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| **Fund name** | Carbon Offset Fund |
| **Purpose** | To support initiatives that create an environmental or sustainability benefit. |
| **Approval date** | County Trustees – 12/09/24 |
| **Fund Managers** | Simon Pickett, Sarah Barrow, County Youth Lead |
| **Details and Funding** | Care of the environment is an important issue that Berkshire Scouts believe should be a serious consideration in the planning and delivery of all Scout events/activities.  In particular, large events/activities, especially when travelling overseas, can leave a large carbon footprint.  Initially, to engage in this issue, Berkshire Scouts is keen for any large county events/activities to budget and make provision for offsetting carbon footprints ([see scouting and carbon offset guidelines document 1.17](https://view.officeapps.live.com/op/view.aspx?src=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.berkshirescouts.org.uk%2Fwp-content%2Fuploads%2F2024%2F06%2F1.17_Offset-carbon-footprint_v01.docx&wdOrigin=BROWSELINK)). This levy is used to ‘fund the fund’. The County Trustees may from time to time decide to allocate additional funds as they see fit. |
| **Funding Criteria** | * Applications are open to sections, groups, districts or other members of Berkshire Scouts; * Young people must be involved in shaping the proposed activity or initiative; * The activity or initiative must create a benefit that will reduce environmental impact and/or increase sustainability * Activities or initiatives should ideally support the delivery of the wider scout programme (challenge badges, activity badges and top awards) * The size of any grant will be dependant on the size of the fund at any one time. (NB this is a small fund) |
| **Funding decisions** | At the discretion of the Fund Managers, based on the criteria above. |
| **Application process** | Applications for support can be made at any time by email to grants@berkshirescouts.org.uk  The Application should not be more than 300 words and should include:  • The contact details (email, phone) for the person leading the activity or initiative;  • Indicate how young people are involved in the activity or initiative;  • Details of the activity or initiative;  • A description of what the money will be spent on. |
| **Other information** | After or during the activity/ initiative, photographs and stories related to the activity may be posted on the Berkshire Scouts Website |

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