



## **160811 – New funding for landscape improvements, path creation and mammal conservation**

### **The Queen Elizabeth II Fields Challenge (UK)**

The Queen Elizabeth II Fields Challenge is a new campaign supported by the SITA Trust, HRH Prince William and the Fields Trust. The Challenge aims to protect 2012 outdoor recreational spaces in communities such as pitches, woodlands, children's play areas, gardens, bicycle trails, parks etc, all across the country as a permanent living legacy of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee which will be in 2012.

Local Authorities, Parish and Town Councils, sports clubs and other private landowners can apply to obtain Queen Elizabeth II Field status. All those areas that are designated a Queen Elizabeth II Field, will then be able to apply through SITA's £1 million Queen Elizabeth II Fields Fund, for grants to make improvements to the recreation area.

Through this fund there will be two different strands:

- The QEII Fields Volunteer Support Fund, which will make grants of up to £5,000 to fund those projects where volunteers are extensively involved in the delivery of the project.
- The QEII Major Works Fund, which will make grants of up to £25,000 to support those projects that also focus on delivery by volunteers, but will allow major works to be carried out by contractors.

The next deadline for applications to the QEII Fields Volunteer Support Fund is 10 am on the 21st October and The QEII Major Works Fund is the 28th November 2011.

<http://www.qe2fields.com/>



## Grants for Walking for Health Projects (Scotland)

Paths for All, which aims to promote walking for health and the development of multi-use path networks, has announced that it has funding available to support “Walking for Health” projects in Scotland. Grants will be awarded to projects that show the potential to increase physical activity levels within Path’s for All target group (women over 45 and men and women over 65). The grants are being made through two funding streams:

- A small grants scheme that provides funding of up to £5,000.
- A large grants scheme which provides grants of up to £30,000.

Applications to the small grants programme can be made at any time.

The deadline for grants to the large grants programme is the 16th September 2011.

<http://www.pathsforall.org.uk/pfa/support/grants-a-funding.html>

## UK Mammals Grants (UK)

The People's Trust for endangered species is inviting applications from voluntary conservation organisations, scientific researchers, individuals and consortia, needing financial support for work that relates to the conservation of mammals in the British Isles and Eire, to apply for funding of up to £30,000 through their UK mammals grant programme.

The trust aims to fund scientific research, practical habitat management work, reintroduction and monitoring programmes and educational projects.

Projects supported in the past include; Bats in the Lake District; Monitoring of UK bat species in underground sites; and monitoring Irish pine martens.

The deadline for applications is the 1st November 2011.

<http://www.ptes.org/index.php?cat=89>