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Sustainable Development Fund Project applications to date	Organisation	Grant amount
2005/06		
<p>A Sense of Place The project will test the opportunities for developing the global ecomuseums concept in England, through an action research project in the Northern Uplands of England.</p>	International Centre for the Uplands	£10,000
<p>St Oswald's Way To establish a long distance walk route that forms the final side of a square of long distance walks in Northumberland: the others being St Cuthbert's Way, the Pennine Way and Hadrian's Way. The walk is 100 miles stretching from Bamburgh to Heavenfield in Tynedale.</p>	Alnwick District Council	£10,000
<p>Golf and Scenic Tours The project will allow the applicants to buy a London Routemaster Bus to use for golf and scenic tours around North Northumberland. A guide will be available to interpret the history and heritage of the AONB. The ground floor will be adapted so that it is suitable for various users.</p>	Not Entirely Sure Tours	£ 8,225
<p>Beadnell to Bamburgh and Glororum path - phase 1(a) Creation of safe road-side walking and cycling route to link the settlements of Seahouses and Beadnell.</p>	Northumberland County Council	£22,125
<p>Northumberland Coast Sustainable Access Improvement Extend the traffic-free shared use path for walkers and cyclists between Alnmouth and Warkworth adjacent to the busy A1068.</p>	Sustrans	£25,000
<p>Coquet Island CCTV Project Installation of a CCTV camera on one of the old light-house buildings on Coquet Island will beam live images of nesting seabirds to a monitor in Amble Tourist Information Centre (TIC).</p>	Royal Society for the Protection of Birds	£20,000
<p>Reuse and Recreate In A Rural Setting The project aims to divert waste arising from local businesses by the collection of suitable clean waste and passing it on for reuse in young person's play and arts activities.</p>	Berwick Borough Council	£5,000 DEFERRED

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<p>Alnmouth Boathouses Commission a feasibility report which will provide information about the future development of the boathouses.</p>	Alnmouth Parish Council	£7,575 £2,000
<p>Historic Landscape Characterisation Project Preparation of a county-wide Historic Landscape Characterisation.</p>	Northumberland County Council Conservation Team	£3,750
<p>Repairs / Restoration: Craster Tower Archway The Archway is a Grade II Listed Building in need of repair. It is the main gateway to the village of Craster.</p>	Craster Parish Council	£7,000 £1,000
<p>Northumberland Coastal Heathlands Projects NWT intends to complete a full audit of all Coastal Heathland sites within the AONB. This will involve surveying all known locations, looking for key indicator species and providing up-to-date species data for each site.</p>	Northumberland Wildlife Trust	£7,000
<p>Natural Connections The project will use education, training, practical volunteering, community events and green space improvements to increase the engagement of local people and communities with the wildlife and green spaces around them.</p>	Northumberland Wildlife Trust	£6,000 £8,000
<p>Spittal Spa Well Clean, renovate and improve access to the War Memorial</p>	Spittal Improvement Trust	£6,375
<p>Improving Beadnell Bay Visitor Facilities - feasibility study To commission independent, expert consultants to assess current visitor facilities at Beadnell Bay, and their potential to be developed further.</p>	Berwick upon Tweed Borough Council	£5,000
<p>Harbour Siltation Study The project will explore the causation of siltation build up within the harbour area/mouth and produce a study recommending long-term solutions.</p>	Warkworth Harbour Commissioners	£5,000

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<p>Alnwick Markets Investment in the market to make it a vibrant community space that results in social and economic benefits.</p>	Local Living Ltd	£8,103 £1,630
<p>Walking to Health in Berwick Borough Sustain and develop the project of health walks through the existing weekly walking groups in Berwick, Seahouses and Belford.</p>	Berwick upon Tweed Borough Council	£7,075
<p>Forest School Forest School is an inspirational process that offers children opportunities to achieve and develop confidence and self-esteem through play and hands-on learning experiences in a woodland environment.</p>	Outdoor Learning in Northumberland	£3,000
<p>Enabling Renewable Energy for Coastal Communities The aim is to ensure that communities have access to quality technical expertise before committing to the purchase of renewable energy equipment.</p>	Community Action Northumberland	£2,500
<p>Natural Connections Support the lease of an MPV vehicle that can carry volunteers, participants, tools and materials to events and activities.</p>	Northumberland Wildlife Trust	£6,000
<p>Alnwick Markets To run 4 “Cash from Your Kitchen or Garden or Workshop” sessions at locations in the AONB during the period Oct 2006 to Feb 2007</p>	Local Living Ltd	£1,630 £1,380
<p>Walking to Health in Berwick Borough Sustain and develop the project of health walks through the existing weekly walking groups in Berwick, Seahouses and Belford</p>	Berwick upon Tweed Borough Council	£3,555
<p>Holy Island Discovery Centre This project aims to augment visitor facilities on Holy Island by creating a Discovery Centre that will serve educational and other visiting groups, as well as new and existing community groups on the island.</p>	Holy Island First School	£10,000

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<p>Explore the Northumberland Coast DVD Production The production of a 90 minute DVD to promote a wider understanding of the natural/cultural heritage in the Northumberland Coast AONB.</p>	Northern Heritage	£5,000
<p>Bellshill Countryside Information Room To provide a warm and dry room on the farm to compliment the educational activities already carried out.</p>	Renner Farming	£5,000
<p>Enabling Renewable Energy for Coastal Communities The aim is to ensure that communities have access to quality technical expertise before committing to the purchase of renewable energy.</p>	Community Action Northumberland	£1,500
<p>Restoration and Re-use of Dewar's Lane Granary The repair and restoration of an iconic 18th-century granary building in the historic heart of Berwick-upon-Tweed and its conversion into a multi-use facility.</p>	Berwick upon Tweed Preservation Trust	£10,000
<p>Forest School Continuation of the Forest School pilot, started last year. Information above</p>	Outdoor Learning in Northumberland	£6,000
<p>Coast and Castles Website A dedicated website for the Coast & Castles cycle route and footpath, facilitating sustainable transport in the area</p>	Baytree Publishing Ltd	£4,500
<p>Big Sea Survey This project will engage members of the public through a programme of environmental monitoring surveys on intertidal foreshores, locally and regionally.</p>	Durham Heritage Coast Partnership	£10,000 OVER THREE YEARS
<p>The Old Smithy, Broxfield Farm Convert the Old Smithy at Broxfield into a classroom/meeting room.</p>	David Thompson	£3,750
<p>Northumberland Fire Group The NFG bought together all the relevant people to establish a network and look at creating an active and involved fire group.</p>	Northwoods	£2,500

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<p>Cultural Development across Berwick Borough Provide support for cultural development across the borough of Berwick upon Tweed over the next two years with specific focus on the AONB</p>	Berwick upon Tweed Borough Council	£5,000
<p>St Oswald's Way Phase II St. Oswald's Way is a 156km long distance walking route from Holy Island to Heavenfield, near Hexham.</p>	Alnwick District Council	£2,913
<p>FWAG Awareness Project Provide seven and a half days of advice through workshops, seminars and personal visits within the Northumberland Coast AONB that meet the targets within the Action Plan.</p>	Farming and Wildlife Advisory Group	£3,600
<p>Coastal Dune System Moth Survey The aim of the project is to confirm the continued existence of known colonies of the target species and search for new ones in areas previously overlooked.</p>	North East Moth Group	£1,070
2008/09		
<p>Arriva Coast and Castles Connection Bus Route branding design with the co-operation of the AONB team for the 6 buses operating the 501 & 505 routes</p>	Arriva North East	£7,160
<p>Alnmouth Holiday Centre The creation of a cycle hub, following individual projects elsewhere, providing a focal point for cycle hire, routes, maps, safely equipment, serving and guiding in the AONB area.</p>	Youth Training Trust	£6,250
<p>Farmland Bird Initiative This project will provide specialist agricultural and conservation management advice and training to farmers, land managers, agents and advisors across the Northumberland Coast AONB.</p>	RSPB	£6,750
<p>Howick Hillfort and Mesolithic Hut Rebuild the Howick Mesolithic Hut in an authentic way , agree and implement maintenance proposals and provide continued monitoring</p>	Howick Estates	£4,638

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<p>Restoring the New Shoreston Windmill Restoration of a windmill previously used to draw water from a well to service a mixed farm plus dwellings.</p>	Messrs J I Hutchinson	£2,000
<p>Coquet Island Sustainable Energy Project The aim of our project is to provide a long term, sustainable future for Coquet Island RSPB Nature Reserve by installing environmentally friendly energy generation technology.</p>	RSPB	£1,000
<p>Grass Roots Three year project to conserve Northumberland's unique grasslands.</p>	Northumberland Wildlife Trust	£12,124
<p>Extension of facilities Extension of playing facilities to provide more pitches. Removal of existing boundary fence and service road. Reinstatement of boundary fence and service road. Levelling of playing area and preparation of three new wickets.</p>	Alnmouth and Lesbury Cricket Club	£1,000
<p>Lindisfarne Lime Kilns: Topographic Survey, Review of Historical Sources and Aerial Records To undertake a topographic survey of the path leading to the lime kilns at Castle Point on Holy Island. To review the historical sources for the lime kilns</p>	National Trust	£3,750
<p>Public Display Panels Three notice boards adjacent to the archaeological excavations at Bamburgh Castle.</p>	Bamburgh Research Panels	£1,659
<p>Sustainable Food and Farming Project A program of talks in schools by Country Trust staff and farmers. Arranging and delivering visits to real working farms. Food preparation and cooking.</p>	The Country Trust	£3,480
<p>Cycling Northumberland Revise and reprint the "Northumbria's Cycling Kingdom" map and guide.</p>	Northumberland County Council	£3,000
<p>Warkworth First School Survey Completion of a survey to identify a suitable low energy heating system for the school</p>	Warkworth C of E (Voluntary Aided) First School	£500

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Forest Schools Support for the Forest Schools project based at Howick.	Outdoor Learning in Northumberland	£2,500
2009/10		
Living the Tradition Promote, celebrate and pass on the traditional music of Northumberland, and to make tunes that originate in the AONB accessible to a wider audience.	Northumbrian Smallpipes and Fiddle	£2,850
Sustainable Food Project Continuation of 2008 project	The Country Trust	£9,225
Fruit and Nuts for Alnwick District To create community orchards planted with fruit and nut trees with the aim that local people would get access to locally grown products	Alnwick Area Friends of the Earth	£3,493
Seahouses Festival A range of events that focus on the natural environment in conjunction with Seahouses Festival.	NSSDT	£2,500
Berwick Anaerobic Digester Define the scope of the project and produce a research plan.	Berwick CoRE	£3,000
Farmland Bird Initiative Continuation of 2008 project	RSPB	£6,750
Craster Local History Project Research aspects of Craster's history and provide opportunities to share research with the rest of the community.	Craster Local History Group	£1,200
Northumberland Coast AONB Highlights - Pilot Project The project plans to use a WATBus minibus and specialised cyclist trailer to encourage residents of SE Northumberland into the AONB	WATBus	£300
Identify high tide roosts and feeding areas of waders and waterfowl on the N. Northumberland coast Identify areas of importance for roosting at high tides and any disturbance factors that may affect these sites.	Farming and Wildlife Advisory Group	£1,680

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<p>A Whole Day of Heritage The Project aims to promote and increase participation to the heritage and history of the AONB through whole days of activities, including a sleepover</p>	Alnwick Cultural Management Group	£1,700
<p>Low Carbon Berwick Berwick will move towards becoming a low carbon community by deploying a range of renewable technologies</p>	Berwick Community Trust	£7,500
<p>North Sunderland and Seahouses Sports Centre - Solar Panels The project will redesign the building to change its focus by providing a multi-purpose training area with solar panels and energy efficiency measures</p>	NSSDT	£2,553
<p>Seahouses Laundry To upgrade outbuildings to rear of 62/64 Main Street to provide a business unit for rent.</p>	NSSDT	£1,275
<p>Cawledge Viaduct The Aln Valley Railway Project seeks to re-open the Alnmouth to Alnwick railway line, to create a cycleway running alongside and develop the whole of the railway corridor as a nature resource.</p>	Aln Valley Railway Trust	£1,125
2010/11		
<p>Northumberland Coast AONB Highlights Use a WATBus minibus and specialised cyclist trailer to encourage residents of SE Northumberland into the heart of Northumberland AONB for cycling pursuits.</p>	WATBus	£10,000
<p>Grass Roots This stage of the project will focus on urgent improvement works to key whin grassland sites within the AONB.</p>	Northumberland Wildlife Trust	£8,000
<p>Living the Tradition - Keeping it Live! This product will aim to produce and print a volume of about 50 tunes, originating or linked to the area, which are not currently available in print.</p>	Northumbrian Smallpipes and Fiddles	£2,875

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<p>Wild Northumberland Organise and run a small pilot event that showcases the Northumberland AONB and South Berwick coast as a viable sea kayaking venue</p>	Active4Seasons	£750
<p>Spittal Seaside Festival The Festival will comprise of street entertainers, displays, continental market, beach activities, food outlets, fun fair and a live music venue.</p>	Spittal Improvement Trust	£1,500
<p>Farmland Bird Initiative Continuation of project in 2009</p>	RSPB	£5,000
2011/12		
<p>Big Sea Survey Continuation of project in 2010</p>	Durham Heritage Coast Partnership	£1,221
<p>Beach Schools Training programme for adults in Beach Schools and Environmental Management, leading to Open college Network Level 3 award. There will be 6 courses; half will be of 2 days duration and the other half of 3 days duration.</p>	Outdoor Learning in Northumberland	£6,145
<p>Willow Weaving Workshops The group offer beginner basketry courses to residents in the area comprising of three whole days or 10 evenings which could be repeated over the course of the year running alongside a self-help group.</p>	Lucker and Bamburgh Willow Weaving Group	£1,589
<p>Roving Eco-Space A caravan will be converted into a flexible eco space which can be used as a classroom, workshop space or meeting place involving young volunteers.</p>	Ellie Noble	£1,965
<p>Piri-Piri Burr Study The aim will be to survey all suitable habitat where piri-piri bur is known to occur and neighbouring habitats</p>	George Dodds & Co	£4,000
<p>Bamburgh Heritage Trust To develop the fund raising and project management skills of the applicant by means of workshops tailored around the completion of an HLF grant application.</p>	Bamburgh Heritage Trust	£1,950

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2012/13		
<p>Local Sites The Local Sites Partnership will undertake a review of sites following the revision and updating of the selection criteria. The specialised nature of these habitats requires that a more expert form of survey will be required. Doubling these up as training sessions also means that the expertise is passed on.</p>	Northumberland Wildlife Trust	£1,000
<p>Warkworth Forest School The school have been given permission to develop a Forest School site by a local farmer and want to develop it for the children</p>	Warkworth CofE (VA) First School	£1,150
<p>Belford Hidden History We will create a permanent heritage centre in an under- used historic building which will be linked to a village Heritage Trail.</p>	Belford Community Group	£5,000
<p>Holy Island Lifeboat Museum Basic refurbishment of the existing building to enable it to house information panels and artefacts. This would include overhauling the roof structure, repairing external stonework, adding a new floor, doors and windows.</p>	Holy Island of Lindisfarne Community DT	£1,500
<p>Mouth of the Tweed The aim is to strengthen the economy and the cultural identity of the communities of Berwick-upon-Tweed and to raise Berwick's profile as an attractive place to live in and a distinctive visitor destination.</p>	Cittaslow Berwick upon Tweed	£2,500
<p>Howick Book A book of 160 pages A4, with 8 colour pages has been produced by bringing together articles about Howick from the Parish Magazine from 2008 - 2012</p>	Howick Heritage Group	£1,000
2013/14		
<p>Accessing Aidan 'Accessing Aidan' is a two phased project: the first part of which is making the crypt to St.Aidans accessible; the second phase will be the development of the community space with information displays and furnishing enabling the crypt to be used for events.</p>	Bamburgh PCC	£2,000

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<p>Tales of the Forgotten North In the Tales of the Forgotten North Project (TOFN) we want to make both an imaginative and physical journey through the protected landscapes of Northumberland and the North Pennines that will give voice to the land through a series of stories.</p>	A Bit of Crack (ABC) Storytelling	£3,000
<p>Craster Memorial Hall Improvement to the insulation of the Village Hall</p>	Craster Community Trust	£1,200
<p>Mandell's Coffee Pot, Embleton To continue to develop the Parish Church Room as a Coffee Shop, community and visitor centre from the experience gained in 2012.</p>	Parish Church Room Committee	£1,000
<p>Amble Puffin Festival Support for a Puffin Festival in Amble</p>	Amble Action Group	£2,000
<p>Lowick Community Beekeepers Purchase of a bee hive 'starter pack', three bee keeping suits and bees. Members of the local community will be offered the opportunity to work with the hive and learn about bee keeping from a local bee keeper, Philip Greene.</p>	Lowick in Bloom	£428
<p>Berwick Film & Media Arts Festival 2013: North by Northeast - <i>The Last Frontier</i> exhibition The SDF grant money towards exhibition and workshop costs, including artists and facilitators' fees, projector hire and equipment costs, technical support, venue hire and workshop materials.</p>	Berwick Film & Media Arts Festival Ltd	£3,000
<p>Circular Cycle Route Products Expanding the coverage of cycling information and services to the Northumberland Coastal area.</p>	The Cycle PaD	£3,000
<p>Bamburgh Beach Wreck This project is to investigate the wreck, a likely late 18th, early 19th century wooden sailing vessel, found in the intertidal zone just south of Bamburgh Castle to establish its build, use, circumstances of loss and date.</p>	Maritime Archaeology Sea Trust (MAST)	£2,200

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<p>Bamburgh Pavilion Roof Re-felting After 30 years and several repairs, the Pavilion or village hall, requires re-felting as there are several leaks which are destroying the wooden floor.</p>	Bamburgh Pavilion Association	£1,000
<p>The Sandstone Way Funding towards the development of a new 100 mile cycling route.</p>	Northumberland National Park Authority	£2,500
2014/15		
<p>Discover the Coquet Estuary and AONB coastline The aim is to provide for visitors to the AONB wishing to explore the coast by kayak</p>	Coquet Shorebase Trust	£1,500
<p>Village Voices Village Voices is a community choir which gives concerts for local organisations and charities to help with fundraising. Funding was for a portable electronic piano</p>	Seahouses Choir	£750
<p>Tin Church Community Project Equipment to allow the community to use the Tin Church for events.</p>	Newton by the Sea Parish Council	£1,000
<p>Coastal Crayfish Completion of an assessment of white-clawed crayfish WCC (<i>Austropotamobolius pallipes</i>) in the coastal burns around Ancroft.</p>	Northumberland Wildlife Trust	£2,000
<p>Pure Northumbrian Organic Yarn We want to make an organic knitting yarn from sheep raised along the Northumbrian coastal area, thus promoting and developing a new sustainable local product.</p>	Hunting Hall Farm	£500
<p>John Muir Award To contribute to a 1 year full time John Muir Award NE England Manager post.</p>	John Muir Trust	£3,000
<p>Preserving Alnmouth's Bettess Collection To provide a secure, custom built storage cabinet and associated packaging for documentary and other collection material for a recently donated collection.</p>	Alnmouth Local History Group	£150

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2015/16		
<p>Wilson's Tales A project to revive and reinterpret a large body of work first created by John Mackay Wilson, writer and editor of the "<i>Berwick Advertiser</i>" in the 1830s.</p>	The Wilson's Tales Project	£1,000
<p>Boulmer Village Hall Restore the Hall - re-clad the exterior and include a thick layer of insulation material and to install an eco-friendly heating system (air-to-air).</p>	Boulmer Memorial Hall	£3,000
<p>Ecological Research, Lindisfarne Develop and test algorithms within an image-recognition analysis framework using aerial images captured at different heights/image resolutions</p>	Sarah Woods	£800
<p>Peregrini Loan Boxes 25% cash contribution towards the development and production of educational loan boxes to be used as a heritage teaching resource for the Peregrini Lindisfarne Landscape Partnership Scheme.</p>	Northumberland Coast AONB Partnership	£2,000
2016/17		
<p>Beadnell in Bloom To create a new wildlife corridor and encourage community involvement regardless of age or ability.</p>	Beadnell in Bloom	£2,500
<p>Coquet Island at the Baltic High profile event at the Baltic Centre for Contemporary Art showcasing Coquet Island's seabird spectacle.</p>	RSPB	£2,000
<p>Bamburgh's First Christians Dating the burials in the Bowl Hole Cemetery in the early medieval period</p>	Bamburgh Research Project	£1,890
<p>Coquet Cycles To purchase a fleet of bikes, including electric, to be hired out to visitors and residents</p>	Coquet Cycles Ltd	£2,970
<p>Making Art Happen A training programme to help rural communities develop and manage participatory art projects.</p>	Peregrini Lindisfarne	£2,000

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Boulmer Meadow Create a wildflower meadow in Boulmer village for the benefit of community and wildlife.	Longhoughton Parish Council	£2,000
Holy Island Booklet Producing a 64 page booklet on Holy Island and adjacent mainland covering natural, built and cultural heritage.	Peregrini Lindisfarne	£3,000