

Orchard Community Fund Grants to 2019

2018 Grants

Orchard Community Energy made the following grants in 2018 for projects in 2019:

Abbey Physic Community Garden: for the project 'Bees, Bugboxes and Blooms Amongst the Tombs' to take therapeutic horticulture in St Mary's Churchyard to a new level during Abbey Physic Community Garden's 25th anniversary year to benefit both wildlife and people (£3,000)

Brogdale Collections: for a project on bee conservation and education, including support for five new bee hives in the newly installed Garden of Wildlife at Brogdale's Faversham site (£4,194)

Halpern Charitable Trust (trading as Nucleus Arts): to install energy efficient LED lights at its Community Arts Centre in Chatham to improve the quality of light for clients and enable additional services by reducing running costs (£2,800)

All three organisations will be invited to present on their projects at our 2019 AGM in September.

2017 Grants

In 2017, the first year that grants were awarded, the following projects were funded:

Kent Wildlife Trust: to train community volunteers at Kent Wildlife Trust's Oare Marshes Reserve (£3,720)

Seashells Children's Centre, Sheerness: to install energy efficient LED lighting to reduce running costs (£2,816)

Sheppey Scouts: towards renovation work on the Sheppey Scouts HQ to improve the environmental performance of the building and reduce its running costs (£3,000)