

Applicant: **Cassell, Sawandi**
Organisation: **The Alphonsus Cassell Foundation**
Funding Sought: **£50,000.00**

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The ACF Gardens

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CONTACT DETAILS

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Section 1 - Project Title & Contact Details

Q1. Project Title

The ACF Gardens

Q2. Please select whether you are applying as an organisation or as an individual (Guidance section 3 and Guidance Glossary)

☒ Organisation

CONTACT DETAILS

Title	Mr
Name	Sawandi
Surname	Cassell
Tel (Fax)	
Email (Work)	
Address	

GMS ORGANISATION

Type	Organisation
Name	The Alphonsus Cassell Foundation
Phone (Work)	
Email	
Website	
Address	

Section 2 - Overseas Territory(ies)

Q3. Please state whether the same (or a similar) project proposal has previously been submitted (or you are planning to submit it) to the UK Government for funding. This includes through Darwin Plus Local,

Defra's other Darwin Plus grant schemes or other UK Government funding mechanisms. Failure to share this information may result in the application being ineligible (see Guidance section 2.1.1).

☐ No

Q4. Overseas Territory (Guidance section 1.3):

Which UK Overseas Territory(ies) will your project be working in?

☒ Montserrat

* if you have indicated a territory group with an asterisk, please give detail on which territories you are working on here:

No Response

In addition to the UKOT(s) you have indicated, will your project directly benefit any other UK OT(s) or country(ies)?

☐ No

Section 3 - Project Partners

Q5. Project partners (Guidance section 3.2)

In this section, please give details of all the partners involved (including the Lead Organisation) and provide a summary of their roles.

Project Leader name:
(Guidance section 3.1)

Sawandi Cassell

Lead Organisation name:
(if applying as an organisation;
Guidance section 3.1)

The Alphonsus Cassell Foundation

**Lead Organisation Website (if
applicable):**

<https://www.alphonsuscassellfoundation.org/>

**Is the Lead Organisation based
in a UKOT where the project is
working?**
(Guidance section 3.1)

☒ Yes

**List other partners involved
and where are they based:**

Sawandi Cassell - Project Leader (Based in Montserrat and USA)
Rondell Tuitt - Project Coordinator & Labourer (Based in Montserrat)
Melissa O'Garro - Project Advisor (Based in Montserrat)

Summary of roles and responsibilities of each partner in the project:

Project Leader - Sawandi Cassell
Sawandi will serve as the Project Leader, steering the micro urban farm towards enhancing biodiversity, environmental quality, and community well-being. Sawandi will ensure that all goals are met with innovation, efficiency, and a clear focus on delivering excellent value for money. He will oversee the strategic vision, direction, and overall execution, ensuring that the farm's activities align seamlessly with the mission of the Alphonsus Cassell Foundation.

Project Coordinator and Labourer - Rondell Tuitt
Rondell will manage the daily operations of the ACF Farm with close supervision from the Project Leader, overseeing the entire cycle of planting, maintenance, and harvesting with meticulous attention to each phase. Acting as the primary liaison, Rondell will coordinate resources, manage schedules, and facilitate effective communication across the team and with community stakeholders, ensuring smooth operations on a day-to-day basis.

Project Adviser - Melissa O'Garro
Melissa will act as the project adviser. With her wealth of agricultural experience from her work with the Ministry of Agriculture in Montserrat, she will provide expertise on sustainable farming practices, biodiversity conservation, and crop management, shaping the farm's agricultural approach. Her guidance will ensure that the methods used are both resilient and innovative, fully supporting the farm's environmental and community-focused aims. Melissa will also advise on best practices for an ideal planting environment given the terrain, hardness, etc. of Montserrat.

I confirm that all listed partners are aware of this application and have indicated support: Checked

Attach a Cover Letter for your application (Guidance section 4.2).

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Section 4 - Project Summary & Description

Q6. Project Summary (Guidance section 3.8)

Please provide a brief summary of your project. This may be used in communication activities and/or published online, if your application is successful.

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promotes biodiversity, climate resilience, and wellness, creating a lasting impact on Montserrat's environment and community.

Q7a. Description (Guidance section 2.1 and 6)

Please provide a description of your project, including:

- the overall objective
- the current situation and the problem the project is trying to address
- what success will look like and how you will measure it

Please be as specific as possible when describing the project, using quantified data and evidence where available. You may wish to consider: what are the specific threats to the environment that the project will attempt to address, and what should we know about these threats? What does your successful project look like? And how will you demonstrate whether and how your project has been successful?

Objective: The ACF Gardens, an initiative by the Alphonsus Cassell Foundation (ACF), seeks to create a flourishing urban garden at the historic Arrow's Manshop building site in Sweeney's, Montserrat. Its primary goals are to enhance biodiversity, improve local food security, and promote sustainable practices that benefit the environment and community well-being.

Current Situation and Challenges: Montserrat faces pressing food security and biodiversity issues. The island relies heavily on imported produce, leading to high costs and limited access to fresh fruits, vegetables, and herbs. This dependency creates vulnerability to supply chain disruptions, particularly in times of crisis.

The island's biodiversity is also threatened due to habitat loss, invasive species, and the effects of climate change, including soil degradation and unpredictable weather. Limited local initiatives to cultivate diverse crops exacerbate these issues, reducing dietary variety and self-sufficiency. Many residents lack knowledge and resources for sustainable agricultural practices, further deepening these challenges.

Project Overview: The ACF Gardens will address these issues by transforming the iconic Arrow's Manshop grounds into a vibrant urban garden. The garden will prioritise growing diverse fruits, vegetables, and herbs, including local and underutilised species, using sustainable techniques such as raised beds, composting, mulching, and wildlife protection measures. These methods will maximise yield, conserve resources, and enhance biodiversity.

Key components include:

1. **Food Security:** Fresh produce will be sold at discounted rates, shared with schools and senior care homes, and distributed as cuttings for residents to start home gardens.
2. **Community Engagement:** Workshops and activities will teach sustainable farming techniques and highlight biodiversity's importance.
3. **Well-being and Recreation:** The garden will provide a tranquil space for relaxation and promote healthy lifestyles through food and drink preparation demonstrations.

Success Metrics and Measurement- The project's success will be evaluated through measurable outcomes and community impact:

1. **Biodiversity Improvements:** (i) At least 15 plant species, including local and underutilised crops, introduced. (ii) Enhanced pollinator activity and soil health monitored through regular assessments.
2. **Food Production and Distribution:** (i) A target of 500 kilograms of produce annually. (ii) Partnerships with three schools and two care homes for consistent produce distribution.
3. **Community Engagement:** (i) Engagement of at least 200 participants annually through workshops and tours. (ii) Distribution of plant cuttings to 100 households for home gardening.
4. **Environmental Impact:** (i) A 20% reduction in water usage achieved through mulching and raised beds. (ii) Soil quality improvements evidenced by reduced erosion and enhanced nutrients.

Addressing Environmental Threats: The project tackles critical threats like biodiversity loss, soil degradation, and

climate change impacts. By cultivating diverse crops, the garden will create microhabitats that support pollinators and other beneficial organisms, strengthening the local ecosystem. Composting will reduce organic waste and enrich soil fertility, while mulching conserves water and prevents erosion. These practices mitigate biodiversity loss, improve environmental quality, and enhance climate resilience.

Vision of Success: The ACF Gardens will become a community hub offering access to affordable, nutritious food while empowering residents with resources to grow their produce. The garden will restore ecological balance, support native species, and set an example for sustainable urban agriculture in Montserrat and other UK Overseas Territories.

Demonstrating Success

Success will be tracked through regular monitoring of outputs and outcomes. Key performance indicators (KPIs) include:

- The volume and variety of crops produced
- The number of residents engaged in workshops and tours
- Improvements in soil and ecosystem health

Additionally, testimonials from participants and partner organisations will highlight the project's impact on community well-being and environmental quality.

Honouring a Legacy

Inspired by Alphonsus Cassell, p.k.a. Arrow—a national hero and advocate for healthy living—the ACF Gardens honours his legacy by championing biodiversity, sustainability, and wellness.

Q7b. Long-term sustainability (Guidance section 2.1 and 6)

Please describe the long-term benefits of the project and the change it will bring about. How will the outcomes of the project be sustained after the funding is finished?

The ACF Gardens will deliver lasting benefits by enhancing biodiversity, improving food security, and fostering community self-reliance in Montserrat. By cultivating a diverse range of fruits, vegetables, and herbs using sustainable techniques, the project will create a resilient microhabitat that supports pollinators, enriches soil health, and mitigates climate change impacts. Residents will gain access to affordable, nutritious produce while learning sustainable farming practices through workshops and hands-on engagement, empowering them to grow their own food and contribute to environmental stewardship.

To ensure sustainability beyond the funding period, the project will establish a self-sustaining model by selling produce at discounted rates, reinvesting proceeds into garden maintenance and community outreach. Partnerships with schools, care homes, and local organisations will embed the garden's benefits into the community fabric, ensuring its continued impact.

The garden will serve as an enduring space for education, recreation, and wellness, inspiring similar initiatives and fostering a culture of biodiversity conservation and healthy living. By honouring Alphonsus Cassell's legacy of wellness and sustainability, the ACF Gardens will become a cornerstone of Montserrat's progress towards a more self-sufficient, ecologically balanced, and connected community.

(Optional) Please upload any additional and supporting materials or files (such as maps of project sites, etc) below. Maximum of 5 sides of A4, and is combined as a single PDF:

Section 5 - Project Outcome(s)

Q8. Project Outcome(s) (Guidance section 1.2)

Successful Darwin Plus Local projects must demonstrate measurable outcomes in at least one of the themes of Darwin Plus with a clear focus on biodiversity and the natural environment, either by the end of the project or soon after through a credible plan.

Please note: Any proposals including research or monitoring are required to demonstrate a clear link to tangible outcomes for conservation of biodiversity and the natural environment. Please explain how any new research will be applied to drive environmental outcomes on the ground.

Please confirm that your project has a clear focus on biodiversity and the natural environment.

Checked **Biodiversity: improving and conserving biodiversity, and slowing or reversing biodiversity loss and degradation;**

Please tick which additional theme(s) of Darwin Plus your project contributes to (if relevant):

Checked **Climate change: responding to, mitigating and adapting to climate change and its effects on the natural environment and local communities;**

Checked **Environmental quality: improving the condition and protection of the natural environment**

Checked **Capability and capacity building: enhancing the capacity within OTs, including through community engagement and awareness, to support the environment in the short- and long-term.**

Please justify your selection. Please use quantitative information where possible here.

The ACF Gardens will achieve measurable outcomes as follows:

- Biodiversity: Introduce 15+ plant species, including native crops, to enhance biodiversity, with pollinator activity and soil health monitored as indicators.
- Climate Change: Implement sustainable practices like composting and mulching, aiming for a 20% reduction in water usage and improved soil quality to build resilience against climate impacts.
- Environmental Quality: Improve soil fertility and prevent erosion through sustainable techniques, creating a microhabitat for pollinators and beneficial organisms.
- Capability and Capacity Building: Engage 200+ participants annually in workshops and distribute 100+ plant cuttings, empowering residents for long-term environmental stewardship.

Section 6 - Workplan

Q9. Workplan (Guidance section 2.2)

Please provide anticipated dates for the start and end of your planned project here. Please use the Darwin Plus Local Project Workplan (available at: <https://darwinplus.org.uk/how-to-apply/local-applications/>) to provide a list of the individual activities you have planned for this project, a brief description of what each activity entails, and the months in which the activities will be carried out. If the project involves only one activity (e.g. a purchase), please still provide project start and end dates (noting estimated times for procurement). Please note that your project must start after 1 April 2025 and be completed by 31 March 2026.

Start date:	End date:	Duration (e.g. 3 months):
01 April 2025	31 March 2026	12 months

Please upload the completed Darwin Plus Local Project Workplan with your proposed project activities here

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Section 7 - Costs

Q10. Costs (Guidance section 2.2 and please read the Finance Guidance)

Please provide a breakdown of costs to be funded through Darwin Plus Local (in GBP).

Are you seeking any matched funding for this project? (Please note that this is optional and there is no requirement to seek matched funding for Darwin Plus Local projects).

☒ No

Budget line	Explanation	Cost in GBP
Staff costs:	Sawandi Cassell, Project Leader: [REDACTED] for 100 days to oversee implementation, community engagement, and project reporting. Rondell Tuitt, Project Coordinator, and laborer: [REDACTED] for 120 days to manage daily operations, material sourcing, and site preparation. Melissa (Advisor): [REDACTED] for 80 days to provide technical advice on sustainable practices and workshops. Skilled Day Labor: [REDACTED] to cover unforeseen tasks throughout the project, such as plumbers, iron workers, and masons.	[REDACTED]
Consultancy costs:	Ecological consultant: [REDACTED] for biodiversity monitoring, soil testing, and environmental impact assessment.	

Overhead costs:	Administrative and logistical overhead for customs duties/consumption taxes, project management, documentation, and communication (10% of total project cost).	
Travel & subsistence costs:	Travel for staff to and from community outreach events and partner sites: [REDACTED] Subsistence for workshops and events (e.g., refreshments for attendees): [REDACTED]	
Operating costs:	Seeds, soil amendments, and mulch: [REDACTED] Irrigation system materials: [REDACTED] Raised planter materials: [REDACTED] Composting setup: [REDACTED]	
Capital equipment:	Tools and equipment for gardening (e.g., spades, hoes, mulchers, storage bags, wheelbarrows, watering cans, etc.): [REDACTED] Installation of a storage shed for tools and materials: [REDACTED]	
Other Costs	Workshop materials (e.g., pamphlets, training guides, and workshop kits): [REDACTED] Marketing and community engagement materials (flyers, banners, social media promotions): [REDACTED] Maintenance fund for the garden post-project: [REDACTED]	
Total:		

This section provides more information on the budget to help evaluators understand how you will use the funds you are requesting. You do not need to list all costs, but please list and detail costs of more than £1,000 per item below, under the appropriate budget line.

Details of staff costs over £1,000 (if relevant)

Sawandi Cassell: [REDACTED] for 100 days managing the delivery of on-island activities and project outreach materials.

Rondell Tuitt: [REDACTED] for 120 days implementing on-site activities and operational management.

Melissa: [REDACTED] for 80 days advising on sustainable practices and facilitating workshops.

Skilled Day Labor: [REDACTED] to cover unforeseen tasks throughout the project, such as plumbers, iron workers, and masons.

Details of overhead costs over £1,000 (if relevant):

Administrative overhead for customs duties/consumption taxes, project management, documentation, and communication (10% of total project cost).

Details of travel and subsistence costs over £1,000 (if relevant):

Travel for staff to and from community outreach events and partner sites: [REDACTED]

Details of operating costs over £1,000 (if relevant):

Seeds, soil amendments, and mulch: [REDACTED]

Irrigation system materials: [REDACTED]

Raised planter materials: [REDACTED]

Composting setup: [REDACTED]

Details of capital equipment costs over £1,000 (if relevant):

Tools and equipment for gardening (e.g., spades, hoes, mulchers, storage bags, wheelbarrows, watering cans, etc.): [REDACTED]

Installation of a storage shed for tools and materials: [REDACTED]

Details of consultancy costs over £1,000 (if relevant):

Ecological consultant: [REDACTED] for biodiversity monitoring, soil testing, and environmental impact assessment.

Details of other costs over £1,000 (if relevant)

Workshop materials (e.g., pamphlets, training guides, and workshop kits): [REDACTED]

Marketing and community engagement materials (radio, flyers, banners, social media promotions): [REDACTED]

Maintenance fund for the garden post-project: [REDACTED]

If your project budget was prepared in another currency and converted to GBP, please provide the exchange rate, its source, and the date it was accessed:

Other currency:	Exchange rate:	Source of this exchange rate:	Date exchange rate accessed:
No Response	No Response	No Response	No Response

Darwin Plus Local has been created to build capacity and contribute to local economies in-territory (Guidance section 2.1.1 and section 1.8.4 of the Finance Guidance).

In-territory spend is defined in Darwin Plus Local as including funding spent on:

- Equipment purchased in-territory;
- Equipment that cannot be acquired in-territory and is therefore purchased abroad, but will remain and be used in-territory beyond the life of the proposed Darwin Plus Local project;
- Training or skills that cannot be acquired in-territory and are therefore purchased abroad, but will be used in-territory beyond the life of the proposed Darwin Plus Local project;
- Time for consultants or staff based in-territory.

In-territory spend does not include:

- Time for consultants or staff who are based abroad, even if they travel to the OT to undertake the work;
- Shipping and import costs for equipment purchased abroad;
- Travel and subsistence costs where they incur spend outside the OT.

What % of the total will be spent in-territory? 87

If less than 80% of the total project spend is to be spent in-territory, please explain why.

No Response

Section 8 - Local and National Priorities

Q11. Local and national priorities

Please explain how this project aligns with local and national priorities? You may wish to consider the project in the context of national environmental laws, objectives, strategies, territory specific agreements, action plans or policies.

The ACF Gardens project aligns with Montserrat's local and national priorities regarding environmental sustainability, food security, and community development.

- Environmental Priorities: The project supports Montserrat's commitment to biodiversity conservation and habitat restoration by introducing 15+ plant species, including native and underutilised crops. This aligns with national strategies to protect local ecosystems and enhance biodiversity. The garden will create a microhabitat for pollinators, contributing to the restoration of Montserrat's ecological balance.

- Food Security: The project addresses Montserrat's reliance on imported food by increasing local production. Cultivating diverse crops will improve food security, reduce import dependency, and support national goals for self-sufficiency in agriculture. It will also provide affordable, nutritious produce to the community, improving residents' access to fresh food.

Community Engagement: The ACF Gardens will engage local residents through workshops and hands-on activities, empowering them with sustainable farming skills and fostering environmental awareness. This aligns with national priorities to strengthen community resilience and capacity-building and promote long-term environmental stewardship.

In summary, the ACF Gardens directly supports Montserrat's environmental, agricultural, and community priorities, contributing to the island's more sustainable and self-sufficient future.

Will the project...

Take place on Government owned land or water?

☒ No

Involve biocontrol, invasive alien species control or eradication?

☒ No

Require permit(s) from Government departments for completion of activities?

☒ No

If you have answered yes to any of the questions above, please attach evidence that you have Government support for this project i.e. a Letter of Support. Applications which indicate that they do not take place on Government land or water, but which propose work that appears to the reviewers would be difficult/impossible to carry out without working on government land or waters may be ineligible if no Letter of Support is provided.

No Response

Section 9 - Project Risks

Q12. Project Risks

Please demonstrate your consideration of any risks involved in this project and how you intend to manage them. Please note the importance of health and safety and environmental risk assessment in the design of your project. If there is any possibility that your project may have negative impacts on the environment or

human health, it is important that you provide a comprehensive analysis of potential environmental and human health risks, and the prevention measures you will take to ensure the work does not cause harm.

Depending on your project, you may wish to consider:

- Biosecurity risks – particularly for projects involving external equipment.
- Safeguarding risks – particularly for projects involving vulnerable groups such as children, older people or people with disabilities.
For example, you should consider the ratio of vulnerable people or children to adults, ensuring there are appropriate background checks of all staff, and informing vulnerable groups and children of their right to safety and protection.

Risk	Mitigation
Biosecurity Risks (Introduction of Invasive Species or Pests): Introducing new plant species could inadvertently bring invasive species or pests that harm local ecosystems.	- Only source plants from reputable local suppliers with a history of disease-free plants. - Conduct thorough screening and quarantine any new plant species before introducing them into the garden. - Monitor the garden regularly for signs of pests or disease and take immediate action to isolate and manage any outbreaks.
Health and Safety Risks (Injury from Tools or Equipment):	- Provide basic safety training for all volunteers and participants on the proper use of tools and equipment. - Ensure that all tools are well-maintained, stored safely, and checked regularly for damage. - Implement clear safety signage and guidelines within the garden to reduce the risk of accidents, particularly in high-traffic areas.
Safeguarding Risks (Vulnerable Groups at Workshops or Activities): Vulnerable groups, such as children or elderly participants, may be exposed to unsafe conditions or inappropriate behaviour during community activities.	- Uphold a zero-tolerance approach to sexual exploitation, abuse, and harassment. Implement strict policies to prevent such incidents and ensure all staff and volunteers are trained on identifying, preventing, and responding to these issues. - Make reasonable efforts to address gender inequality and power imbalances by promoting an inclusive, respectful environment where all participants have equal access and opportunities. - Ensure appropriate safeguarding measures, including maintaining a safe staff-to-participant ratio during workshops or garden tours to provide adequate supervision.

Do you require more fields?

☒ No

Section 10 - Terms & Conditions

Q13. Terms and conditions (Guidance section 3.10)

By applying for Darwin Plus Local you are adhering in full to the grant Terms and Conditions in full (available at: <https://darwinplus.org.uk/how-to-apply/local-applications/> and as referenced in the Guidance at section 3.10). For information, the Terms and Conditions include requirements for all applicants to (amongst other requirements as per the full Terms and Conditions):

- Uphold a zero tolerance for inaction approach to tackling sexual exploitation, abuse, and harassment.
- Where appropriate, make all reasonable and adequate efforts to address gender inequality and other power imbalances.
- Notify all cases of fraud and theft (whether proven or suspected) relating to the project to the Grant Administrator as soon as they identified.

Please indicate you have read, and understood, and will adhere to the Terms and Conditions.

Checked

Supporting documents list (please have these ready to attach with application)

- Cover Letter of no more than two A4 pages. (Guidance section: 4.2 has information on what this cover letter should include).
- If the project takes place on public land or water, is addressing invasive alien species or includes activities requiring a permit, a Letter of support from OT Government.
- Project Workplan in the template provided for Darwin Plus Local (available at: <https://darwinplus.org.uk/how-to-apply/local-applications/>).
- Map and additional information (optional) maximum five additional pages.

If your application is successful

If your project application is successful, the Fund Administrator (NIRAS) will ask you to provide some financial evidence for due diligence checks before you receive your project grant. (Please see section 3.3 of the Darwin Plus Local Finance Guidance). Please be ready to provide this evidence promptly.

- **Financial evidence for organisations:** Year-end financial statements, the latest management accounts or audited accounts (if you have these).
- **Financial evidence for individuals:** Proof of identity such as a passport, ID card or driving licence and solvency (such as bank statements) and a police check.

Section 11 - Certification

Certification

I certify that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the statements made in this application are true and the information provided is correct.

Checked

I have the authority to submit an application on behalf of my organisation.

Checked

Name:	Sawandi Cassell
Position in the organisation: (if applicable)	Managing Director

Signature (please upload e-signature)	 SawandiCassell Signature
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Section 12 - Submission Checklist

Checklist for submission

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I have read the Guidance documents, including the “Darwin Plus Local Guidance” and the “Darwin Plus Local Finance Guidance”.	Checked
If my proposed project takes place on public lands or water or is addressing alien invasive species, I have uploaded a Letter of Support from Government.	Unchecked
I have uploaded a cover letter that details the information requested in the guidance (Guidance section 4.2 has information on what this cover letter should include).	Checked
I have read, and can meet, the current Terms and Conditions for this fund (found at: https://darwinplus.org.uk/apply/local-applications/) for this fund.	Checked
I have provided actual start and end dates for my project that fit this Round.	Checked
I have provided my summary budget based on UK government financial years i.e. 1 April – 31 March and in GBP in the application form.	Checked
I have uploaded my project workplan using the specific template provided (available at: https://darwinplus.org.uk/apply/local-applications/).	Checked
I have uploaded all supplementary documents if I have any.	Checked
(If copying and pasting into Flexi-Grant) I have checked that all my responses have been successfully copied into the online application form.	Checked
The application has been signed by a suitably authorised individual (clear electronic or scanned signatures are acceptable).	Checked
I have checked the Darwin Plus website immediately prior to submission to ensure there are no late updates.	Checked
I have read and understood the Privacy Notice on the Darwin Plus website.	Checked

We would like to keep in touch!

Please check this box if you would be happy for the lead applicant (Flexi-Grant Account Holder) and project leader (if different) to be added to our mailing list. Through our mailing list we share updates on upcoming and current application rounds under Darwin Plus. We also provide occasional updates on other UK Government activities related to biodiversity conservation and share project news. You are free to unsubscribe at any time.

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Data protection and use of personal data

Information supplied in the application form, including personal data, will be used by Defra as set out in the **Privacy Notice**, available from the [Forms and Guidance Portal](#).

This Privacy Notice must be provided to all individuals whose personal data is supplied in the application form. Some information may be used when publicising Darwin Plus including project details (usually title, lead partner, project leader, location, and total grant value).