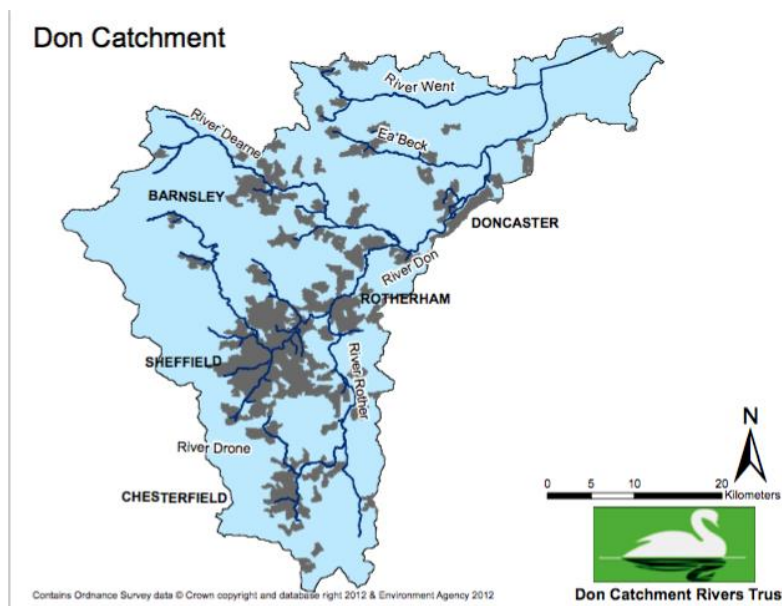


Don Network Community Grants

The Don Network brings together a range of existing groups and individuals who have a common interest; protecting, improving and enhancing the rivers in the Don Catchment.

The Don Network is offering five grants of up to £2000 (£10 000 in total), one in each of the catchment operational areas (Upper, Middle and Lower Don, Dearne and Rother, see map below). The grants are available to community groups and must be of benefit to the river and/or immediate environment. Examples could include funding a volunteer river clean up or small-scale habitat improvements.



Who is eligible?

The grants are available to community groups in the Don catchment.

What are the priorities of the network?

The Don Network Plan sets out opportunities, outcomes and actions for the River Don. The priorities for the plan were decided at workshops held in 2014 and are;

- Engaging communities with the river and opening up access
- Habitat creation and improvement
- Tackling pollution
- Green infrastructure
- Tackling invasive non-native species

Grant applications must contribute to at least one of these priorities.

How will the grants be decided?

The grant applications will be assessed by a panel made up of members of the Don Network and chaired by the Don Catchment Rivers Trust. Grants will be awarded to the projects that

best meet the priorities of the Don Network and the Don Network Plan. Priority will also be given to projects with a strong element of public access or inclusion, such as volunteer involvement. The plan can be downloaded from <http://www.dcr.org.uk/the-don-network/the-don-plan> .

What is the deadline?

Grant applications should be sent to donnetwork@dcr.org.uk by 30 December 2016.

What the grant will not fund

- Individuals, profit making or local authority organisations
- Organisation costs in excess of 10% of the grant value
- Core costs of an organisation such as office equipment
- Project management charges, feasibility studies, tender costs
- Items of personal kit or equipment such as tablets or telephones
- Work that has already taken place
- Projects that are purely for research

How do I apply?

Please supply the following information

- Name and contact details for your organisation
- Description of your organisation, including a copy of your constitution or governing document
- Description of your project
- How your project contributes to the priorities of the Don Network
- Expected outcomes and long term impacts of your project
- Total estimated cost of your project and the total amount requested from the Don Network
- Planned start and end dates of your project
- Cost breakdown detailing every item you intend to purchase with your grant, including goods and services
- Details of other sources of funding for your project
- Details of how you intend to promote your project

Please limit your written application to no more than three sides of A4. Where relevant please supply photographs that help to describe the project.

You will be expected to provide before and after photos of your project so that the good work of community groups can be publicised.

Completed applications should be sent to donnetwork@dcr.org.uk by 30 December 2016.