

## Partnership Fund Small Grant Scheme Annual Report 2018/19

### *Introduction*

The Exmoor National Park Authority (ENPA) Partnership Fund Small Grants Scheme makes funding available to support projects that help to achieve National Park purposes. The scheme is open to external applications from community groups, businesses, charities, individuals and other organisations. Grants up to £2,500 are available for use over a maximum of two (2) years.

The focus of the fund is the achievement of National Park purposes and the fulfilment of Partnership Plan ambitions that make a difference for People, Place and Prosperity on Exmoor.

### *Essential Criteria*

To qualify for funding all applications need to demonstrate that the project furthers one or both National Park purposes:

- Conservation and enhancement of the wildlife, natural beauty and culture heritage
- Promotion of opportunities for public understanding and enjoyment of the special qualities of Exmoor

Projects also need to make a measurable contribution to achieving the strategic actions set out in the Exmoor National Park Partnership Plan, demonstrate community involvement or support, that other funding opportunities have been explored and have lasting benefits beyond the funding period.

Weighting is given to those projects that include innovation or the use of best practice, volunteer opportunities and/or audience development on Exmoor, contributions to local social and economic well-being, and opportunities for others to learn from the project.



The Chief Executive and Leadership Team make decisions on all grants at regular panel meetings throughout the year.

### *Grant offers 2018/19*

Over the financial year, the Partnership Fund allocated £18,550 of grant-aid to eight (8) projects. This has helped lever in a further £106,100 of in-kind (£7000) and cash (£99,100) investment for Exmoor. Details provided in Table 1 below.

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**Table 1 - 2018/19 Small Grant Allocations**

Project	Summary	Partnership Fund contribution	Total project value	Partnership Fund intervention rate	Progress update
<p><b>PF18-01 Lorna Doone exhibition</b></p> 	<p>Contribution to Dulverton Heritage Centre exhibitions and activities celebrating the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the publication of Lorna Doone.</p>	<p><b>£2500</b></p>	<p>£20,364</p>	<p>12%</p>	<p>Exhibition has been created and is on show at Dulverton Heritage Centre. Proving very popular.</p>
<p><b>PF18-05 Lynmouth Western Beach Flood Gate</b></p> 	<p>Funding toward installation of flood gate at Lynmouth Western Beach to provide winter access while retaining flood protection.</p>	<p><b>£2000</b></p>	<p>£3610</p>	<p>55%</p>	<p>Completed and installed. A valued new asset for Lynmouth.</p>

**PF18-06 Brendon Hill Methodist Chapel**



Contribution to essential repairs to this historic building and local community asset, regarded as a distinct landscape feature on Exmoor.

**£2500**

£4985

50%

In progress

**PF18-12 Exmoor Poetry**







Support for a partnership project with Exmoor Hill Farming Network and Exmoor Society to fund a poet commissioned by the Pasture-Fed Livestock Association to visit farms on Exmoor and to present a new perspective on farming and Exmoor through poetry.

**£2500**

£4500

56%

Poems are being shaped and the new 'Exmoor' edition of The Soil Never Sleeps will be launched at Dunster Show, Friday August 16<sup>th</sup>.

<p><b>PF18-14 Porlock Pilot Gig Club</b></p> 	<p>Contribution to the establishment of a gig club at Porlock to help develop a new recreational offer for residents and visitors.</p>	<p><b>£2500</b></p>	<p>£51,900</p>	<p>5%</p>	<p>The gig club has been launched and a boat purchased. It will feature the Dream, Discover, Explore branding, promoting Exmoor.</p>
<p><b>PF18-16 E-bike trail – Exmoor Adventures</b></p> 	<p>Funding to support the development of an e-bike trail in and around Porlock and to promote e-biking to visitors.</p>	<p><b>£2500</b></p>	<p>£15,500</p>	<p>16%</p>	<p>Bikes have been purchased and the route trail is being developed and will be available to visitors through ENPA.</p>
<p><b>PF18-23 Plastic Free Exmoor</b></p> 	<p>Contribution to a campaign to promote the Plastic Free message on Exmoor to reduce environmental impacts.</p>	<p><b>£2500</b></p>	<p>£20,691</p>	<p>12%</p>	<p>Project is in progress and the Plastic Free message will be taken across Exmoor at various ENPA events throughout the year.</p>
<p><b>PF18-22 The Exmoor Centre – Wild Experiences</b></p> 	<p>Funding to support an options appraisal for the Exmoor Centre to develop new outdoor learning experiences.</p>	<p><b>£1550</b></p>	<p>£3100</p>	<p>50%</p>	<p>The Exmoor Centre has started working with ENPA Education to develop ideas and partnership opportunities.</p>
<p><b>Totals</b></p>		<p><b>£18,550</b></p>	<p>£106,100</p>	<p>32%</p>	