

## Grants programme set up thanks to CWM Environmental Limited

CWM Environmental Limited (CWM) has donated its landfill tax money to GrantScape so that a grants programme can be established for the benefit of people in Carmarthenshire. It is anticipated that further details and application forms will be available early in the new

financial year on GrantScape's website.

All potential applicants will have to meet the criteria agreed between GrantScape and CWM as well as comply with the Landfill Tax Credit Scheme rules.

## GrantScape helps sustainable living project

Did you know that prior to April 2003, a significant proportion of our funding was allocated to sustainable waste management projects?

In fact, GrantScape has provided nearly £30 million to projects to try to help solve some of the problems we face in managing our waste more effectively.

Whilst the majority of these projects have successfully been completed, there are a number with funding contracts that will keep going for a few more years.

Projects that involved research and development are required to produce reports. An index of all these reports can now be found listed on our website under 'GRANTS/GRANT OUTCOMES'.

One of these projects that we are very pleased to have supported is 'Z-squared'. This project is managed by BioRegional Development Group, an entrepreneurial,

independent environmental organisation.

Z-squared is a concept design for a 2,000 home zero carbon, zero waste, mixed-use community. The development aims to be completely environmentally friendly. BioRegional is now working in partnership with WWF to identify a site in the Thames Gateway and bring together a development consortium to realise the project.

"Z-squared offers an infrastructure-led approach to developing sustainable communities that may be used as a framework for all major new developments," says Jane Durney, Project Manager of Z-squared.

"Our figures show that it costs just 8% more to build to Z-squared standards compared with a base case development, but these are more than offset by the cheaper living costs. We therefore believe that Z-squared is affordable and attractive for residents. We are now in discussions with developers and landowners to help realise the project and could not

have got to this stage without the support from GrantScape," continues Jane.

For more information about this project, please contact [www.bioregional.co.uk](http://www.bioregional.co.uk)



Courtesy of Foster and Partners



# A little bird told me...

The second round for the WRG/WREN grants in Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire has now passed and 11 applications have been received totalling just over £250,000.

The next two deadlines to submit your applications to WREN are 7th April and 21st July, so make sure you don't miss out on the opportunity for funding.

This invitation is now extended to Luton and Dunstable following a decision by WREN to include these locations within this regional area.

"We have some very interesting project applications for

the WREN Board to consider this round," explained Matt Young, Senior Grant Manager.

"However, we have not yet received any applications from Hertfordshire, Luton and Dunstable. We are, therefore, working hard to promote the programme and opportunities for community groups in these areas," he added.

For more information on WRG/WREN grants, please visit WREN's website at [www.wren.org.uk](http://www.wren.org.uk) or call 01953 717165. Alternatively, please call Matt Young at GrantScape to discuss your potential application.

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**Project Title**            Stotfold Mill – The Phoenix of Stotfold

**Grants Awarded** £250,000

**Organisation**        Stotfold Mill Preservation Trust

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Stotfold Mill is located on the River Ivel in Stotfold, Bedfordshire. Built on the site of mills dating back around 1,000 years, it was the town's last working watermill, ceasing operation in 1966. However, the Mill remained of national importance, with its unique water wheel being the largest corn-grinding mill wheel in Britain.

In December 1992, the Mill building was tragically almost destroyed by fire. Intent on buying the ruin and restoring the Mill and its machinery to their former working glory, the Stotfold Mill Preservation Trust was subsequently formed.

GrantScape's support for the Trust's ambitious restoration project has made it the largest funding contributor. Initial grants totalling £150,000 were provided to finance the rebuilding of the Mill building (pictured). A further £100,000 has funded ongoing work within the Mill, including electrics, plumbing, the installation of toilets and a kitchen area, stairs to all four storeys and a lift for use by people with disabilities.

Alongside GrantScape's support, the Trust has also received funding from the Heritage Lottery Fund to help bring the milling machinery and water wheel back into use.



Huge contributions of time and effort have also been given by local volunteers.

At its open weekend on 6th - 7th May, the Trust plans that the Mill will again be milling flour which will be a tremendous outcome for all those involved. It will then be open by appointment to visiting groups, pending the grand opening ceremony on 7th October. During 2007, the Mill and adjoining meadows will be opened for visitors of all ages to enjoy.

For further information, visit [www.stotfoldmill.org](http://www.stotfoldmill.org) or contact Paul Redwood on 01462 734541, email: [stotfoldmill@ntlworld.com](mailto:stotfoldmill@ntlworld.com)



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Project Title      National Botanic Garden of Wales  
- Enhancement Programme

Grant Awarded    £350,000

Organisation      National Botanic Garden of Wales

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A viewing platform funded by GrantScape and designed by world-renowned Welsh architect John Belle will become a new attraction at the National Botanic Garden of Wales.

Belle, who was born in Cardiff, has been responsible for the restoration of many of New York's most famous landmarks. Once the platform has been completed, the National Botanic Garden of Wales will be listed amongst his other triumphs - the Chrysler Building, the Rockefeller Centre, Grand Central Station and New York's own Botanical Gardens to name but a few.

The viewing platform will provide visitors with views of the breathtaking Double Walled Garden, the Tropical Glasshouse and the surrounding area.



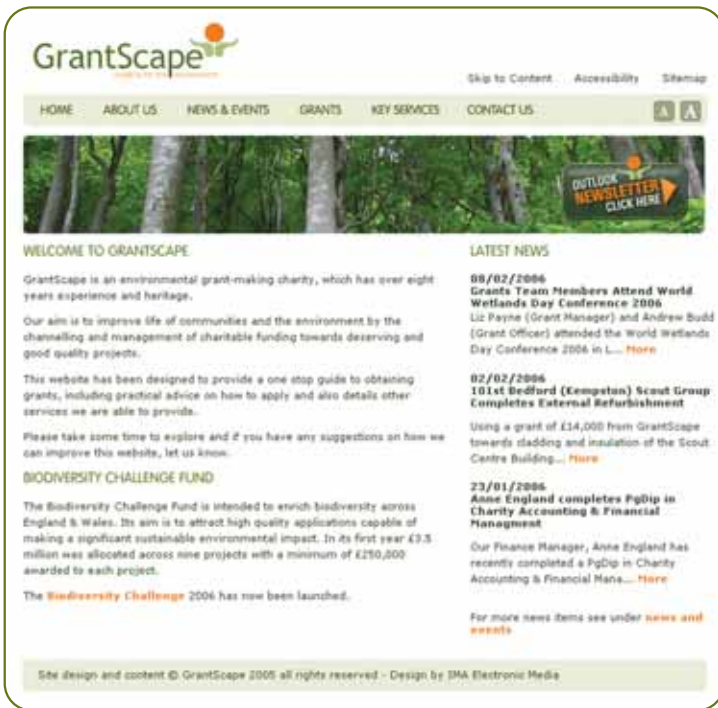
The platform is one of a series of enhancements at the Gardens which also include repairing the roof of the Great Glasshouse, providing better interpretation, improving access and providing a 'landtrain' which will enable the less mobile to enjoy guided tours of the Gardens.

The Gardens, which opened in May 2000, were the first botanic gardens of the new Millennium and have quickly established themselves as a major tourist attraction and centre for conservation. Existing attractions are constantly being improved and new ones added to ensure the Gardens remain a favourite with tourists and nature lovers alike for many years to come.



Dr Rhodri Griffiths, General Manager at the Gardens said: "The National Botanic Garden of Wales has worked closely with GrantScape and is very thankful for the support received. It has been a pleasure to collaborate with the helpful, highly knowledgeable and professional staff. We look forward to continuing to work with GrantScape and highly recommend the excellent service that is provided."

For more information visit the National Botanic Garden of Wales' website at [www.gardenofwales.org.uk](http://www.gardenofwales.org.uk)



## Latest News from GrantScape

Website - [www.grantscape.org.uk](http://www.grantscape.org.uk)

GrantScape's website has been redesigned and improved since the first edition of *OutLook* was distributed. If there is anything you think we could improve please email your comments to [helpdesk@grantscape.org.uk](mailto:helpdesk@grantscape.org.uk)

On our website, you can access all the latest news from GrantScape, which is updated on a regular basis so you can get up-to-the-minute information regarding grants and programmes in your area.

Application forms for the latest grant programmes are also available to download from the website, so make sure you regularly visit the site so that you don't miss out on any funding opportunities.

### Future Editions of *OutLook*

Following the Post Office's decision to change the basis of how postal charges will be levied from 21st August 2006, the cost of distributing *OutLook* will increase by 67% per copy. Therefore, we are asking if you would register for the email version, so that our costs can be minimised and the amount available for grants maximised. You can register for the email version by clicking on the button in the 'header strip' on our website.

### Trustees and Directors

GrantScape and GrantScape Services Ltd are recruiting additional Trustees and Directors to strengthen their respective Boards. The roles are on a voluntary basis, but reasonable expenses will be reimbursed for attending the meetings which are usually held in Milton Keynes or London. If you are interested in either of these positions please visit our website for further details at [www.grantscape.org.uk](http://www.grantscape.org.uk)

### Stop Press – Biodiversity Challenge 2006

We have again received a fantastic response to our Biodiversity Challenge, having received 34 applications totalling in excess of £13.5 million this year. With a limited fund of £2.5 million it is again going to be a very difficult process in deciding which projects will receive grants.

Our Advisory Group will be reviewing the applications in May 2006, and decisions on the awards to be made will be announced in June 2006.

