

GRANTS 2006-2007

The trust received 360 applications in the year to April 2007, pretty well one a day! As there were 358 applications in the 14-month period (because of the change in the meeting date) of the previous year, this is again quite an increase. However, there were quite a number of "wasted" applications from well out of our core area. We are getting fewer of these applications in the current year, and probably fewer overall, so I think potential applicants are learning to refine their search techniques.

In practice, it is not possible to give serious consideration to more than thirty to forty applications at a meeting, and it is part of my job as secretary to vet the applications and provide a shortlist. Although I do this by reference to our grant selection criteria, the choices are inevitably to some extent personal, so all the trustees receive a list and résumé of all the applications, and can call for applications to be brought to the next meeting.

Click [here](#) for a list of grants awarded at our September 2006 meeting.

Click [here](#) for a list of grants awarded at our March 2007 meeting.

Click [here](#) for a list of grants actually paid in the 2006-07 financial year.

There is a discrepancy between grants awarded and grants paid, as many grants are for building and other similar long-term projects, and we do not release grants for such projects until all the funds needed have been raised and the project started.

As before, I have picked out a few of the grants to provide a bit more [background information](#).

For statistical purposes, we try to keep a record of how grants paid fall geographically, by category of beneficiary, and by the use to which the grant will be put. The pigeon-holing is somewhat subjective, as charities often fall into more than one category (eg Great Ormond Street Hospital would come under "Medical and Disablement" rather than "Youth and Children". This information is collated into [pie-charts](#) for the year, according to grants awarded. You will see that there is a clear emphasis towards the west country, with 85% of the grants being allocated there.