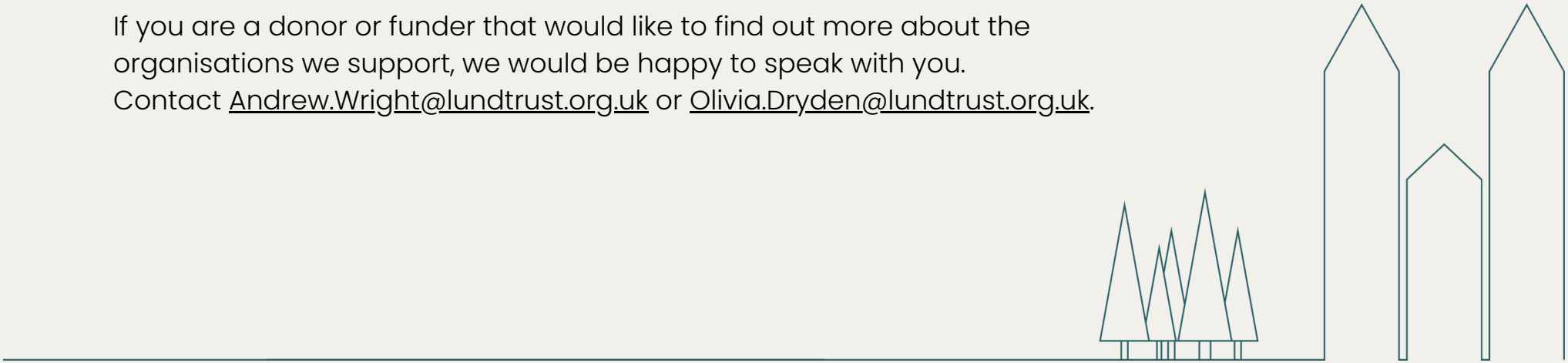
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Summer Report 2026

This report gives some examples of what we have done so far in 2026.

So far this year, our Donor Board, Sigrid Koerner and George Morris, have awarded grants totalling £2.8m to 11 organisations working to green people's lives in the UK by restoring the environment, improving policy and practice, and helping people to experience nature.

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.
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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 2026

Grant recipient	Project	Amount	Duration
Total		**£2.8m**	
The Lifescape Project	Towards the rewilding law work.	£500,000	Five years
River Action UK	Towards core costs, to restore the UK's rivers.	£500,000	Five years
Royal Society of Wildlife Trusts	Towards pesticide-free approaches to land management.	£465,045	Five years
Trees for Cities	Towards core costs, to plant trees in the UK.	£375,000	Five years
High Weald National Landscape	For the High Weald Nature and Community Fund.	£340,588	One year
John Ellerman Foundation	Towards the United Kingdom Overseas Territories (UKOTs) Fund.	£250,000	One year
Environmental Law Foundation	Towards core cost, to provide legal support for community-led environmental action.	£120,000	Four years

Wildlife and Countryside Link	Towards collaborative work on environmental rights.	£100,000	Two years
Royal National Institute for the Blind	Towards the See Cymru Differently guide walking project.	£88,700	Two years
Coventry University	Towards the cut flowers and pesticides project.	£45,500	One year
Environmental Funders Network	Membership contribution.	£20,000	One year

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.

Highlights from 2026 so far

This year, we continued to support work to improve policy and regulation of chemicals in the UK. We awarded the **Wildlife Trusts** a grant of £465,045 over five years towards its work to reduce pesticide use. It will trial new approaches that focus on persistent, widespread issues typically managed with chemicals and for which there are no good or cost-effective alternatives. The Wildlife Trusts will share its findings with land managers struggling with issues such as invasive species control. It will use the evidence and insights generated to advocate for policies and funding mechanisms that support land managers and farmers to transition to pesticide-free approaches.

We awarded £45,500 to a new project supported by **Coventry University** looking at pesticide levels on cut flower imports. Around 90% of flowers sold in the UK are imported from countries with different regulatory and enforcement standards, allowing hazardous pesticides to enter UK florists, people's homes and compost systems. The chemicals pose health and environmental risks both in the UK and in producing countries, such as Kenya, Colombia and Mexico. The project will collect and analyse samples from UK florists. The results will support advocacy work calling for better regulation.



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We renewed our support for **Trees for Cities** and **River Action UK,** awarding both organisations five-year core grants to provide stable, predictable funding to help them to deliver their objectives.

The Royal National Insitute for Blind People

In February, we awarded a grant to the Royal National Institute of Blind People for its guide walking programme, which will make Wales's natural landscapes accessible to visually impaired people. The programme is training qualified mountain and lowland leaders to guide visually impaired walkers along trails they could not reach independently. The guides not only ensure people can safely experience the countryside but also provide detailed descriptions of the scenery, wildlife, and plant life. These descriptions help the walker understand the character of the environment, bringing the natural world to life. The guides also use touch to help describe natural features such as mosses, rocks, and changes in terrain, deepening the walkers' sensory experiences. As well as making the outdoors more accessible, the programme aims to build confidence and help people feel a sense of belonging in nature.

The programme was developed by Gareth Davies at the RNIB, who drew on his own experience of losing his sight and the respite he found in the landscapes of Wales. You can read about Gareth's experience here.



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, East Sussex, West Sussex and Kent. Since 2018, it has awarded 317 grants totalling £1.83m.

Case study: Town Grown

Town Grown is a community led organisation that helps people connect with nature through food. It delivers practical workshops on soil health, no-dig gardening, permaculture, organic growing, as well as seasonal events and networking for community groups.

It makes its events open to everyone through targeted outreach to people who might not otherwise engage with nature or food growing, while keeping events free or low-cost.

Each year, Town Grown hosts the Hastings Edible Open Gardens, a weekend event where 30 gardens and growing spaces are open for visitors. These range from small urban plots and school gardens to woodlands and smallholdings, allowing people to discover the different ways food can be grown across the town.





Find out more on our website.

