

CONDITIONS

The **KEITH OWEN FUND (SVA)** invites Applications from persons or organisations wishing to receive a monetary Award. In the first instance Applications may be made in Outline, giving some idea of the proposal or concept. Every Application will be considered under the terms recommended by the late Keith Owen. We recommend that you study these before submitting your Application, (particularly Para. 3).

After your full Application has been received it will be evaluated and assessed to ensure its viability and that it is in accord with the intentions of the Fund.

1.(A) Aims of the Fund

The aim of the Fund is in accord with the Objects of the Constitution of the SVA, viz "To protect develop and improve for the benefit of the public the beauties amenities and heritage of the Valley of the River Sid in East Devon and its environs by stimulating public interest . . . in conservation" (*Art.3, Rev. Constt, April 1999*). The Fund will endeavour to serve the memory of its Founder in the furtherance of his wishes.

(B) Geographical limits

Awards will be geographically limited to projects within the SVA Geographical boundary – the Valley of the River Sid, its environs, and the coast immediately adjacent to Sidmouth (i.e. from Weston Mouth to High Peak).

2. The Grants Committee

- (a) This is a Sub-committee of the Executive Committee of the SVA.
- (b) The work of this committee will be to seek out from the general public - additional proposals, projects, ideas and concepts. It will investigate, encourage and evaluate new projects, within the local community; to maximise the most effective use of the available money.
- (c) The committee's decisions will acknowledge Keith's wish that we 'should think big', to 'think outside the box', to 'plant a million bulbs!'
- (d) The successful Recipients must accept the condition that they acknowledge their indebtedness to the Keith Owen Fund (SVA)
- (e) Those who receive Awards from the Keith Owen Fund will be subject to periodic review to ensure the Award is being used for the purposes applied for, and that work is subject to the agreed terms and best standards.

3. Suggestions made by The Founder on the type of projects which could receive Awards.

- (a) for the purchase and maintenance of such items as will enhance the local environment for the enjoyment of both residents and visitors, e.g. the purchase and maintenance of plants, trees, bulbs, endangered species of plants or trees, seats, bird hides, etc.
- (b) to support and encourage conservation and respect for the countryside, where possible through the engagement of schools and/or other youth organisations in planting projects, e.g. bulbs in the Byes; the involvement of young people, local schools, and youth organisations, etc.
- (c) to encourage walkers to enjoy and experience the local coast-line, the Sid Valley, and adjoining parts of East Devon, e.g. viewpoints on hilltops and elsewhere, seats, rest huts for walkers, etc.
- (e) to encourage the local community firstly: to suggest practical ideas for the enhancement of life within the Sid Valley and its environs e.g. by the provision of an auditorium on SVA land to feature lectures on Natural History, Open-air Concerts, etc., and secondly to encourage philanthropy among winners, e.g. the acceptance and approval of a project could result in the Proposer being awarded a prize which is to be split between a reward for the proposer, and a community project which the Proposer can philanthropically nominate as a co-recipient. The Proposer could also have the right to give a Public Name to their project.
- (f) Examples referred to in paras. 3(a) to 3(e) are not intended to be any restriction upon other comparable uses. These Terms are to be interpreted flexibly, and within the spirit of the Founder's intentions.

6. The aims and objectives of the Keith Owen Fund shall be carried out by authorized volunteers, as is normal SVA practice.

7. The strength of the SVA lies in the voluntary engagement by many of its supporters in improving the quality of life for both residents and visitors. For this reason, the income from the Fund may not be used for subsidising the administration costs; nor for paid employment, except in respect of any unavoidable professional fees or where contractors have to be engaged for specialist work.

8. The Grants Committee is concerned with making assessments of viability and approving Awards. All approved Awards are to be recommended by the Grants Committee in confidence to the Executive Committee; who in turn will be responsible for arranging payment, publicity, and press announcements.

9. If any Proposal is rejected as being inconsistent with the aims of the KOF (SVA), applicants shall have the Right of Appeal to the Executive Committee, whose decision shall be final.

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