

'Love Your Network - England' Guidelines (2026)

'Love Your Network - England' provides equipment for small community-led projects that support litter picking and maintenance activities on traffic-free sections of the National Cycle Network in England.

Communities play a crucial role in encouraging others to walk, wheel and cycle for more of the journeys they make every day, by making areas more enjoyable to travel through. 'Love Your Network - England' supports communities to look after traffic-free sections of National Cycle Network by providing litter picking equipment and hand tools for maintenance.

Why fund this?

Walk Wheel Cycle Trust only has maintenance responsibilities for a small portion of the National Cycle Network in England, where we support maintenance volunteering. We encourage voluntary care across all areas of traffic-free Network in England, but we also aim to support those community groups that are already helping to look after their local routes or are hoping to begin.

Travelling along safe, clean routes can make routes more appealing, journeys more enjoyable and increases everyone's confidence in their travel.

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Who can apply?

'Love Your Network - England' is available to constituted community groups, or organisations supporting voluntary action, e.g., trusts, charities, social enterprises, etc. If you are an informal group without a constitution, but can otherwise demonstrate your organisation and action, please contact us so we can help with this.

Individuals and profit-making companies are not eligible to apply.

The projects must take place on traffic-free sections of the National Cycle Network, as shown using the solid orange line on the [National Cycle Network map](#).

What support can we get?

'Love Your Network - England' offers a range of hand tools and equipment to the value of between £500 - £1000 (in some circumstances we may be able to provide equipment beyond this value) to help your group care for the National Cycle Network this includes:

- A range of litter picking equipment including pickers, bag hoops and carts etc.
- Tools for cutting back vegetation such as shears and loppers and equipment for clearing debris from the path including brooms, shovels etc.
- Personal Protective Equipment such as gloves, eye protection and hi-vis vests to help you care for the Network safely

Please download our "Equipment Request Spreadsheet" from our [website](#) which contains a list of tools from our suppliers at [Tudor Environmental](#) and [Helping Hand Environmental](#) before you apply.

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What is not eligible?

The following is not an exhaustive list. Walk Wheel Cycle Trust holds the right to refuse applications which contain elements not listed here:

- Staff time or wages
- Fuel costs
- Construction of paths
- Structural repairs to existing infrastructure e.g. walls, bridges, etc.
- Installation of artwork or interpretation
- Areas not on traffic-free sections of the National Cycle Network.
- Power tools

Permissions

Landowner permission will be required for your project if you are making changes to land or the environment using tools or management practices. Should your application be successful, you will be asked to provide proof of this. Please obtain this in writing in advance of submitting your application. If you need advice on how to do this, please get in touch.

Written permission is not required for litter picking activities.

For applications with large changes, you will also need to demonstrate that you are covered by **public liability insurance**. Should your application be successful you will be asked for proof of this.

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Please note - where we have maintenance responsibilities, or where there are complex land management agreements in place, we may not be able to support your application.

Measuring impact

To measure the impact of the grant, Walk Wheel Cycle Trust requires groups to:

For all activity:

- Provide photos and quotes from the group showing the impact of your project.
- Record the number of volunteers involved in your activity.
- Record the number of hours spent carrying out activities. *E.g. if your group of 4 people spend 2 hours litter picking on a route, you would record 8 hours in total for that activity.*
- Complete a feedback form within 6 months of receiving the equipment.
- Potentially become a case study for 'Love Your Network - England' (optional).

For maintenance activities:

- Record the length of the route that you have maintained.

For litter picking activities:

- Record of the number of litter bags filled.

Deadline for applications

Applications will be assessed monthly from 14th February 2026 – 14th June 2026

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The 2025/26 round will close at 23:59 on Sunday 14th June 2026. We reserve the right to close early or extend this date.

How do I apply?

Please read this guidance before beginning your application.

A step-by-step application guide is available on our [website](#) to help with you. The application form can be found [here](#).

Please download the **"Equipment Request Spreadsheet"** from our [website](#) which shows equipment available through the grant. Add the quantity of each item you would like to request and send the completed form to LYNengland@walkwhheelcycletrust.org.uk before completing your application form.

While we encourage you to request only items listed in the spreadsheet, if there is any equipment you require that is not listed and is available through our suppliers at Tudor Environmental or Helping Hand Environmental, please add the value of this where indicated. The spreadsheet will automatically calculate the total cost for you. Take note of this figure as you will need to provide it in the application form.

	Tool	Product name	Item cost (inc.VAT)	Item number	Number required	Cost
Helping Hands Environmental	Standard litter picker (single)	Community Recycled Litter Picker	£10.00	N/A		£0.00
	Standard litter picker (5 pack)	Community Recycled Litter Picker	£45.00	N/A		£0.00
	Standard litter picker (10 pack)	Community Recycled Litter Picker	£90.00	N/A		£0.00
	Standard litter picker (30 pack)	Community Recycled Litter Picker	£270.00	N/A		£0.00
	Heavy duty litter picker	Ranger MAX Straight Heavy Duty Litter Picker	£19.00	N/A		£0.00
	Folding litter picker	Litter Picker PRO Folding Litter Picker	£14.99	N/A		£0.00
	Kids litter picker	Graptor Kids Litter Picker	£13.00	N/A		£0.00
	Long reach litter picker (72")	Litter Picker PRO Litter Picker	£40.00	N/A		£0.00
	Litter hoop	Handi Hoop PRO Litter Picking Hoop	£10.99	N/A		£0.00
	Lightweight foldable litter cart	Handi Cart LITE - Foldable Litter Picking Cart	£149.99	N/A		£0.00
Helping Hands Environmental	Foldable litter cart (holds 2 bags)	Handi Cart DUO - Dual Recycling Cart	£160.00	N/A		£0.00
	Heavy duty litter cart	Handi Cart PRO - Volunteer Litter Picking Cart	£400.00	N/A		£0.00
	Childrens safety gloves	Reusable Safety Gloves - Adult or Kids	£3.33	N/A		£0.00
	Adults safety gloves	Reusable Safety Gloves - Adult or Kids	£4.99	N/A		£0.00
	Children's hi-vis vest	Hi Vis Reflective Safety Vest - Kids	£4.16	N/A		£0.00
	Adults hi-vis vest	Hi Vis Reflective Safety Vest - Adults	£5.99	N/A		£0.00
Sub total:						£0.00
Cost of additional equipment not listed:						
Total:						£0.00

1. Enter the number of each item you are requesting in this column

2. Enter the value of any unlisted equipment here

3. Take note of the "Total" figure for the application form

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Within the application form you will be asked to let us know how the activities you will carry out with the tool/equipment will impact the community, the environment and people using the route. This information will be key for us in deciding whether your application is successful, so please spend some time on this.

If your application is successful, we will contact you to confirm your choice of equipment and ask you to provide proof of landowner permission and public liability insurance (where applicable).

You will be contacted by Walk Wheel Cycle Trust for an initial discussion if your project is eligible. If it is not eligible, you will receive email notification.

Terms and conditions

By applying for 'Love Your Network - England', you agree to:

- Walk Wheel Cycle Trust contacting you about your project.
- Use the equipment as outlined in your application, or tell us if that changes.
- Give feedback on your project using the feedback form provided, share photos and quotes with Walk Wheel Cycle Trust showing the impact of 'Love Your Network - England' in your area and provide information outlined in the "Measuring impact" section of this document.
- Share a celebratory post on your social media once you have received your equipment - this will help us promote the work that Walk Wheel Cycle Trust does and encourage others to get involved in our cause.

If you have any queries, please contact us at:

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