

## **Southern Water Community Support Programme A guide to our donations and sponsorship policy**

Southern Water encourages requests for donations from a wide range of organisations, community groups and individuals.

However, it is impossible to offer financial support to everyone who requests it and it may be helpful to explain our policy regarding requests.

For the best chance of being awarded a grant, please highlight how your application meets our policies when filling in the form.

\*Southern Water only supports organisations and projects from within the area we serve – Kent, Sussex, Hampshire and the Isle of Wight.

\*We provide grants which reflect the nature of our business and have an emphasis on the environment, education and communities in which we work.

\*We support education initiatives which encourage an understanding of the water cycle, its supply and treatment and how wastewater is recycled back into the environment.

\*We support initiatives in schools and communities which promote water efficiency.

\*Southern Water is keen to support schools and community groups who improve their environment – through initiatives such as water efficient gardens, ponds and wildlife habitats.

\*We offer donations up to a maximum of £200 from a Community Chest to support small projects by individuals and groups in their communities. Those based on education, the environment or communities will be given priority.

\*We will not provide support to any political party, health service related appeal, medical research or religious organisations.

\*We will not take advertising space in wall charts, diaries, local government or charitable publications.

\*We do not support overseas charities. The only overseas charity we support is WaterAid, the recognised charity of the water industry, which provides safe water and sanitation in developing countries and is supported by our staff.

