

“Supporting projects like this and giving back to areas in which we operate is a key part of what we do. The Tarmac Landfill Communities Fund has made all this possible and we hope the all-ability cycle track and newly renovated Cottonmill Community & Cycling Centre is used by generations of Sopwell for years to come.”

Mike Pendock, strategic planning manager

People

Communities

Tarmac landfill communities fund

At Tarmac we are committed to being a good neighbour and playing our part in enabling local communities to thrive. As part of this, we're proud to support projects benefitting people and the environment in the areas in which we operate.

The Landfill Communities Fund enables landfill operators, like us, to donate part of their annual tax liability to enrolled environmental bodies for a variety of valuable community and environmental projects.

Through the fund, we donate around £1 million each year to projects throughout England. In 2023, we donated £1,171,877 to 46 different projects. Here are a few highlights from the year:

A donation of £140,000 from the Tarmac Landfill Communities Fund helped to build a brand-new community hall in Nottinghamshire, one hundred years after the previous building was funded by a similar donation. Work started on its replacement in early 2023, and the new building was completed on 1 December.

The new community hall can accommodate up to 200 people standing and 96 people seated. It has everything needed for community events, as well as a meeting room, clerk's office, and accessible toilets. The hall has already hosted a number of events, and community groups were excited to move back into the facility.

A £25,000 boost from the Tarmac Landfill Communities Fund has seen Cottonmill Community & Cycling Centre, in Sopwell, St Albans, create a new cycle track for the community to enjoy.



The much-needed funding has enabled the completion of an outdoor all-ability cycle track, which forms part of a wider redevelopment of the facility. The wider project included the restoration of existing dirt jumps and a cyclo-cross course, as well as an upgrade of the main hall which features a café, kitchen area and Changing Places toilets.

To further encourage outdoor activities, the Landfill Communities Fund also contributed to a new children's play area on Hadrian's Wall at The Sill: National Landscape Discovery Centre. The play area has several unique features to provide a variety of stimulating challenges for children under 12 years of age with different abilities. The playscape is also home to an extensive sandpit to encourage children to pretend to shape their own National Park landscape.

At the time the Sill project was opened, John Riley, Tarmac's North and Scotland operations director, said: "We're immensely proud of the projects supported through the Tarmac Landfill Communities Fund, and the work we do with communities across the UK to improve the quality of outdoor spaces."