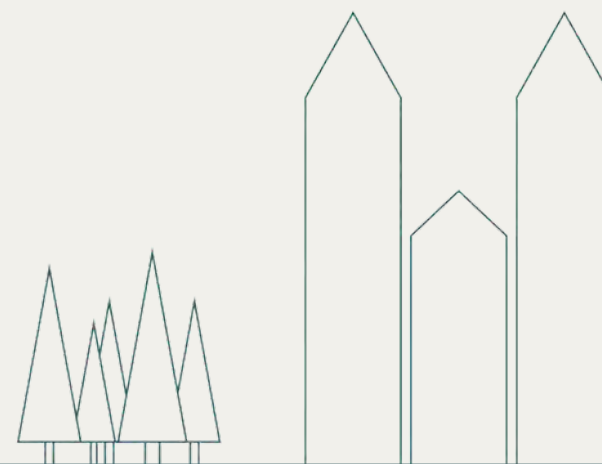




Summer Report 2023

An update on recent grants



Update from Lund Trust

Our vision is a UK where everyone benefits from and enjoys thriving nature. We aim to help green people's lives, particularly young people's lives. In June, our Donor Board, Lisbet Rausing and Sigrid Koerner, awarded seven new grants totalling £4.57m. The grants cover issues such as pesticides, river pollution, conservation jobs for young people, tree planting, and river and wetland restoration. This report includes more information about each of these grants and this year's summer internships.

We do not accept applications for grants. Instead, we seek out organizations and projects that share our aim. We know that our research will not find all work of interest to us, so we are open to speaking to others who are planning, doing, or funding environmental work in the UK. Our contact details are on Lund Trust's [website](#).

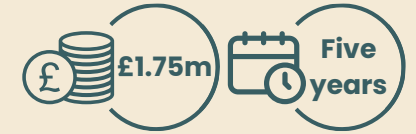
Andrew Wright (Director of Lund Trust)

Liv Dryden (Programme Officer)

Grants awarded in June 2023

Grantee	Amount	Duration
Total	£4.57m	
Thames21	£1.75m	Five years
River Action UK	£75k	Three years
Pesticide Action Network UK	£200k	Four years
Trees for Cities	£150k	Three year
Youth Environmental Service	£50k	One year
Green Alliance	£248k	Two years
The National Archives	£2.1m	Four years

Thames21



Thames21 works with communities across London and connected catchments to protect and restore waterways and to help people connect with and enjoy nature.

This grant is for a five-year programme. Thames21 will use our funding to provide grants, training and expert support to community groups to help them monitor and restore rivers and wetlands in London. This will include four large-scale river or wetland restoration projects and up to 45 smaller-scale projects. Thames21 will support 30 new community groups to restore and protect rivers, in addition to the 20 groups it has already helped form. It will provide accredited training to up to 900 volunteers in river monitoring and restoration. It will ensure volunteers represent the communities around rivers to improve the diversity of people involved in conservation.

Thames21 will also use some of our grant to increase the reach of its London Rivers Week events and to share data, knowledge and good practice, to support strategic campaigning and catchment-scale work.

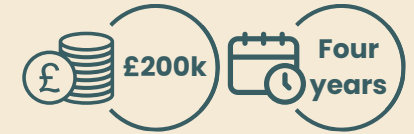




River Action UK

River Action UK was set up in 2021 to tackle river pollution in the UK. Its campaigns aim to raise public awareness and to challenge food production companies that contribute to the pollution and the Government and its agencies that fail to tackle the crisis.

River Action UK's first campaign focused on the River Wye, which runs through Wales and the west of England. It worked with and supported existing groups and activists. It used evidence of pollution in the river to increase media coverage and got more than 55,000 signatures on a petition to the government. It directly challenged businesses responsible for the pollution. As a result of pressure from River Action UK, Avara Foods has published a plan to stop contributing excess phosphate to the river within two years. River Action UK intends to continue this focused approach with campaigns focused on the New Forest National Park and the Thames. Our grant will contribute to River Action UK's core costs.

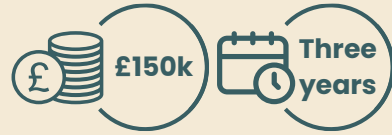


Pesticide Action Network UK

Pesticide Action Network UK is the only charity that focuses solely on ending pesticide use in the UK. Our grant will support work including national-level campaigning, work with supermarkets and the Pesticide Free Towns campaign.

Pesticide Action Network UK helps supermarkets to make stronger policies on pesticides and to reduce or eliminate pesticides in their supply chains. It ranks the top ten supermarkets on its 'Pesticide Scorecard', coordinates public campaigns to challenge supermarkets' policies and practices, which it helps them improve.

Through the Pesticide Free Towns campaign, Pesticide Action Network UK works with local authorities to reduce their pesticide use. It also supports residents to campaign for their towns to be pesticide free. Since 2018 it has helped 120 town councils end or significantly reduce their pesticide use.



Trees for Cities

Trees for Cities promotes the importance of trees for sustainable urban environments. It delivers projects in London and partners with local organizations to deliver projects in other cities.

Each year, Trees for Cities plants 200,000 trees in streets, schools, and parks in UK towns and cities and builds food-growing areas in 22 schools. It runs community tree planting days and training in tree planting and care.

Trees for Cities plans to broaden its work in the next two years and prioritise projects that support young people. This will include the creation of youth panels to guide action, using trees to establish pollution buffer zones around schools, and providing practical skills training to encourage young people to pursue green jobs.

Our grant will support Trees for Cities' work in the UK.

Right: school children planting trees with Trees for Cities

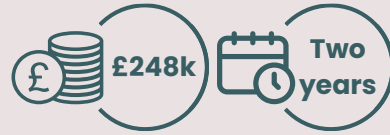


Youth Environmental Service

Youth Environmental Service was set up in 2021. It provides twelve-month paid work placements for young people in the environmental sector. The placements aim to increase the number and diversity of young people in environmental jobs. Youth Environmental Service believes the value of the project is not just getting people into environmental work but ensuring participants take with them skills and experience that will make them knowledgeable advocates for nature no matter what they end up doing in the future.

Our grant is towards the pilot phase of the project.



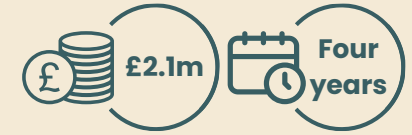


Green Alliance

Green Alliance is a think tank that promotes strong political leadership and policy for the UK environment.

It recently led Greener UK, a coalition of ten environmental organizations that came together to ensure environmental protections were maintained and enhanced during the Brexit process. An external evaluation emphasised the value of its collaborative approach, which provided a unified way for its members to engage with the government. The report showed a need to create a group where CEOs from environmental organizations could continue to collaborate. As a result, in 2022, Green Alliance created Impact24, a group of CEOs from fifteen organizations.

Our grant will support Impact24 over the next two years. Impact24's members will build a shared strategy to influence politicians and decision-makers. This collaborative approach will give it a strong, clear voice as it works to keep the biodiversity crisis high on the political agenda.



The National Archives

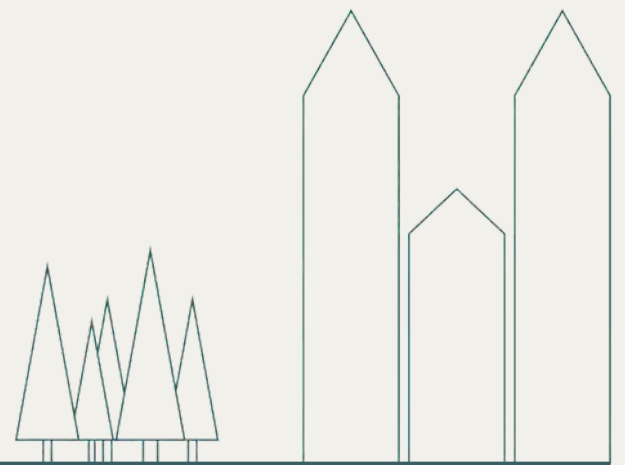
The 1941 National Farm Survey of England and Wales took place in the middle of the Second World War. The records contain comprehensive data on the conditions of nearly 320,000 English and Welsh farms. It was intended to form the basis of post-war agricultural planning in Britain.

The project will digitize around 2.5 million forms and 28,000 maps, transcribe eight key pieces of metadata from each form, and connect the forms with the relevant maps. The material will be made searchable and available online in perpetuity.



An example of a map that will be digitized

Other updates



Summer Internships

Each year we host interns who research areas of potential interest to us. This helps guide our future grant-making. For example, last year's intern's work on river pollution helped us to develop the grants we made this summer to River Action UK and Thames21.

We have recruited two interns this year. Emma Wells, who is doing an MSc in International Social and Public Policy Research at the London School of Economics and Political Science, will research light pollution. Danielle Banks, who is in the final year of a degree in Biological Sciences at New College, Oxford, will research noise pollution. We are collaborating with Pilgrim Trust on the light pollution internship.

Our interns will be with us for 6 weeks over the summer. We will publish their work on our website when complete.

Sussex Lund

Sussex Lund awards grants of between £500 and £15,000 to small-scale, practical projects that improve the ecology and landscape of the High Weald area of outstanding natural beauty and the towns, villages, and hamlets on its fringes. It also supports projects that help people experience and build connections to the landscape.

Last year we awarded eighteen grants totalling £111,000. In June 2023, members of the Sussex Lund panel visited some of the projects, including the Standen Fruit Farm Orchard, a traditional orchard managed by a community association, and Hope Farm Community Garden, a walled garden and small holding being restored and managed by Hands of Hope, a charity that aims to connect people to nature and build connections to others through food.



The Sussex Lund panel at Standen Fruit Farm Orchard

The Low Line Design Competition

In 2018, Lund Trust gave £100,000 for the Low Line design competition – an open competition to develop an ecological vision and strategy for a walking route along the base of the railway viaduct that runs for 2.5km between Bankside and Bermondsey in central London.

The winning project – Low Line Commons – has won the ‘best future public realm’ category at the [Pineapple Awards](#). It has already won several other awards. It was the overall winner at the 2021 [New London Architecture Awards](#).



PDP London's competition-winning Low Line proposal

Find out more on our website.

