



Sustainable Development Fund Guidance Note Community Playgrounds

Brecon Beacons National Park Authority recognises and values the benefits of community managed playgrounds and can consider applications for equipment and site development.

Playgrounds meet a number of Sustainable Development Fund and Wellbeing of Future Generations priority criteria - supporting:

- *a healthier Wales*
- *improved opportunity for outdoor access and recreation*
- *involvement of young people*
- *opportunities to participate in sport and recreation*
- *helping to build and maintain sustainable communities, towns and villages*

Playing is one of the easiest and most natural ways that children of any age can engage in

the necessary levels of physical activity – there has long been concern about young people’s increasing levels of obesity and inactivity¹. Having access to safe accessible play and recreation opportunities is central to the wellbeing of the Park’s young people and to the development of resilient and sustainable communities.

The SDF can support community playground development and upgrade projects – normally to a maximum of £2,000. Routine maintenance cannot be funded.

In addition to meeting general Fund requirements, proposals need to demonstrate that:

- Local children and young people have been consulted and proposals reflect their ideas and suggestions
- The needs of children and young people with disabilities have been considered and included
- Facilities are provided for children of all ages and different types of play
- Equipment to be installed is made of sustainable materials
- Wildlife friendly landscaping and planting is included
- Best practice guidance published by the Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents (RoSPA) Play Safety Department has been followed

¹ [Physical Activity of Children and Young People, National Assembly for Wales, March 2019](#)

- Quotes have been obtained from suppliers who are registered with the Association of Play Industries
- A risk assessment has taken place for the installation
- RoSPA post-installation inspection and sign-off will take place.
- Plans to undertake regular inspection and maintenance are in place – along with the resources needed to carry them out
- An annual independent inspection will take place and resources are in place to enable this to happen

Potential Match Funding Sources for Playgrounds

- Awards for All
- Postcode Community Trust
- Bruce Wake Charitable Trust (supports the provision of leisure facilities for disabled people)

County Voluntary Councils can also advise on funding opportunities and project development:

Powys	Powys Association of Voluntary Organisations (PAVO) http://www.pavo.org.uk
Carmarthenshire	Carmarthenshire Association of Voluntary Services (CAVS) 01267 245555 / admin@cavs.org.uk / http://www.cavs.org.uk
Monmouthshire	Gwent Association of Voluntary Organisations (GAVO) 01291 675474 / info@gavo.org.uk / https://www.gavo.org.uk

Other Sources of Support

Play Wales - Chwarae Cymru – the national charity for children’s play
Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents (RoSPA) - RoSPA's Play Safety department provides advice and information on playground management and the safety of indoor and outdoor play areas.