

Berkshire County Scout Council Procedures

Carbon Offset Fund (1.18 v01)

Fund name	Carbon Offset Fund
Purpose	To support initiatives that create an environmental or sustainability benefit.
Approval date	County Trustees – 12/09/24
Fund Managers	Simon Pickett, Sarah Barrow, County Youth Lead
Details and Funding	<p>Care of the environment is an important issue that Berkshire Scouts believe should be a serious consideration in the planning and delivery of all Scout events/activities.</p> <p>In particular, large events/activities, especially when travelling overseas, can leave a large carbon footprint.</p> <p>Initially, to engage in this issue, Berkshire Scouts is keen for any large county events/activities to budget and make provision for offsetting carbon footprints (see scouting and carbon offset guidelines document 1.17). This levy is used to ‘fund the fund’. The County Trustees may from time to time decide to allocate additional funds as they see fit.</p>
Funding Criteria	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applications are open to sections, groups, districts or other members of Berkshire Scouts; • Young people must be involved in shaping the proposed activity or initiative; • The activity or initiative must create a benefit that will reduce environmental impact and/or increase sustainability

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Activities or initiatives should ideally support the delivery of the wider scout programme (challenge badges, activity badges and top awards) • The size of any grant will be dependant on the size of the fund at any one time. (NB this is a small fund)
Funding decisions	At the discretion of the Fund Managers, based on the criteria above.
Application process	<p>Applications for support can be made at any time by email to grants@berkshirescouts.org.uk</p> <p>The Application should not be more than 300 words and should include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The contact details (email, phone) for the person leading the activity or initiative; • Indicate how young people are involved in the activity or initiative; • Details of the activity or initiative; • A description of what the money will be spent on.
Other information	After or during the activity/ initiative, photographs and stories related to the activity may be posted on the Berkshire Scouts Website

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