

Nature Networks Fund (round three) decisions, February 2024

Schedule of Decisions made by the Grant-in-Aid non-lottery sub-board (a sub-set of Trustees), 26 February 2024

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This fund aims to strengthen the resilience of Wales' network of protected land and marine sites, building capacity to strengthen and upscale future delivery for nature, and actively encouraging community engagement.

Schedule of Decisions

#NNF3 Gregynog – Welcome Home to Nature

Applicant: The Gregynog Trust

Decision: Award grant of £246,966 (100%)

#NNF3 Bellflowers and Butterflies – Restoring Nature Connections in Ceredigion

Applicant: The National Trust for Places of Historic Interest or Natural Beauty

Decision: Award grant of £245,663 (100%)

#NNF3 Golygfa Gwydyr Community Forest

Applicant: Golygfa Gwydyr Limited

Decision: Award grant of £177,867 (100%)

#NNF3 Future resilience for natural assets

Applicant: Gwent Wildlife Trust Ltd.

Decision: Award grant of £249,985 (100%)

#NNF3 – Water Vole Reintroduction Feasibility Study – Wentlooge Levels

Applicant: Gwent Wildlife Trust Ltd.

Decision: Award grant of £106,459 (100%)

#NNF3 Wales Marsh Fritillary Recovery Partnership

Applicant: Butterfly Conservation

Decision: Award grant of £174,023 (100%)

#NNF3: Accessible Nature

Applicant: The Wildlife Trust of South and West Wales Limited

Decision: Award grant of £248,323 (100%)

#NNF3 Rockpool Guardians

Applicant: Beach Academy CIC

Decision: Award grant of £67,034 (100%)

#NNF3 Coal Spoil Connections

Applicant: Buglife – The Invertebrate Conservation Trust

Decision: Award grant of £213,730 (100%)

#NNF3 Green Finance Wales

Applicant: Royal Society of Wildlife Trusts

Decision: Award grant of £143,912 (100%)

#NNF3 Grassland Communities

Applicant: Montgomeryshire Wildlife Trust

Decision: Award grant of £248,439 (100%)

#NNF3 Mynydd Waun Fawr Landscape Strategy

Applicant: Montgomeryshire Wildlife Trust

Decision: Award grant of £71,723 (100%)

#NNF3 Resilient Shores: Fostering Community Engagement and Environmental Learning for the Protection of Wales' Marine and Coastal Heritage

Applicant: Pembrokeshire Coastal Forum Community Interest Company

Decision: Award grant of £222,217 (96.15%)

#NNF3 Llyn Brenig Conservation Grazing Pilot Project

Applicant: Dwr Cymru Cyfyngedig

Decision: Award grant of £72,211 (100%)

#NNF3 Capacity Building – Dolphin Diet Detectives: Unveiling Dolphin Diets and Engaging Communities

Applicant: The Wildlife Trust of South and West Wales Limited

Decision: Award grant of £249,306 (100%)

#NNF3 Bumblebees of North-West Wales

Applicant: Bumblebee Conservation Trust

Decision: Reject

#NNF3 Prosiect mamaliaid morol Enlli – Cysylltu pobl â'r môr / Bardsey marine mammal project – Connecting people with the sea

Applicant: Bardsey Bird and Field Observatory

Decision: Award grant of £219,517 (100%)

#NNF3 Moelyci SSSI: Diversification of grazing to enhance habitats

Applicant: Snowdonia Donkeys

Decision: Award grant of £97,907 (100%)

#NNF3 Restoration for rare arable plants

Applicant: Fieldwork Studio CIC

Decision: Award grant of £177,136 (98.33%)

#NNF3 Sea Trout River Enhancement and Management (STREAM) Project

Applicant: West Wales Rivers Trust

Decision: Reject

#NNF3 Social Feasibility Assessment for the reintroduction of the European wildcat (*Felis silvestris*) to Wales

Applicant: The Vincent Wildlife Trust

Decision: Award grant of £94,307 (90.41%)

#NNF3 Project SIARC – Assessing the importance and connectivity of protected habitat features in Pen Llŷn a'r Sarnau SAC for the Critically Endangered tope

Applicant: The Zoological Society of London

Decision: Award grant of £249,877 (100%)

#NNF3 Camlas Maldwyn

Applicant: Canal and River Trust

Decision: Award grant of £248,975 (100%)

#NNF3 Priority Plants on SSSIs in Wales

Applicant: Botanical Society of Britain and Ireland

Decision: Award grant of £152,096.00 (100%)

#NNF3 Mae Natur yn Cyfri! / Nature Counts!

Applicant: North Wales Wildlife Trust

Decision: Award grant of £249,875 (100%)

#NNF3 Menter Fforest Mor: Sea Forest Initiative Wales

Applicant: Plant Ecology Beyond Land (PEBL) CIC

Decision: Reject

#NNF3 Saving rare invertebrates of the River Dee

Applicant: Welsh Dee Trust

Decision: Reject

#NNF3 Gilfach Nature Reserve – Climate adaptation and resilience through nature's restoration

Applicant: Radnorshire Wildlife Trust Limited

Decision: Award grant of £221,141 (100%)

#NNF3 Facilitating Accelerated Nature Networks for Seagrass (FANNS)

Applicant: Project Seagrass

Decision: Award grant of £248,008 (85.22%)

#NNF3 Elenydd Peatland Partnership

Applicant: The Welsh Water Elan Trust

Decision: Award grant of £190,000 (100%)

#NNF3 Building nature networks & stimulating communities

Applicant: Ciliau partnership 1

Decision: Reject

#NNF3 Protecting Shad, Salmon and Sea Trout (PSST)

Applicant: Swansea University

Decision: Award grant of £249,807 (100%)

#NNF3 – Growing Resilience: A National Nature Reserve for the future

Applicant: The National Botanic Garden of Wales

Decision: Award grant of £249,986.00 (100%)

#NNF3 Cysylltu Natur 25x25 / Connecting Nature 25x25

Applicant: Pembrokeshire Coast National Park Authority

Decision: Award grant of £244,450 (98%)

#NNF3 Heathland Social Enterprise

Applicant: Cwm Arian Renewable Energy Ltd

Decision: Award grant of £85,788 (100%)

#NNF3 Welsh Yellowhammer Project – restoring arable biodiversity / Prosiect Bras Melyn Cymru – adfer bioamrywiaeth tir ar

Applicant: Game and Wildlife Conservation Trust

Decision: Reject

#NNF3 Upstream Thinking to Manage INNS

Applicant: Aberaeron Restoration Limited

Decision: Award grant of 75,822 (100%)

#NNF3 Cudyll Cymru / Raptor Monitoring Wales

Applicant: BTO Cymru

Decision: Award grant of £249,270.00 (100%)

#NNF3 Sustaining the Uplands of North East Wales for Black Grouse / Cynnal ucheldiroedd gogledd ddwyrain Cymru ar gyfer y Rugiar ddu

Applicant: Royal Society for the Protection of Birds

Decision: Award grant of £244,059 (100%)

#NNF3 Lampeter UWTSD SSSI Restoration

Applicant: University Of Wales Trinity St. David

Decision: Award grant of £245,886 (100%)

#NNF3 Enriching Species and Habitats

Applicant: The Welsh Water Elan Trust

Decision: Award grant of £103,450 (100%)

#NNF3 Connecting Conwy: a plan for seascape scale recovery of marine habitats in Conwy Bay and the Menai Strait

Applicant: Zoological Society of London

Decision: Award grant of £236,556 (100%)

#NNF3 Coedwigoedd Glaw Gwydn yng Nghymru / Resilient Welsh Rainforests

Applicant: Plantlife International – the wild plant conservation charity

Decision: Award grant of £197,172 (75%)

#NNF3 Understanding nutrient pollution from sediment cores to reverse declining biodiversity in Milford Haven Waterway and Western Cleddau River

Applicant: United Kingdom Research and Innovation (UKRI)

Decision: Reject

#NNF3 Creaduriaid Cudd y Creuddyn / Cryptic Creatures of the Creuddyn

Applicant: Conwy County Borough Council

Decision: Award grant of £248,348 (100%)

#NNF3 Llif Dyfi Flows

Applicant: Partneriaeth Eco Dyffryn Dyfi / Eco Valley Partnership

Decision: Reject

#NNF3 Adfer Dyfi Restore 1 (revenue)

Applicant: Partneriaeth Pennal Limited

Decision: Award grant of £249,200 (100%)

#NNF3 Garden Escapers! North West Wales Development Project

Applicant: North Wales Wildlife Trust

Decision: Award grant of £250,000 (92.96%)

#NNF3 Newid Llanw: llawlyfr cymunedol ar gyfer arfordir gwydn / Changing Tides: a community guide to a resilient coast

Applicant: RSPB Cymru

Decision: Award grant of £212,794 (100%)

#NNF3 Adfer Dyfi Restore 2 (capital)

Applicant: Partneriaeth Pennal Limited

Decision: Award grant of £238,800 (100%)

#NNF3 Menai Strait Forum: Interconnecting the Eryri Uplands with Menai Strait Estuarine Waters for Ecological Protection

Applicant: North Wales Rivers Trust Ltd

Decision: Reject