

## November Update

### **The Beck Burn Wind Farm Community Fund**

EDF Energy Renewables set up the fund to support local communities close to the Beck Burn Wind Farm.

There is £155,000 annually available.

ARTHURET PARISH COUNCIL CAN BID, LIKE ANY OTHER GROUP/ORGANISATION FOR GRANTS FOR SPECIFIC PROJECTS.

The fund is open to bids from all Community/Groups in the eligible Parish/Community councils.

This year we applied for funding for

**Phase 1 of the Border Reivers Heritage project** that will be based in the Council Rooms. We aim to provide a facility that celebrates the history of The Debatable Lands and give both local and visitors the opportunity to learn more, through visual displays and access to volunteers and computer software to research their family history. We received £4,000 towards this project.

### **Dollies Brae play park**

To renew the climbing frame/slide

This piece of play equipment needs replacing.

We applied for £7,748 and received £3,211 towards this project. The clerk is currently applying for funding to cover the full cost.

As well as the parish council benefitting with the above projects, a number of other groups/organisations in the parish have also received grants. Details of these can be confirmed on Cumbria Community Foundations website in the near future. Once these are made available to the clerk to publicise an update will be added to the parish council's website.

20% of the amount, £31,050, is ring fenced to fund EDF priorities to support Education and Training.

The Community Fund Advisory Panel comprised of a representative from each of the parish/community councils who will benefit, recommend the priorities for the fund and agree what grant applications are supported.

Arthuret Parish Councils representative on the panel is Cllr Gordon Routledge City Cllr Raynor Bloxham and County Cllr Val Tarbitt are also on the panel although neither have a vote.

Each of the 8 Parish//Community councils receive £5,000 annually to give grants to the local community organisations within their boundaries (with an upper limit of £1,000) agreed by Cumbria Community Foundation.

In this first year of receiving the £5,000 Arthuret Parish Council have, to date, given grants to the following.

Easton Village Hall Committee £600

Young person to help with sport travel costs £300

Longtown W.I. £350

1<sup>st</sup> Longtown Rainbows £150

Eskdale House £150

Virginia Lodge £150

Longtown Brownies £150

Longtown Bowling Club £250

Longtown Army Cadets £150

Longtown Primary School Breakfast Club £200

Saturday and Sunday Football teams £300 each of which £500 pays for cleaning the changing rooms annually

The aim this year was to support as many local groups as we could. Local groups can apply for a grant, please contact the parish clerk if you would like more information.

The Beck Burn Wind Farm Community fund supports local communities located close to the Beck Burn Wind Farm. The fund is divided into three elements.

1. Standard grants will be between £1,000 - £20,000 (larger grants will also be considered) for further information on the criteria for the standard grant please click the following link.

[www.cumriafoundation.org](http://www.cumriafoundation.org)

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2. Education & training grants, including bursaries, travel, equipment and training. For further information on this element of the fund, please click on the following link

Beck Burn Education Bursary on

[www.cumbriafoundation.org](http://www.cumbriafoundation.org)

3. Small grants of up to £1,000, administered through each of the Parish/Community Councils of Rockcliffe, Westlinton, Arthuret, Kirkandrews on Esk, Springfield & Gretna Green, Kirkpatrick Fleming & District, Canonbie & District and Gretna and Rigg. Please contact your local Parish Council as to the availability of these funds.

#### **Am I eligible?**

It is important that you read the eligibility guidelines below before you think about applying to make sure that you meet the criteria for a grant. Further information can be found on Grantscape website. For any further information regarding the Beck Burn Wind Farm please contact [gary@cumbriafoundation.org](mailto:gary@cumbriafoundation.org)

#### Next fund deadline and application forms

The next deadline for applications to Beck Burn Windfarm Fund is 9<sup>th</sup> March 2018; the following links on Cumbria Community Foundations website will take you there if you want more information.

## Standard Grant Group Application Form

## Beck Burn Wind Farm Education and Training Fund Application Form

Office 01900 825760

### Play areas

As part of the Planning conditions Oakmere Homes, the developers of the Sawmill site housing, have paid a sum of £15,000 to the Parish Council. This sum of money is towards provision of play equipment at the play area between Old Road and Lochinvar Close. The quotes we have received have given an estimated cost in the region of £37,000 to renew the play area. This park was taken over by the Parish Council from Carlisle City Council (their plan was to remove it and the parish didn't want to see Longtown lose play provision.) This area needs tidied up and we are hopeful that in the longer term we can also build a Multi-Use Games Area back on the existing courts. Planning permission for 100 homes between Old Road and Briar Lea Court will bring funding from Gleeson, the developers, to provide play facilities. This will be open to the community to comment and give us their ideas once we know when we will be likely to receive this money.

The Parish Council agreed with Riverside Housing to take over their 3 play areas, Moor Crescent, Raefield and The Square otherwise they were to be removed. The legal agreement was signed in May and we are awaiting Riversides confirmation that this is finalised.

The Multi Use Games Area in the car park of the old Lochinvar School site is now owned by William Howard Trust. Before Longtown Primary School changed over the MUGA was available to use in the community, most of you will be aware this is no longer open to use outside school hours.

### **CCTV Cameras**

Taking on board representation from a member of the public at a Parish Council meeting earlier this year, the Parish Council agreed in principle to look at the practicalities of getting 2 CCTV cameras reinstated in Longtown. We have been in discussion with providers and now have quotes, although in the early stages, we are progressing and looking to secure the funding to take this forward.

### **Turbine transportation**

The final transportation of the blades for the wind turbines to Hallburn will be on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> November. The bus shelter on English Street will be reinstated and the temporary one removed soon after. The works in Swan Street to reinstate the road and tree works will be postponed until after the Christmas period. The reason for this is the upheaval it will

create for businesses and locals in the lead up to Christmas as there will need to be temporary traffic lights in place over a period of a week.

### **Vacancies on Parish Council**

If anyone living in the parish would like to know more about filling vacancies on the council please contact the clerk either by e-mail [karenjo@carlisle.gov.uk](mailto:karenjo@carlisle.gov.uk) telephone 01228 791739 or at the Council Office 9 Esk Street Longtown.

Parish Councillors commit their time and work for the parish with no payment, it is voluntary.

### **Hallburn Wind Farm Community Fund**

There is £66,000 annually available to bid through Grantscape who manage the funding on behalf of REG Windpower.

Arthuret Parish Council is one of 5 parishes eligible to apply for funding.

Arthuret, Kirkandrews on Esk, Heathersgill, Kirklington Middle and Westlinton are the parishes who can benefit.

Each of the parishes have 1 nominated representative, along with the County and City Councillors elected to the area these make up the Advisory Panel who consider the grant applications and decide whether or not the bid is supported. All members of the panel have a vote. Arthuret Parish Council representative is Cllr Sir James Graham with Cllr Gordon Routledge as reserve.

There are 2 panel meetings each year to agree grants. The first one was held in October when 50% of this year's funding was allocated.

ARTHURET PARISH COUNCIL DO NOT RECEIVE ANY FUNDING DIRECT FROM THIS POT OF MONEY.

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Web links

<http://www.grantscape.org.uk/fund/hallburn-wind-farm-community-benefit-fund/>

Any queries regarding the Hallburn Wind Farm Community Pot should be directed through Grantscape. Arthuret Parish Council welcomes any suggestions for future projects in the parish.

Please direct any queries through either the parish clerk  
01228 791739

[karenjo@carlisle.gov.uk](mailto:karenjo@carlisle.gov.uk)

Council Office 9, Esk Street Longtown CA6 5PU

Through the form available on the parish council website  
[arthuretparishcouncil.co.uk](http://arthuretparishcouncil.co.uk)

Projects supported at round 1 can be found on the link adding grants-awarded/ to above Grantscape link.

Arthuret Parish Council submitted 2 grant applications to round 1

**Senior citizens Christmas Party** applied for £900 received £500

The senior citizens Christmas Party is an annual parish council party that is open to residents of Arthuret Parish aged 70 years or over. This is well supported and feedback each year has been all positive. The party costs in the region of £1,500 but is a free event. The cost of the party is met through grants, fund raising, and kind donations from local residents.

**Enhance festive lights displays** applied for £3,327 received £2,000

The solar powered hanging trees on the lamp posts along the main street are part of this funding. The original bid was for 2 trees per lamp column, as we did not receive the entire grant we have had to scale down the project. In addition the Parish Council will be planting 4 foot trees in each of the 4 flower beds at the centre of the town that will be lit up.