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The 153rd Open Legacy Fund



The 153rd Open Legacy Fund - Introduction

The fund is dedicated to supporting the communities in which The Open is held, with the aim of leaving a lasting positive legacy.

The Open Legacy Fund aims to leave a positive impact on the local community in which the Championship is staged with a focus on sustainability. The fund will support applications for projects which support one or more priority areas through Greenlinks, The Open's sustainability programme.

- Embracing low carbon technologies,
- Moving toward a circular economy,
- Promoting and protecting nature,
- Enhancing social value.

Eligible projects can submit applications for funding awards ranging from £1,000 - £20,000.



The 153rd Open Legacy Fund – Application process

Applications submitted by fully constituted, non-project groups, where the activities benefit the Portrush community area.

Applications will be made through an electronic application form.

The application process will remain open from Wednesday 28th May 2025 until Sunday 27th July 2025 (one week after The 153rd Open).

Successful applicants will be announced no later than Friday 31st October 2025.

Applications will be reviewed by a panel consisting of representatives from The R&A and The 153rd Open Legacy Working Group.

Applications will be scored against a series of criteria:

- **Priority:** *The proposed project's relevance to one or more of the four Greenlinks priority themes.*
- **Impact:** *The likelihood that the project will make a lasting impact for the community of Portrush.*
- **Project Management:** *Proposed management, timeline, budget, and match-funding (where applicable).*

Successful applicants will be required to enter into a funding agreement and follow a reporting process to record the positive impact of successful funding awards.