

West Sussex County Council Community Grant Fund Now Open for Applications

West Sussex County Council (WSSCC), in partnership with Biffa, is pleased to announce the application portal for the new Waste Prevention Community Grant Fund is now open.

The primary objective of the grant fund is to empower community-led initiatives focused on reducing waste and promoting waste prevention across West Sussex. This aligns with WSSCC's ongoing commitment to supporting sustainability, tackling waste, and encouraging community action regarding waste prevention.

Community-based projects that tackle categories of waste such as food, furniture, plastics, textiles and electricals will be considered. The fund will support **new** activities that help local people conserve resources, prevent household waste and reduce dependency on single use products and packaging.

The fund is now open to applications from local community groups, schools, charities, non-profit organisations, community interest companies (CICs) and social enterprises proposing new, innovative and impactful household waste prevention projects.

Applications to the fund should focus on one or more of the following areas:

- Reducing waste at its source: Encouraging practices that minimise the production of waste.
- Reusing and repairing: Supporting projects that facilitate the reuse or repair of items to extend their lifespan.
- Food waste reduction: Initiatives to prevent food waste, in alignment with existing surplus food rescue services and education campaigns.
- Community engagement: Empowering residents to take part in waste prevention activities and promoting a culture of sustainability.

Grants of up to **£5,000** will be available for eligible projects delivered across West Sussex in 2027 - 28. Funding can be used for materials, equipment, or operational costs necessary to deliver waste prevention outcomes.

Projects must:

- support local community activity to improve waste prevention behaviours through reuse and/or waste prevention projects reducing household waste

- make a difference to the wider community and to people's lives in West Sussex

The grant fund will be open for applications for six weeks, closing at 11:55pm on Tuesday 3rd November 2026. Details on eligibility criteria, the application process, and resources that might be helpful to your application can be found on [WSCC website](#).

Join the webinar:

An online session will take place to answer questions from eligible applicants. This will be held on Microsoft Teams on Thursday 1st October at 6.00pm. If you would like to attend this session, please email your details (name and email address) to wasteprevention.fund@westsussex.gov.uk and you will receive an invite to the online event.

This will be recorded, and shared with those unable to attend, after the event. The online event will run through the application process, the Your Voice platform and questions that we have received during the start of the application process.

To apply to the fund or for more information, please visit the [WSCC website](#).

Further information and FAQs:

A full list of FAQs can be found on the [Waste Prevention Community Grant Fund webpage](#).

Email address for eligible applicants who have further questions:
wasteprevention.fund@westsussex.gov.uk

Key dates:

Webinar: 6:00pm Thursday 1 October 2026

Applications close: 11:55pm Tuesday 3 November 2026