

Hallburn Wind Farm

The REG Power Management Hallburn Wind Farm project is committed to providing an annual Community Benefit Fund of £60,000 for community projects.

The fund will allow groups to apply for grants between £250 and £20,000. There will be 2 application rounds each year. Half of the available annual funding (£30,000) will be available at each funding round. Any funds not allocated at each round will be carried forward until the next year.

Project location

Projects for which grants

Grantscape

Tel No 01908 247635 are administering the Community Fund grant applications.

Hallburn are requested must be located within the Parishes of, Arthuret, Kirkandrews on Esk, Heathersgill, Kirkclinton Middle and Westlinton. A map showing the funding area is available on the Grantscape website.

www.grantscape.org.uk

Project Purpose

The fund is open to any community project which is for the benefit of residents of the local area.

Some examples of the type of projects the Fund will support are given below.

- Projects to improve public amenities e.g. Community halls, sports facilities
- Footpath works
- Environment and wildlife projects, including projects to improve public parks and open spaces.
- Activities/events to engage the local community.
- Energy efficiency or renewable energy projects, such as insulation, efficient boilers or small scale renewable energy installations.

Eligible Organisations

Eligible Organisations who can apply for funding include

1. Voluntary Community Groups
2. Parish Councils
3. Local Authorities (if they are applying on behalf of a community organisation)
4. Schools and educational establishments
5. Social enterprises (including credit unions, co-operatives, social firms, and community owned enterprises, community interest companies and development trusts) provided they operate on a not-for-profit basis.

Applicants need to have a written constitution, a set of rules, or a governing document and will need to have a bank or building society account with a minimum of 2 signatories in place before applying for a grant.

Exclusions

Grants will not be available for

- Commercial organisations
- Core running costs of an organisation

- Private membership based sports clubs and facilities unless membership is open to the general public without undue restriction (e.g. not membership by nomination organisations or with restrictive charges)
- Projects that only benefit one individual
- Projects that are narrowly religious in focus or that support a party political campaign
- Retrospective funding i.e. Projects that have already been completed, whether or not already paid for
- Works considered a statutory duty, such as scheduled transport services, works to public highways and public car parks.

Judging criteria

The main criteria used when assessing applications will be.

- The social, economic and environmental benefits which will result from the project.
- The level of community support for and involvement in the project.

Other factors will also be considered which must be demonstrated in the application

- The ability of the applicant to deliver the project
- How the work will be continued after the project has been completed
- Value for money

For applications above £2,500 whether the application demonstrates any contribution towards the project by the applicant organisation, for example match funding or gift in kind of labour and/or materials.

Windfarm turbine transport through Longtown

A trial transport operation will take place on or between September 18th or 24th depending on the availability of the police who will accompany the transport vehicles. This will ensure the route is safe and clear.

The first of the turbine component movements is scheduled to take place on the morning of Saturday September 30th.

A further 15 vehicle convoy will transport the remaining components over a period ending on October 20th. All of the movements are subject to final confirmation due to the need for police escort and the availability of officers. Extreme weather conditions may also impact on the schedule.

Latest updates can be seen on REG website

www.regpower.co.uk/hallburn-wind-farm

Information on the first organisations to benefit from the £1.6m community fund established by REG Power Management as part of the Hallburn Wind Farm project can also be viewed on this site.

Beck Burn Wind Farm Community Fund

EDF Energy Renewables have now built the 9 wind turbines at Beck Burn Wind Farm. The company are working with the local communities who will benefit and manage the £155,000 per annum community fund. Cumbria Community Foundation is providing ongoing administration of the fund. A panel with a representative from each of the areas of benefit within the 5km radius eligible for funding make a coactive decision on all grant applications submitted.

The Parish/ Community Councils within the 5km radius are Kirkandrews on Esk, Arthuret, Westlinton, Rockcliffe, and in Scotland, Springfield and Gretna Green, Gretna and Rigg, Kirkpatrick and District and Canonbie and District.

The fund is for 20 year or until the wind farm ceases to operate. This equates to £3.1m over its lifetime. As well as those eligible within the 5km radius there are Parishes/Community Councils in a wider area (10km) who may apply. These must be able to demonstrate their projects will benefit the people within the 5km radius.

What can the fund support?

Community based projects and/or community lead, involving energy renewables, Education and Training.

EDF are keen to support Education and Training in renewables and the wider energy industry. 20% of the Community Pot will be ring fenced to be spent on this priority - £31,050 per annum,

The 8 Parish /Community councils will each receive £5,000 per annum to distribute to local community groups or use on local projects for the benefit of their community.

Arthuret Parish Council

To date this year's £5,000 allocation to Arthuret has been given to

Easton Village Hall £600

Longtown W.I. £350

1st Longtown Rainbows £150

Longtown Brownies £150

Eskdale House £150

Virginia Lodge £150

Bowling Club £250

M Kettrick £300

Breakfast Club Primary School £150

Senior citizens Christmas party £500

Other local groups have also been identified to benefit. The parish council welcome applications from all those within the parish who are eligible.

Please contact

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Arthuret Council Centre
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If you would like more information.

The majority of this year's allocation from Beck Burn has now been allocated. Cumbria Community Foundation has the details of all who have been successful in securing funding. Arthuret Parish Council has received £4,000 towards Phase 1 of a Heritage project in the Council Rooms. We have also applied for a further grant to replace play equipment at the riverside. A decision will be taken on this application in October.

CCTV in Longtown

The parish council agreed to look at options and get costs to have CCTV cameras operating in the centre of the town. This is in the early stages and if it is decided to progress with this funding will need to be secured.

Senior citizens Christmas party

This year the party will be held on Friday 15th December. If you are 70 years of age or over and live in Arthuret Parish please come along to this free and very enjoyable day. As numbers are limited to 100 due to the size of the Community Centre hall being able to accommodate us put your name down early to avoid disappointment.

Contact the parish clerk Karen Johnson on 01228 791739