**Wessex Water Environment Fund**

**Things to consider for projects requiring specialist advice, permissions or licences.**

Some community events may require you to notify local public bodies or apply for permission or licences. Please refer to your local council website for more information.

When submitting applications for projects involving practical conservation work, please make sure you have checked whether your proposals could affect protected sites or species and demonstrate in your application how this has been accounted for.  For example:

* If you are clearing scrub, have you thought about nesting birds or small mammals such as dormouse
* If you are working in ponds, have you thought about Great Crested Newts
* If you are working in rivers, have you thought about Water voles, Otter or Beaver

Further guidance on protected sites and species is available at [Construction near protected areas and wildlife - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)](https://gbr01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.gov.uk%2Fguidance%2Fconstruction-near-protected-areas-and-wildlife&data=05%7C01%7Ckaren.hobbs%40wiltshirecf.org.uk%7C916d2a90ef7a4c2487ab08da60184d34%7C6f62f6277521492b8ac27673988a1188%7C1%7C0%7C637927954734960560%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=eQYBGiO5gyywNSZak9z9umj103kPOgsOHH0QG5AmUVg%3D&reserved=0).

Please bear in mind that other permissions or working methods may be required for practical works which may need to be evidenced in your application:

* When creating ponds or similar features, have you checked whether planning or other permission is required (advice is available from the Freshwater Habitat Trust at [Create A Pond - Freshwater Habitats TrustFreshwater Habitats Trust](https://gbr01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ffreshwaterhabitats.org.uk%2Fpond-clinic%2Fcreate-pond%2F&data=05%7C01%7Ckaren.hobbs%40wiltshirecf.org.uk%7C916d2a90ef7a4c2487ab08da60184d34%7C6f62f6277521492b8ac27673988a1188%7C1%7C0%7C637927954734960560%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=jS7pJMDVE%2FK4ExdYpp7PdgvHNAi4WA1dG9LW0a1OoQ0%3D&reserved=0))?
* If working in rivers or streams, are any permissions needed (you can check guidance at [Check if you need permission to do work on a river, flood defence or sea defence - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)](https://gbr01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.gov.uk%2Fpermission-work-on-river-flood-sea-defence&data=05%7C01%7Ckaren.hobbs%40wiltshirecf.org.uk%7C916d2a90ef7a4c2487ab08da60184d34%7C6f62f6277521492b8ac27673988a1188%7C1%7C0%7C637927954734960560%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=bZ2CRfHq74CRqpPP78NtNPNDeu8%2BuEq3m%2Bmsgj7pqkY%3D&reserved=0)?
* Have you checked for invasive species or are following management guidance (you can find more information at [Home » NNSS (nonnativespecies.org)](https://gbr01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.nonnativespecies.org%2F&data=05%7C01%7Ckaren.hobbs%40wiltshirecf.org.uk%7C916d2a90ef7a4c2487ab08da60184d34%7C6f62f6277521492b8ac27673988a1188%7C1%7C0%7C637927954734960560%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=Py1WaoG0sobpjJvrD570SEiVLFXzTD8gFBOxi2%2BTyeg%3D&reserved=0)?
* Does your project involve any historic features (e.g. Scheduled Monuments, Listed Buildings, Conservation Areas)?
* If works to existing trees is planned, have you checked if any permissions are needed ([Arboricultural Association - A brief guide to legislation for trees](https://gbr01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.trees.org.uk%2FHelp-Advice%2FPublic%2FA-brief-guide-to-legislation-for-trees&data=05%7C01%7Ckaren.hobbs%40wiltshirecf.org.uk%7C916d2a90ef7a4c2487ab08da60184d34%7C6f62f6277521492b8ac27673988a1188%7C1%7C0%7C637927954734960560%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=hzQm%2BtqGECSd20m00%2FwDFYaMamFzzwhd75ev3tMQ5to%3D&reserved=0))?