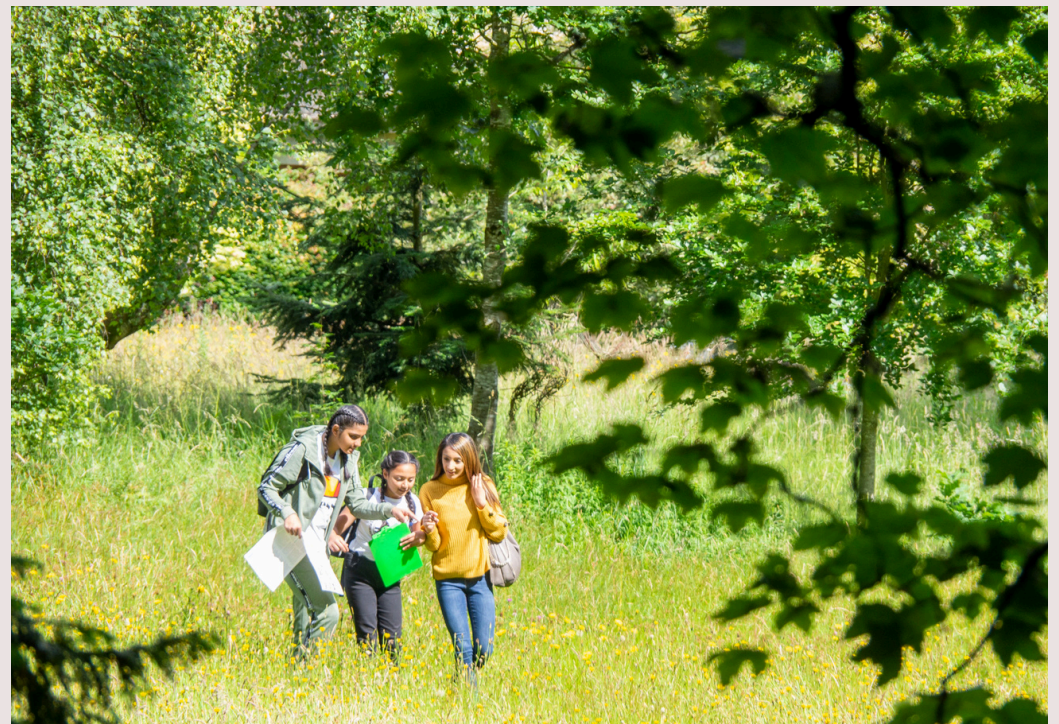


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High Weald Nature and Community Fund

The High Weald Nature and Community Fund supports work that benefits people and the environment across the High Weald, in parts of Surrey, West Sussex, East Sussex and Kent.

The fund is managed by the High Weald National Landscape Partnership and provides grants from £500 to £20,000. Since 2017, it has awarded 287 grants totalling £1.56m.

Last year, the BlackShed Project CIC in Robertsbridge received a grant for 'Watershed 2025', its community art and nature project supporting people who have been excluded from experiencing the natural environment of the High Weald due to physical or mental challenges.

The project offers a varied programme of walks, talks and workshops—from dawn chorus and sunset walks to wildlife surveying, exploring watercourses, and practical sessions such as pond-building and installing bat boxes.

Internships

Each year, our summer interns research areas of interest to us. Their research helps guide our future grant-making and keeps us informed about issues that are important to us.

We have recruited two interns this year. Jiayu Pang, who is doing an MPhil in Anthropocene Studies at Cambridge, will look at the environmental and human health impacts of pet ownership and how any issues might be communicated to owners and potential owners. Hugo Perrot-Barnaby, who is doing a BSc in Biology at the University of Sheffield, will consider the specific potential of religious groups and land owned by religious institutions for greening people's lives.

You can read reports by our past interns on our [website](#).



Find out more on our website.

