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Thousands of pounds up for grabs from new Community Environment Fund

Waste experts at the award-winning Biffa BDR Waste Partnership have launched an exciting new community fund that will make thousands of pounds available to good causes in Barnsley, Doncaster and Rotherham.

The partnership is inviting local communities to make a bid for a share of the generous £12,000 Biffa BDR Community Environment Fund which aims to support groups and organisations working to make life better for communities around the waste treatment facility at Manvers.

The Biffa BDR plant deals with household waste from 345,000 homes in the area. The facility can handle up to 250,000 tonnes of waste a year with over 97% of the waste being processed instead of sent to landfill.

Abi Reid, Community Education Liaison Officer, at Manvers, said: "The Biffa BDR Community Environment Fund has been developed to help people improve their communities making them happier, healthier or better places to live both now and for the future.

"We have made community funding available in previous years and have been proud to support organisations promoting everything from food waste reduction to school holiday clubs and community gardening projects.

"This year our Fund has £12,000 available and we will involve local people in the project selection process and delivery. Groups will also be able to apply for up to a maximum of 30 hours of volunteer time from the Biffa BDR Partnership per project per year."

Applications will be accepted from groups and organisations in Barnsley, Doncaster and Rotherham.

Eligible projects within 3.5km (as the crow flies) of the Manvers facility could apply for £6,000. Eligible projects based within the wider Barnsley, Doncaster and Rotherham Council areas can apply for £2,000.

The Fund is looking for projects that promote waste reduction, reuse and repair and encourage recycling that have environmental and social impact on communities.

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

The Fund will not be able to fund litter picking equipment, bulb planting, and signage.

How to apply

Applications can be downloaded from the BDR online website or filled in online.

www.bdronline.co.uk

<https://forms.office.com/e/NYg9HVBVcz>

Deadline for applications is Sunday ^{28th} September at 23:59

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About Biffa

With over 100 years of expertise, Biffa is an established leader of sustainable waste management in the UK.

Our purpose is to change the way people think about waste and our team of more than 10,000 key workers provide unrivalled end-to-end waste and recycling solutions for thousands of businesses and millions of households each day.

Underpinned by our low carbon collection network, we're at the forefront of enabling the UK circular economy by continuing to build our plastic recycling capacity, investing in energy recovery and growing the amount of surplus produce we redistribute through [Company Shop](#).

Since 2002 we've cut our carbon emissions by 70% and aim to be net zero by 2050. Our long-standing [Biffa Award](#) programme and our proud partnership with [WasteAid](#) also contribute to major environmental benefits for the UK and beyond.

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