

EXMOOR TRUST

Guidelines for Applicants

Background

- 1.1 The Exmoor Trust was started in 1999 to raise, manage and disburse funds for the benefit of Greater Exmoor.
- 1.2 These guidelines outline the policies of the Exmoor Trust. They are reviewed regularly.
- 1.3 The Trustees will consider all applications that fall with their guidelines, but wish particularly to support projects and organisations that fall within their criteria but which find difficulty to raise the necessary funds from other sources. They are primarily interested in projects where their support can make a breakthrough impact. The Trustees' current priorities can be found at items 3.1 to 3.3. Projects, which Trustees have excluded from their assistance, are at 3.4 to 3.9.

General Guidance for Applicants

- 2.1 The purpose of the application must be for the benefit of Greater Exmoor.
- 2.2 Applications can be made at any time of the year using the form at page 3. The Trustees meet quarterly.
- 2.3 Trustees particularly welcome collaboration between organisations to achieve their joint aims.
- 2.4 Once an application has been made and a grant awarded Trustees will not *usually* accept another application from the same organisation within 2 years from the date of that decision.
- 2.5 Applications will not normally be considered for projects that have already been completed or contracts let for the work that is the subject of the application.
- 2.6 Trustees will expect all recipients of grants to accept certain terms and conditions. A copy of the standard Terms is at page 4.
- 2.7 The Trustees are committed to equal opportunities.
- 2.8 The Trustees prefer to give grants for capital expenditure on specific projects. They will consider exceptions to this rule only where salary or other management costs have a defined time limit. They will also need to be convinced that the project can be maintained properly.
- 2.9 Trustees will not make recurring grants.
- 2.10 Trustees will not make grants to any organisation that is in conflict with the objects of the Trust.

The Trust's Current Priorities

In cooperation with others:

- 3.1 Conservation. To conserve and enhance for the public benefit the area known as Exmoor
 - a. Support work involved in the study, conservation and management of the Exmoor landscape
 - b. Repair and protection of historical features of Exmoor
 - c. Study, protection and improvements of wildlife habitats
 - d. Preservation of indigenous creatures.
- 3.2 Education. To help educate the public to appreciate and respect Exmoor and to stimulate awareness for the conservation of all aspects of its historical, physical or cultural environment
 - a. Identify and support improvements to publicly available information about Exmoor
 - b. Foster or sponsor school or youth projects devoted to or relevant to this object.
 - c. Encourage wider national or international awareness of Exmoor

3.3 Social Benefit. To further such other charitable purpose or purposes for the benefit of the inhabitants of Exmoor as the Trustees shall determine.

- a. To raise the awareness of the Trust in order to ensure a supply of funds
- b. To provide assistance in crisis or emergencies, eg the impact of Foot and Mouth Disease
- c. To provide support for organisations or individuals which represent the interests or profile of Exmoor
- d. Support the commemoration of historical events
- e. Support for the disabled to appreciate Exmoor

Currently the Exmoor Trust does not *usually* make grants for:

- 3.4 Major capital projects or appeals ie over £5000
- 3.5 Acquisition of works of art or other museum objects
- 3.6 Activities which the Trustees consider are the responsibility of central or local government
- 3.7 Travel or adventure projects
- 3.8 The restoration of places of worship
- 3.9 General appeals other than in response to a disaster affecting Exmoor communities.

Note: As a charity the Exmoor Trust is not able to make a grant to any business or other body where profits are distributed or taken.