

## Bridport Food Matters

### Potential Funding sources for local food initiatives around Bridport

Where you can apply for funds depends partly on how the group is constituted – i.e. a community organisation, or a charity, or a Community Interest Company, etc.

There are many different sources of funding – e.g. Trusts, or Government Funds, or involving sectors of the community through, for example, Crowdfunder or Share issues.

Several supermarkets have small pots for community initiatives – Waitrose, Co-Op. Local Town and Parish Councillors may have their own small budgets.

Bridport Town Council has an Annual Grants Scheme, for which the closing date is usually the end of August, and also manages the West Bay Car Boot Sale Grant Scheme – which usually closes for applications towards the end of the year. Neither is currently open, but you can find out more and keep an eye out via <https://www.bridport-tc.gov.uk/services/annual-grants/>

As a community group, you might **register with Dorset Council Fund Finder**:  
<https://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/your-community/support-for-voluntary-and-community-organisations/funding/dorset-fundfinder.aspx>

Or register with **My Community**  
[https://mycommunity.org.uk/funding?gclid=CjwKCAjw7J6EBhBDEiwA5UUM2kxf7Jts3C4rCVhYrOCVYGxxJXGtgGJWteHXjKFomwnivD4vdJP3xoCg8sQAvD\\_BwE](https://mycommunity.org.uk/funding?gclid=CjwKCAjw7J6EBhBDEiwA5UUM2kxf7Jts3C4rCVhYrOCVYGxxJXGtgGJWteHXjKFomwnivD4vdJP3xoCg8sQAvD_BwE)

Current funds which may be suitable for Community food projects include:

#### **Social Farms & Gardens –**

formed by the merger of two long established membership-based charities, the Federation of City Farms and Community Gardens and Care Farming UK.

They manage a **Community Land Advisory Service (CLAS)** which exists to help community green space projects with all their land and planning queries

<https://www.farmgarden.org.uk/clas>

#### **Dorset AONB Sustainable Development Fund**

<https://www.dorsetaonb.org.uk/resource/sdf-fund-2021/>

To get local people thinking about how they can help keep the landscape in great shape for future generations to enjoy. The closing date for the current funding round is 1<sup>st</sup> June.

#### **Tesco Community Grants**

<https://tescocommunitygrants.org.uk/>

Grants of up to £ 1,500 are available to non-profit making, constituted groups and organisations for local good causes that focus on supporting children and families in the UK.

Information correct at end April 2021.

Funding in 2021 is aimed at projects that focus on supporting children and families within the UK. This could be for example a local school needing food for a children's breakfast club, a voluntary organisation working with families to run holiday clubs, a charity supporting young people with specialist advice to manage mental health, a brownie or scout group needing new tents or a youth sports club needing new equipment, a family advice centre wanting to recruit more volunteers, or a local friends of a park group wanting to develop a new toddler area.

### **Boost Choose Now Change Lives Programme**

<https://www.boostdrinks.com/changelives/>

One-off grants are available to community groups and intended to support groups delivering projects and activities that will facilitate change and benefit local people. This may include:

- Community groups that bring the local community together, whether it be through sport, art, music or just generally providing a place for people to come together.
  - Food banks that provide food and essential supplies for families or individuals in crisis.
- Applicants are invited to submit any idea they may have for a project that would make a difference in their local area and facilitate change that will benefit the community for years to come.

The deadlines for shortlisting are: 9 May 2021, and then in July and September.

If you hear of additional funding sources which may be suitable for community food projects in and around Bridport, please contact Candida on [bridportfoodmatters@gmail.com](mailto:bridportfoodmatters@gmail.com)

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