

4. Other Core Funding Applications

4.1 APPLICATIONS RECEIVED (See Appendix 6)

1. National Playing Fields Association
2. Scottish Wildlife Trust

# NATIONAL PLAYING FIELDS ASSOCIATION



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13 November 1995

*Dear Mr Cowe,*

NATIONAL PLAYING FIELDS ASSOCIATION (SCOTLAND)  
REQUEST FOR FINANCIAL SUPPORT - 1996

The National Playing Fields Association (Scotland) is an independent Charity with a Royal Charter that tasks the Association with the protection, preservation and support of Playing Fields and recreational space. We are the Guardian Trustees of 84 King George V Memorial Playing Fields in Scotland and have an administrative input to 210 other playing fields and amenity spaces.

A number of the fields under our trusteeship are within the administrative boundaries of your new authority and this includes some of the King George Fields.

Our Association is widely acknowledged for its expertise in the design, layout and safety of playing field and playground amenities and equipment. We also provide coaching programmes for sports development work in a number of sports. Though we work within the whole community in Scotland, we concentrate a lot of our effort in those areas of greatest social need and we are actively involved with sporting activities and play provision for people and children with disabilities.

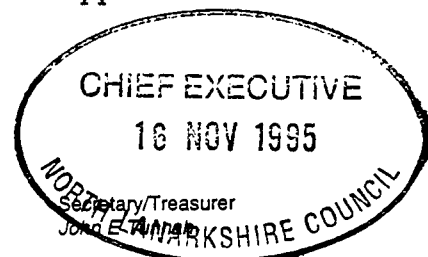
In order to continue our work we in turn also need support and, in the past, much of this has come from the public sector, namely the Local Authorities. We are aware of the many calls on local authority finance, particularly in this time of great changes in local government, but we would ask that sympathetic consideration is given by North Lanarkshire Council to our request for financial support now and in the coming years. We enjoy the support of COSLA in our work and we are included on its approved list of Charities.

Office Bearers (in Scotland)

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The District Councils which now make up your new authority have given financial assistance our Association in the past and the level of that assistance is as indicated in the table below.

New Council	Regional Council	Old Council	1995
North Lanarkshire	Strathclyde	Cumbernauld and Kilsyth	Nil
		Monklands	Nil
		Motherwell	£150
		Total	£150

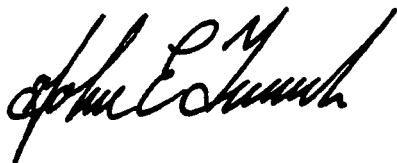
The average level of grant given by other District Councils in the past has been £215 per annum, and though we would not presume to ask for a particular sum, we would appreciate it if your Council could consider our request at this level, for each of the old councils that make up your new authority.

Your Council can be assured that all monies raised in Scotland is spent on Scottish projects and therefore the approved grants should be directed to the NPFA (Scotland) at our Edinburgh address.

It should be noted that some authorities in the past have supported the Association by grants to the NPFA in England and Wales as they were unaware of the Association in Scotland.

I look forward to hearing from you in due course and if our Association can offer assistance in matters relating to playing fields and recreational space, then we would be only too glad to help. We would also be willing to present your councillors with briefing material regarding our work and we would be happy to present our case to your Education or Leisure Committees or to the Council.

Yours sincerely

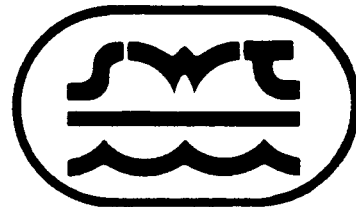


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27 February 1996

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10 May 1996

*Dear Mr Cowe*

**Request for donation to charity operating in North Lanarkshire:**

I am writing to ask you if the Council will consider making a donation towards the worthwhile conservation work which Scottish Wildlife Trust is carrying out in North Lanarkshire on behalf of the Council.

The attached programme describes the work which we have drawn-up in conjunction with Council staff at a range of sites including Dazell Park, Quarry Wood, Perchy Pond and Motherwell Rights of Way Network and how it will be implemented.

I also enclose a copy of our latest annual review to provide additional information on the Trust and to illustrate the scope and variety of its work. If you require further details, for example financial, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Ideally we are seeking a contribution of £1,500 but any sum would be greatly valued. I understand that this will be a financially tight year for the Council, however, I believe our contribution in terms of work achieved will be worth many times that amount.

I do hope you can respond positively and look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely

*Lillian Kelly*

Lillian Kelly  
Administrator



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## North Lanarkshire Conservation Programme 1996/97

### BACKGROUND

#### *Introduction*

The purpose of the Scottish Wildlife Trust is: "*For the public benefit, to take all appropriate measures to conserve the fauna, flora and all objects of natural history in Scotland.*"

To this end we have an extensive programme of projects to protect, enhance and promote enjoyment of North Lanarkshire's natural heritage - its landscapes, habitats and wildlife - to help make it an attractive place in which to live, work, and visit

The North Lanarkshire Conservation Programme will be carried out by our Clyde Valley Conservation Team. Project work will:

- \* protect and enhance the nature conservation interest of natural heritage sites;
- \* create new habitat especially in built-up areas;
- \* facilitate community access, for both able and disabled people to urban and rural sites of interest.

The majority of the projects have been identified by Council staff and will be carried out on behalf of the Council.

#### *Project Implementation*

The team - which is operated in partnership with Lanarkshire Development Agency through Training for Work - involves two full-time members of staff and on average 24 participants. Projects carried out by the team provides participants with real hands-on work experience which combined with skills training leading to a recognised qualification enhances their future employment prospects in particular those planning to work in the environmental sector. The teams operate from workshop and office accommodation in Motherwell.

#### *Support*

The Trust is a non-profit making charitable organisation and as such has no commercial motivation for the work it undertakes. Our input to the projects in the attached programme is largely funded through the Lanarkshire Development Agency but this does not cover the total expenditure which we incur as a result of carrying out such work. We, therefore, have to attract additional funding from other sources such as Scottish Natural Heritage and North Lanarkshire Council.

### PROJECTS

#### *Dalzell Park, Motherwell (Proposed Country Park)*

*Mixed woodland, parkland, ornamental gardens and streams. Attractive way marked paths and several listed stone bridges. Popular recreational resource with local residents. Wildlife interest includes great spotted woodpecker, roe deer and badger setts.*

#### *Work involves:*

- \* Improving path safety for visitors by upgrading surfaces, improving drainage and constructing a bridge. This will facilitate safe public access and encourage greater use of the site which is close to urban areas.

**Motherwell Rights of Way Network**

*This project involves work on different parts of the right of way network within the area to enable members of the public to have greater access to the countryside. Many of the paths run from villages to sites of local interest.*

***Work involves:***

\* Constructing stiles, bridges, boardwalks, and steps and improve to improve accessibility and promote the use of the countryside in and around towns.

**Perchy Ponds, Wishaw** (Local Nature Reserve established by Motherwell District Council)

*The site consists of areas of open water, reeds, grassland and woodland. It provides valuable habitat for a varied range of flora and fauna and is a popular amenity resource with local residents.*

***Work involves:***

\* Habitat management to prevent the spread of hawthorn scrub onto a species rich grassland to protect and enhance its wildflower interest.

**Strathclyde Country Park - Tree Nursery**

*Large country park used by a wide range of visitors. Scottish Wildlife Trust has a small tree nursery on site which is used to propagate local provenance seedlings for use in tree-planting projects with local schools and community groups.*

***Work involves:***

\* Propagation of seedlings including stratification, weeding, and general management of the beds to grow seedlings.

**Quarry Street Urban Woodland, New Stevenson** (Urban Woodland)

*Urban woodland in the heart of New Stevenson. The woods suffer from vandalism and underage drinking. The site is being drastically managed to reduce their 'menace' factor and make them more accessible.*

***Work involves:***

\* Ongoing management - for example laying a hedge to make a footpath more open and less threatening  
- to transform the woodland from a no go area in to a safe community assets

**Garrion Gill, Motherwell** (Scottish Wildlife Trust Reserve)

*Meadowland and river gorge woodland and with many wildflowers and animals including orchids, sparrowhawk and badger. Important local amenity resource.*

***Work involves:***

\* Replacing a dangerous bridge across the river to allow public access to cross to and from Overtown and the reserve.

9 May 1996