

Grants made for the year ended 31 March 2010

Organisation

Grant Amount (£)

Conservation of the Natural Environment

Enhancement of UK biodiversity through work with land owners on a landscape scale

Royal Society of Wildlife Trusts

£100,692

Planning and developing the 'Building Momentum for a Living Landscape' project

To support work to produce a development plan for the “Building Momentum for a Living Landscape” project by The Royal Society of Wildlife Trusts, working in partnership with The Wildlife Trusts.

Rivers and Fisheries Trust Scotland

£100,000

Strategic Mink Control in Northern Scotland

To support work to secure multiple adjacent river catchments across a vast area of northern Scotland as mink-free areas, thereby protecting nationally significant populations of water voles, salmonids, ground nesting birds and other native riparian biodiversity. This project is a development of the successes achieved by the University of Aberdeen’s “Conserving the Water Vole in the Cairngorms National Park” project, and will link continuing work in the Cairngorms to other landscape-scale mink control work already underway.

Scottish Wildlife Trust

£40,060

Towards the Lowland Peatlands Project – Survey & Assessment Phase

To support a landscape scale project which aims to protect and enhance Scotland’s lowland peatland ecosystems, working with landowners, individuals, researchers, statutory and non-statutory organisations. The project will run over a period of four years and aims to:

- Establish a baseline inventory of Scottish fens and update the lowland raised bog inventory
- Enhance the condition and protection of non statutory lowland raised bogs and fens
- Develop and demonstrate new, whole-site approaches to restoration
- Improve public access, awareness and local community involvement
- Disseminate updated management and restoration guidance

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WWF International**£520,000***Towards Common Fisheries Policy Reform 2010-2012*

WWF's overall objective for this initiative is to enact three legislative reforms to the EU's Common Fisheries Policy. In each case, WWF's goal is to have their reform included in the 2011 legislative proposal by the Council (the White Paper), and then have it adopted in the final legislation by the Council of Ministers in 2012.

Pew Environment Group**£244,000***Towards the EU Marine Programme*

The Pew Environment Group has established a European Marine Programme office in Brussels to pursue an end to global overfishing and reduce destruction of the world's oceans.

The European Union (EU) has one of the largest fishing fleets in the world. It is also the world's largest importer of fisheries products. However, fisheries management policies in the EU are often poorly developed or not fully implemented. As a consequence, the EU is contributing to the widespread overfishing of the oceans. Pew's work aims to produce significant improvements in European fisheries monitoring, control and enforcement systems.

Scottish Environment Link**£210,574***Towards the Marine Bill Campaign (2010-2013) – from legislation to conservation – Scotland' (2 grants £173,589 + £36,985)***Ulster Wildlife Trust****£196,328***Towards the Marine Bill Campaign (2010-2013) – from legislation to conservation – Northern Ireland' (2 grants £170,768 + £25,560)***Royal Society for the Protection of Birds****£160,881***Towards the Marine Bill Campaign (2010-2013) – from legislation to conservation – phase 2 – Wales***Wildlife and Countryside Link****£97,152***Towards the Marine Bill Campaign (2010-2013) – from legislation to conservation – phase 2 – England***The Wildlife Trusts Wales Limited****£21,875***Towards the Marine Bills Campaign – from legislation to conservation – Wales*

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These seven grants were made to support work to influence the development and implementation of marine legislation across the four countries of the UK to achieve biodiversity benefit for the public benefit. This work will take place in each of the four countries through the partnership processes of the appropriate “Link” organisations, with co-ordination between the four Links to ensure effective advocacy.

Remaining applications submitted under the open programmes which closed on 2 June 2008

Borders Forest Trust (BFT)

£200,000

Towards the Restoration of the Ettrick Forest

To support the acquisition and restoration of 650 hectares of land in the Southern Uplands to create new landscape scale habitats across the site. The upland farm, Corehead, contains the Devils Beef Tub and Hartfell. BFT intends to manage the site in perpetuity for biodiversity benefits by employing low intensity agriculture. Ecological restoration will include the creation of heather moorland, establishing montane woodland, restoring hay meadows and species rich grasslands, planting new native woodlands, restoring wetlands and mires and creating wood pasture. Corehead lies less than 2 kilometres from Carrifran Wildwood (owned by BFT) and is another building block of their vision for the Ettrick Forest.

UK BAP species which will be likely to benefit from changes to current land management activities include: black grouse, golden eagle, peregrine falcon, Aspen, globeflower and montane willows.

Hampshire and Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust

£30,820

Towards the Purchase of Knighton Down, Isle of Wight

To support the purchase of Knighton Down, an important part of the chalk ridge in the east of the Island. As well as its landscape importance, this ridge has been identified by the Recipient as of strategic importance because of the opportunities to restore chalk grassland and associated habitats on a landscape-scale. The Isle of Wight is of national importance for its lowland calcareous grassland. Even though there has been a 66% loss of chalk grassland on the island since 1850, the survival rate of this habitat on the Island is estimated by Natural England to be five times higher than on average across the UK. This acquisition will have positive benefits for 13.4ha of this priority habitat, contributing to the achievement of the UKBAP target for restoration of lowland calcareous grassland.

The site also contains a strong population of the chalkhill blue butterfly, a UK BAP priority species.

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Hampshire and Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust (£83,250)

Towards the Purchase of Asheys Down, Isle of Wight

Grant awarded in 2006-2007 cancelled during the year.

Conservation of the Natural Environment – Initiative Expenditure (Direct Costs) £20,586

During the year, work was commissioned in pursuit of the Trust's objective to conserve the marine biodiversity of the UK, completing a sectoral review of UK NGOs working to achieve benefits for marine biodiversity, and carrying out research into socio-economic data available to these NGOs.

Farmed Animal Welfare

Catalysing changes among those involved in the production, consumption and regulation of animals reared for food

The University of Bristol £2,823,947

Implementing welfare outcomes in assurance schemes to improve the welfare of farmed animals

An initial grant of £123,947 was awarded to the University of Bristol to support the development of a strategic policy and practical implementation programme for the utilisation of Welfare Outcome Assessments (WOA) in assurance schemes.

A major award of £2,700,000 was then made to support the work to ensure that Welfare Outcome Assessments become fully embedded within the farm animal assurance schemes operated by the RSPCA's Freedom Food and the Soil Association and then to roll out WOA to other farm animal assurance schemes.

Compassion in World Farming (CIWF) £2,340,000

Developing the capacity of CIWF's Food Business Group

To develop the capacity of CIWF's Food Business Group, which aims to encourage business in the UK and European food sector to recognise and respond to the growing need to provide consumers with higher animal welfare food products, in order to increase CIWF's ability to deliver improvements in the welfare of farmed animals in the UK and Europe.

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World Society for the Protection of Animals (WSPA) £300,000

Global Campaign against the long distance transport of animals for slaughter

In November 2007, the Trust provided a grant of £100,000 to WSPA to support the first phase of a global coalition to end the long distance transport of animals.

A further grant was awarded during this year to continue to co-ordinate and deliver the global campaign against the long distance transport of animals, known publicly as the “Handle with Care” campaign. This included the development of a new phase of campaign work, targeting specific issues relating to the long distance transport of animals, particularly in Oceania, Brazil and the Middle East.

The University of Reading £22,740

Planning and development of the 'Welfare Labelling of Chicken Meat' project

To support the planning and delivery of the ‘Welfare Labelling of Chicken Meat’ project and produce a detailed application for funding for consideration by the Trust and other possible funders.

Addressing the most pressing species-specific farmed animal welfare concern

Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (RSPCA) £70,000

Driving improvements in pig welfare: identifying and assessing potential for success of current and future work on free farrowing and avoidance of tail biting/docking

To support work to identify which projects and initiatives are most likely to lead to sustained success in terms of pig welfare improvement and the commercial viability of pig production, and to formulate a way forward with regard to free farrowing and avoidance of tail biting/docking.

Farm Animal Welfare Trust £62,150

Work on Feed Conversion Ratio (FCR) to enhance the ‘Novel commercial broiler genetic selection techniques integrating welfare traits with production traits’ project

To undertake the measurement of the Feed Conversion Ratio of individual male broilers being reared as part of the ‘Novel commercial broiler genetic selection techniques integrating welfare traits with production traits’ project in order to enhance the commercial viability of the project and acceptability of the birds developed by the project for the public benefit.

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Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (RSPCA) £43,058

Planning and interim funding for the 'Development and implementation of a (non-land based) commercially competitive, confinement and mutilation free system for pig production' project

A grant of £19,000 was awarded to provide support for the production of a three-year business plan for the 'Development and implementation of a (non-land based) commercially competitive, confinement and mutilation free system for pig production' project by the RSPCA, working in partnership with FAI Farms Limited. In addition, funding of £24,058 was awarded for a six-month period towards the maintenance of the FAI pig unit and the continued collection of data for the project.

The University of Bristol £33,414

Valuing a reduction in lameness in dairy herds: building on the Healthy Feet project

To support the undertaking of a cost-benefit analysis of the measures being implemented on farms through the Healthy Feet Project to reduce lameness in dairy cattle in order to gain financial and other information which will be incorporated into the Healthy Feet Project's dissemination programme. This will help to further motivate farmers to implement management changes that will reduce dairy cattle lameness.

Strengthening the farmed animal welfare sector

Compassion in World Farming £341,964

Long term support for the Farmed Animal Welfare Forum (FAW Forum)

To support the FAW Forum to ensure continued collaboration among organisations in the farm animal welfare sector.

Farm Animal Welfare Trust (FAWT) £15,000

Support for fundraising activities

To support strategic planning and preliminary fundraising activities in order to enable FAWT to raise funds to be allocated towards the pursuit of FAWT's charitable objectives to improve farmed animal welfare.

Compassion in World Farming (£20,376)

Towards core and business planning costs for the Farmed Animal Welfare Forum

Adjustment to grant awarded in 2007-2008

Organisation**Grant Amount (£)****Farmed Animal Welfare – Initiative Expenditure (Direct Costs) £12,552**

During 2009-2010, work commissioned in 2008-2009 continued in pursuit of the Trust's objective to promote strategic giving amongst grant-makers.

Further support was given to undertaken work related to a feasibility study regarding the prospects for stimulating greater philanthropic giving to support the improvement of the welfare of farmed animals in the UK and internationally.

In addition, following review of the recommendations of the feasibility study, the Trust organised an event bringing together representatives of foundations engaged in providing support to deliver sustainable and ethical food production. The aim of the event was to discuss food, farming and feeding the planet sustainably and ethically, and to develop ideas of encouraging further support for this work in the future.

TOTAL FUNDING

Total Grants – Conservation of the Natural Environment	£1,839,132	
Total Grants – Farmed Animal Welfare	£6,031,897	
TOTAL GRANTS		£7,871,029
Total Initiative Expenditure – Conservation of the Natural Environment (Direct Costs)	£20,586	
Total Initiative Expenditure – Farmed Animal Welfare (Direct Costs)	£12,552	
TOTAL INITIATIVE EXPENDITURE (DIRECT COSTS)		£33,138