

The Alexandra Recorders Fund

The Alexandra Recorders Fund was established in December 2015 in memory of Walter Alexandra Marsh by his daughter.

During his lifetime Walter was passionate about wildlife dedicating much of his life to outdoor pursuits. He gained an initial understanding of the natural world while studying insects and butterflies in his father's market garden. Later he was fortunate enough to spend a decade in Africa where he became even more aware of the impact people can have on their environment. After retirement Walter chose to live in Cornwall, one of his favourite counties. He was a keen member of a local wildlife group where, being particularly fond of wetlands, he liked nothing better than visiting Allet bog at Cornwall Wildlife Trust's nature reserve.

The fund will support recording, conservation research and public awareness projects that will sustain, enhance, restore and recreate sites of ecological value in Cornwall to ensure sustainable, wildlife-rich ecosystems on land, in fresh water and on and around the coast.

The fund has been made available for individuals and small wildlife conservation volunteer groups or charities that will make their research and wildlife records available to the wider wildlife conservation sector and for The Environmental Records Centre for Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly (ERCCIS) for the purpose of recorder support projects or public awareness projects.

How to Apply and Eligibility

Overall aim of fund

To support recording, conservation research and public awareness projects that will sustain, enhance, restore and recreate sites of ecological value in Cornwall to ensure sustainable, wildlife-rich ecosystems on land, in fresh water and on and around the coast. Studies may concern species which play a part in the wider picture by supporting – or damaging – other species.

The fund makes monies available to individuals and small wildlife conservation volunteer groups or charities that will make their research and wildlife records available to the wider wildlife conservation sector.

Monies from the fund will be granted for wildlife recording activity or wildlife conservation research and for projects that raise public awareness.

When the study has been completed the Alexandra Recorders Fund would like to receive a report of the work undertaken and findings.

- **Small grants scheme for individuals**

Available to: Post graduate students and volunteer wildlife recorders who will make their research or records available to larger wildlife or geology organisations.

What will be funded: Small personal expenses such as travel expenses, small tools and equipment e.g. identification guides, maps, hand lenses.

Typical individual grant value: Up to £100.

Process: Applications can be made throughout the year by completing the application form, available to download from <http://www.cornwallwildlifetrust.org.uk/wildlife/alexanda-recorders-fund>. Applications are considered in December and May meetings.

Payment: Cornwall Wildlife Trust will issue payment for grants when receipts proving expenditure by the grant recipient have been received.

- **Grants scheme for small wildlife conservation groups**

Available to: Small wildlife conservation volunteer groups and small charities with a turnover of less than £5,000 who will make their research or records available to larger wildlife organisations and/or the general public.

What will be funded: essential small tools and equipment for group use, the production of publications that will raise public awareness.

Typical grant value: Up to £250.

Process: Applications can be made throughout the year using the application form available to download from <http://www.cornwallwildlifetrust.org.uk/wildlife/alexanda-recorders-fund>. Applications considered in December and May meetings.

Payment: Cornwall Wildlife Trust prefers to issue payment for grants when receipts proving expenditure by the grant recipient have been received. However in certain circumstances payment may be made in advance.