

## **Biffa BDR**

### **Community Environment Fund**

### **Information Sheet and Application Form**

Please read the below information before starting your application.

#### **About the fund**

The Biffa BDR Community Environment Fund has been developed to support the communities surrounding Biffa's waste treatment facility in Manvers, Rotherham.

We wish to bring real improvements to local communities and the people living in them through support of environmental projects through volunteer time and/or funding.

The aim of the fund is to help people to improve their communities making them happier, healthier or better places to live both now and for the future.

#### **Eligibility criteria**

The fund is available to any community groups, voluntary groups, environmental groups, charities, not-for-profit organisations and education groups that have a constitution and records of previous meetings. Organisations or groups applying for funds must also have a bank account with auditable accounts.

If the organisation or group applying is not the landowner for the location of activities or work, written consent from the landowner must be provided if successful.

The fund is only available to community projects which fall into **one or more** of the following geographic areas:

- 1) Locations within 3.5 km (as the crow flies) of the Bolton Road waste treatment facility
- 2) Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council
- 3) City of Doncaster Council
- 4) Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council

#### **Funding**

Groups can apply for up to £6,000 per eligible project per year for locations or impact area within 3.5 km of the Bolton Road site and up to £2,000 per year for locations outside of the 3.5 km radius but within Barnsley, Doncaster or Rotherham Council areas.

Projects can apply for 90% funding with groups providing 10% matched funds.

#### **Voluntary hours**

Groups are also able to apply for up to a maximum of 30 hours of volunteer time per eligible project per year.

When applying for volunteer time only, groups must provide a minimum of equal volunteer hours wherever possible.

#### **Projects that can be funded**

Funding is available for a range of environmental projects that will benefit the broader community and the maximum possible number of people within that community.

We are keen to support projects which encourage waste prevention and minimisation, reuse or recycling as these are the core principles of the community education team.

Examples of the types of projects that could receive funding include:

- School uniform exchanges and clothes swap shops
- Repair workshops and cafes
- Clothing upcycling projects and sewing skills groups
- Community fridges and pantries
- Community tool sheds
- Community growing spaces (that provide food for the community)
- Grow, cook and eat sessions
- Green skills workshops/ training opportunities
- Other environmental, educational, community or well-being opportunities for community groups

**We are unfortunately unable to fund litter picking equipment, bulb planting, and signage.**

If you are applying on behalf of a school, college, or other education establishment, we require that the project being funded is outside of the curriculum.

Applications will be scored against a range of criteria, including group size, project type, audience and potential impact of the project.

If you are unsure whether your project qualifies, please contact us using the details below:

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*Community Education Liaison Officer*

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**Rebecca Wilson**

*Assistant Community Education Liaison Officer*

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**Deadlines and returns**

Please return all applications by 28<sup>th</sup> September 2025 by 23:59pm.

Deadline may be subject to change.

**Return by email:** Please email Abi or Rebecca using the details above.

**Return by post:**

Community Education Team  
BDR Waste Treatment Facility  
Bolton road  
Wath Upon Dearne  
S63 7LL

## Application form

Please answer the following questions to the best of your ability.

Applications will only be considered if all questions are fully answered as we are unable to chase applicants for further information.

**Please confirm that you have read the information sheet above (Yes/No)**

Name of organisation:	
Named contact for organisation/group:	
Role within organisation/group:	
Contact telephone number:	
Contact email address:	
Address of organisation/group:	
Links to website/ social media pages (if applicable):	
Are you authorised to make an application on behalf of the organisation/ group:	
Please confirm that you are the property owner or have written consent from the owner for any work undertaken:	

## About your organisation/ group

In a few sentences, describe what your group/organisation does:	
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How often does your organisation/group meet:		
How many people are part of your organisation/ group:		
What is the age range and demographics of the members of your group/organisation:		
Does your organisation/group have the following:  (Mark all that apply)	A constitution	
	A bank account	
	Auditable accounts	
	None of the above	
Which of the 4 geographic areas does your project fall within? (Mark all that apply)	Locations within 3.5 km (as the crow flies) of the Bolton Road waste treatment facility	
	Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council	
	City of Doncaster Council	
	Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council	

<b>Your Project</b>	
How much funding do you wish to apply for?	
Outline the project you wish to undertake:	
Describe how any funding will be used:	

<p>How will any volunteer hours will be used:</p> <p><i>(Leave blank if not applicable)</i></p>	
<p>How will the project benefit your current audience?</p>	
<p>How will the project benefit the broader community?</p>	
<p>If successful, would your organisation/group be happy to participate in PR activities such as photoshoots and press releases?</p>	
<p>How did you hear about the fund and volunteer hours?</p>	