

# SSE Community Investment Review

2016/17



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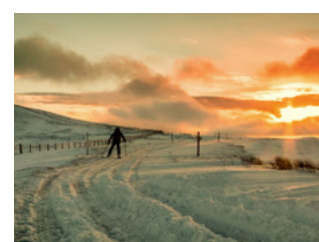
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## Foreword



**With its heritage rooted in the hydro-electric revolution of the 1940s and 1950s, SSE naturally takes a long-term approach to the relationships it builds with the communities it works alongside. This heritage has its foundations in the large scale development of hydro-electricity in the north of Scotland bringing power to people in the north for the first time and with dams, tunnels and power stations which serve customers across Great Britain to this day.**

The energy revolution of today comes in response to the global challenge of reducing carbon emissions in order to mitigate the worst effects of climate change. SSE, true to its heritage, has been a leading developer of onshore wind projects not just in the north of Scotland, but across the south of Scotland and at two developments in England. As part of these onshore developments, a commitment was given to communities near those projects that they would share in the benefit of this new industry and, as a result, community benefit funds

have been made available at local and regional level.

These onshore wind farms are expected to be in operation for up to 25 years. Each and every single year funds accrue and are spent by local people. SSE relies on local representatives giving up their time to decide how those funds are spent and I believe this report demonstrates they are doing this very well indeed.

Funds like these are rare, unlike public money we don't need to adhere to rules around state aid. While this 'few-strings-attached' approach is refreshing for projects, it doesn't reduce the imperative to ensure that every single penny is spent wisely and used to make a difference. That's why both SSE and the communities themselves are very conscious that these funds represent a fantastic opportunity to transform local places. This report helps with that because it shines a light on some of the best projects we've seen across the country since our last report.

In 2016/17 we thought there was an additional role for SSE to play. We understand that the best people to give advice and learn from, are those who have been developing and transforming their own communities. We organised our first peer-to-peer knowledge sharing event in spring 2017 in the brand new Pitlochry Dam Visitor Centre. This was the start of a planned approach to regularly create an environment for peer-to-peer learning and sharing. I thoroughly enjoyed the day, listening to experiences, perspectives and hearing about some absolutely fantastic projects.

We hope you enjoy reading this year's report and we hope you agree that the community funds from SSE's renewable energy projects are truly making a difference to the lives of people all across the country.

**Rachel McEwen**  
Director of Sustainability

# Funder's Report

2016/17

**£4.97m**

Invested in 2016/17

**↑60%** from 2015/16

**402** 

Projects Funded



**Average  
award of**

**£12,363**

**↑30%** from £9,500 in 2015/16


**£1**  **£3.21**

**£3.21** benefit for every £1 funded.

(Beatrice Social Return on Investment study)






**91%** 

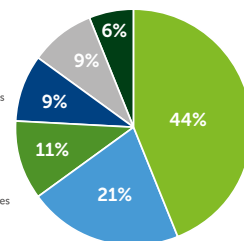
of evaluated local fund grant holders rated the success of their project as very good.

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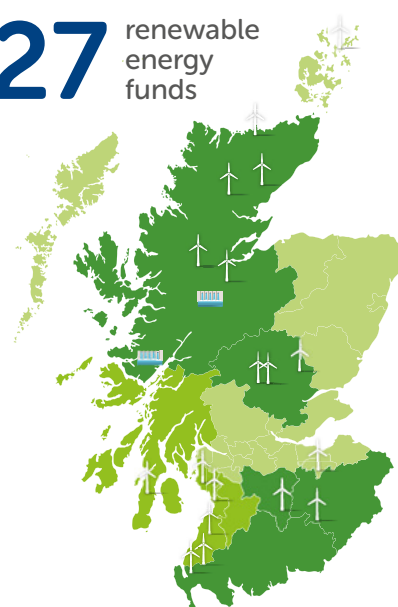
New Wind Farm Funds Launched

Local funds:

-  Vibrant Communities
-  Sustainable Surroundings
-  Active Lives
-  Thriving Youth
-  Enterprising Opportunities
-  Strong Foundations



**27** renewable energy funds



## How we calculate a fund

A 50MW onshore wind farm provides:

**£250,000**

=

**£125,000**

+

**£125,000**

Total annual value –  
£5,000 per megawatt of  
installed capacity x 50

(50%) per year ring-fenced  
for local community fund

(50%) per year allocated  
to regional Sustainable  
Development Fund



'With the grant from SSE the RNLI can provide crew members with first-class training, guidance and support.'

- Allan Carr, RNLI Gravesend

"Making sure that the funds are spent wisely and using them to help create a lasting legacy is very important to us and that's why we're committed to working with communities to support them in achieving their goals."

- Morven Smith, Head of Community Investment, SSE

## 2016/17 in review

2016/17 has been an exceptional year for SSE's Community Funds with £4.9m being awarded. This is the largest amount that SSE has granted in any one year and a record number of 402 applications were received. The launch of the new Bhlaraidh and Beatrice Partnership funds increased the operation to 27 renewable energy funds.

The SSE Community Investment Team is now operating in more locations than ever before. SSE has moved to a locational working model with fund managers based out of two hubs, in Inverness in the north and Glasgow in the south of Scotland. In addition to being close to the communities, this approach allows for better collaboration with other funders and the sharing of best practice.

### Measuring impact

A priority for this year has been improving the understanding of the impact that SSE's funds are having in

communities. Working in collaboration with NEF Consulting, the consultancy arm of the New Economics Foundation, SSE assessed the impact of one of the newest funds – the Beatrice Partnership Fund. The assessment has projected that for every £1 to be spent by the Beatrice Partnership Fund, the community projects are expected to generate £3.21 in wider value. The £6m Beatrice Fund could create nearly £20m of social value when fully distributed.

Recognising the importance of impact assessment, SSE has committed to implementing social impact reporting methodology for grants made from its regional funds. The local funds are already benefiting from improved evaluation reports with 91% of respondents rating the success of their project as very good.

### Working together to get best value

Another significant priority this year has been around collaboration and knowledge-sharing. The first SSE Community Funds Engagement Event

was held in May at the new Pitlochry Dam Visitor Centre. The event brought together over 45 representatives from fund panels, community trusts and community development companies in the north of Scotland. Feedback from the event has been positive with participants welcoming the opportunity to share experience, best practice and gain new ideas about how the funds can provide an enduring legacy. A similar event will be held for the funds located in the south of Scotland and England in 2018.



## Priorities for 2017/18

### Launching new funds

The 2017/18 funding year is projected to be another year of growth with the launch of another five new funds:

- the local South Lanarkshire **Clyde Extension Wind Farm Fund** providing up to £9.6m over a 25 year lifespan;
- the South Lanarkshire **Sustainable Development Fund** providing up to £9.6m over its lifetime;
- the local elements of the **BOWL Beatrice Community Fund** will make the first awards in both Moray and Caithness providing £3m over five years; and
- the local **Stronelairg Wind Farm Fund** providing up to £14m over its 25 year lifespan.

### Reviewing fund progress

In addition to the existing annual review of all funds, SSE carries out a more in-depth review when a fund reaches a five or ten year anniversary. 2017/18 will mark the 10th anniversary of one of SSE's longer-running funds – the Drumderg Wind Farm Fund. The occasion will be marked with an event which will allow the community to reflect on the impact of past awards and to consider what the priorities are for the next five years.

During 2017/18 SSE's largest fund in England, the Keadby Wind Farm Fund will reach its five year anniversary. Working with North Lincolnshire Council, SSE will carry out a review of both the local and regional funds.

### What's new?

SSE is always looking to improve its knowledge, understanding and approaches to funding. For the new Clyde Extension Wind Farm Fund, SSE is trialling a new and innovative approach which will include holding a public participation event in Moffat. The community will be invited to the event and everyone will have the opportunity to vote for the projects in the area that they would like to receive funding.

# Sustainable Development Fund

In 2013 SSE launched its Sustainable Development Fund; a regional fund operating across the local authority areas where SSE has developed a new wind farm since 2012. SSE is the only developer to have taken a more regional approach to funding, allowing the benefit from its wind farm funds to be spread more widely.

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transformational projects supported in 2016/17



In the first four years, the Sustainable Development Fund has granted awards of over £3.9m to 104 projects. The fund supports projects which take a longer term view by delivering transformational social, economic and/or environmental changes in the community and develop sustainable ventures for the future.

## The fund has three key priority areas:

- Creating opportunities: Enhancing opportunities for education and employment through activities that develop skills and improve an individual's chance of entering the workplace.
- Empowering communities: Empowering communities to become more resilient and protect vulnerable residents.
- Sustainable places: Stimulating meaningful regeneration to make a lasting difference to the places we live, work and visit.



## Scotland Panel

(Pictured above) - From L-R- **Rt Hon Lord Jack McConnell** (Chairperson); **Professor James Hunter** Emeritus Professor of History, UHI; **Professor Jan Bebbington** Professor of Sustainable Development, University of St Andrews; **Damien Yeates** Chief Executive, Skills Development Scotland; **Alan Young** Managing Director Corporate Affairs, SSE (not pictured).



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Local  
Authority  
Areas

## North Lincolnshire Panel

**Baroness Liz Redfern**, Leader, North Lincolnshire Council; **Cllr John Briggs**, Cabinet Member for Commercial Enterprise, North Lincolnshire Council; **Alan Usher**, Chief Executive, Scunthorpe Citizens Advice Bureau; **Ann Brewster**, Operations Manager, Job Centre Plus; **Darren Clarke**, Conservation Manager, Humber Nature Partnership; **Morven Smith**, Head of Community Investment, SSE; and **Pat Laughlin**, CEO, Business Council for Sustainable Development.

## 2016/17 year in review

This year funding rounds took place in the Highlands; Dumfries and Galloway; and North Lincolnshire. A range of transformational projects were given awards, including projects to develop learning and business hubs, projects which protect regional heritage and projects which bring facilities into community ownership.

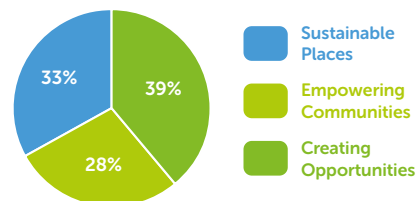
## Five years of delivering

The Scotland panel used the fifth anniversary of the establishment of the fund to take the opportunity to reflect on past achievements and confirm future priorities. During a comprehensive review of the fund it was highlighted that the fund has been vital in supporting the acquisition of community assets and providing a source of match funding to finalise innovative projects. The priorities have provided a flexible focus for investment ensuring the fund is consistent across regions while respectful of regional differences.

Challenges for the fund have included lower than expected transformational projects applying for funding and uncertainty in the wider funding landscape. To address these challenges SSE will increase the promotion of funds at local levels and will introduce opportunities for applicants to visit successful projects in other regions. The panel will also review the external funding landscape during all panel meetings.

Priorities for the fund over the next three years include:

- the introduction of a new evaluation approach focused on working with grant holders to understand the social impact of the funds;
- introducing innovation funding based on regionally specific priorities; and
- increasing opportunities to share best practice across regions.



Awarded	Fund demand
<b>Highlands</b>	
£983,844	398%
<b>Dumfries and Galloway</b>	
£307,696	849%
<b>North Lincolnshire</b>	
£435,771	97%
<b>Total</b>	
£1,727,311	398%

## A supportive funder

Along with the Sustainable Development Fund panel, SSE is committed to ensuring an ongoing relationship with funded projects. Through this relationship the Scotland panel has experience of supporting the enhancement of projects and also of mutually deciding with grant recipients to defer future funding for projects which deviate from their original objectives. The University of Highlands and Islands (UHI) STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) project highlights the strength of the relationship with grant holders. The three year project was funded in 2014 to support STEM education through the delivery of the CREST programme in schools across the Highlands. Interim reporting highlighted lower than expected performance and the panel worked closely with UHI to understand the issues which were specific to the rural nature of the Highlands and to re-focus the priorities of the project and support an enhanced delivery team. The project has subsequently provided transformational delivery across the regions supporting 1,248 young people in 68 schools in 2016/17.



# Sustainable Development Fund Case Studies

## Moffat Community Woodlands

**Dumfries and Galloway Sustainable Development Fund**  
Sustainable Places - £29,838 awarded in October 2016

Gallow Hill near Moffat is a 34 hectare site which has been brought into community ownership thanks to support from SSE's Sustainable Development Fund. A commercial conifer forest is now being replanted with broad leaf trees to improve the biodiversity of the area. The ambition of the project is to ensure the new woodland provides an outstanding local nature site which enhances the natural and historical heritage of the region. The new site will be used by an estimated 5,000 local residents and tourists per year to support education, training and leisure activities.

"The funding from SSE has helped secure the purchase of the hill and enabled us to plant the first phase of broadleaf trees as we transform the site for the benefit of future generations."

- Tom Mulholland, Chair of Moffat Community Woodlands



A Dumfries community is transforming derelict woodlands into a thriving local resource.

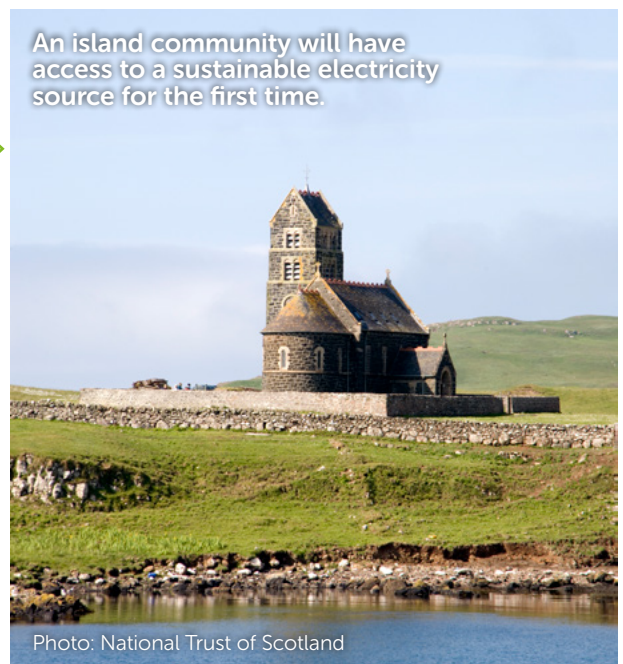
## Isle of Canna Community Development Trust

**Highlands Sustainable Development Fund**  
Empowering Communities - £100,000 awarded in May 2016

The Isle of Canna is not connected to the mainland electricity grid and relies on an intermittent energy supply from diesel generation. The Isle of Canna Community Renewable Energy and Electrification Project is designed to bring 21st Century living standards to the remote island by installing a clean and reliable renewable energy based electricity supply which will operate twenty-four hours a day. The project, which involves six wind turbines and solar energy panels being installed will benefit the island's residents and the 6,000 people who visit the island every year.

"Once the new electricity system is running, residents will have a more reliable, future-proofed electricity supply which will be vital to meeting the community aims of attracting new visitors and residents to the island. Secure and affordable power will also help local businesses to thrive and expand."

- Liz Holden, Isle of Canna Community Development Trust Director



An island community will have access to a sustainable electricity source for the first time.

Photo: National Trust of Scotland



Young people in Inverness are gaining inspirational work experience at an innovative raceway.

## DAY 1

**Highlands Sustainable Development Fund**  
Creating Opportunities - £150,000  
awarded in May 2016

DAY 1 engages young people aged 14-17 from Inverness and the surrounding area who are struggling in formal education and are unlikely to find employment, through a mentoring and befriending scheme. The charity opened Inverness Kart Raceway, with all profits being used to sustain its mentoring and employability services. The grant enabled the charity to purchase a previously leased site improving the sustainability of the venture and helping to fund a new programme "Let's Get Driven" which combines learning with vital hands-on work experience at the raceway. The project will support 150 young people each year.

"The track is getting rave reviews and the grant from SSE is the icing on the cake as it will further enhance our long-term sustainability."

- Ed Ley-Wilson, co-founder of DAY 1

## Saxby All Saints Bluebell Wood

**North Lincolnshire Sustainable Development Fund**  
Sustainable Places - £75,000  
awarded in May 2016

Lincolnshire is the least wooded county in England. The Saxby All Saints Parish Council purchased a derelict site in the centre of the village and renovated it for the use of the local community. The project enhances the natural environment through the creation of bluebell woodland and improves the facilities available in the rural area. The bluebell wood incorporates footpaths, a seating area, a bridle path and an amphitheatre for community events. Not only has the project made the village more aesthetically pleasing, it has promoted improved community cohesion.

"The project supports the community and local area through the promotion of exercise, the creation of outdoor education sites and the enrichment of habitats."

- Father David Rowett, Priest of Saxby All Saints



A new tourist attraction has been created through derelict land being redeveloped to create a 'bluebell wood.'

# Beatrice Offshore Wind Farm Community Fund

Beatrice is an offshore wind farm currently under construction in the Moray Firth, 13km from the Caithness coast. The wind farm is a joint venture between SSE, Copenhagen Infrastructure Partners and Red Rock Power Limited. Once operational it will be Scotland's largest offshore wind farm.

The Beatrice Community Benefit Fund is worth a total of £34m. The largest proportion of the fund, £28m, will be distributed through the Coastal Communities Fund over the lifetime of the wind farm. The remaining £6m is being administered by SSE's Community Investment Team over a five year period.

In 2016/17 SSE launched the coastal element of the Beatrice Fund, the Beatrice Partnership Fund. Worth a total of £3m over a five year period, the fund supports projects from the east coast communities in Caithness and Sutherland, and coastal communities in Moray. The purpose of the fund is to support activities that will enhance the area and to build stronger local economies. A Social Return on Investment report by NEF consultancy indicated that for every £1 invested from the Beatrice Partnership Fund it is expected to generate a £3.21 wider value. The Beatrice Partnership Fund has the following priority themes:

- Creating opportunities – increasing

opportunities for education and employment.

- Empowering communities – building resilience and protecting vulnerable residents.
- Building sustainable places – stimulating meaningful community regeneration.

## 2016/17 year in review

The first round of the Partnership Fund was well received by local communities and generated significant interest in coastal Caithness, Sutherland and Moray. The fund received 54 applications with an overall fund demand of 520%. A diverse range of projects were awarded funding including projects to develop tourism sites; projects which enhance rural social care; and projects focused on raising attainment levels for young people. A number of the applications which did not receive funding were better suited to the criteria of the local funds and have been encouraged to reapply when these are launched in summer 2017.

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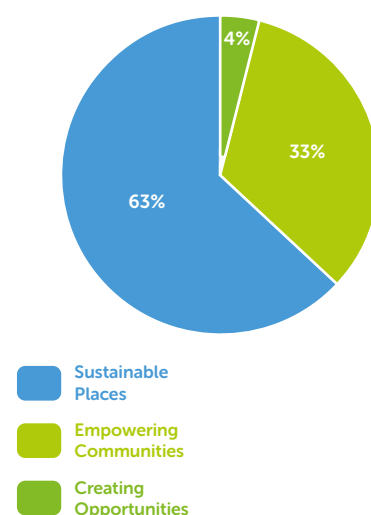
Projects supported



£378,626

Awarded

## Beatrice Partnership Fund



## Beatrice Partnership Fund Panel

An independent panel has been established to review applications and determine which projects will receive funding from the £3m Beatrice Partnership Fund. The panel members, who have been selected due to their ability to take a strategic overview and for their expertise in one or more of the three priority areas, are:

**Fraser Grieve (Chairperson)** - Highlands and Islands Regional Director, Scottish Council for Development and Industry  
**Professor James Hunter** - Emeritus Professor of History, University of the Highlands and Islands  
**David Shearer** - Fund Co-ordinator, Caithness and North Sutherland Fund  
**Sarah Medcraf** - Chief Executive, Moray Chamber of Commerce  
**Morven Smith** - Head of Community Investment, SSE

## Covesea Lighthouse Community Company

### Moray Beatrice Partnership Fund

Sustainable places - £40,000 awarded in March 2017

After purchasing the Covesea Skerries Lighthouse in Lossiemouth in 2012 the Covesea Lighthouse Community Company has developed an ambitious project to protect the heritage of the site. With support from the Beatrice Partnership fund, the new facility will display historic artefacts which tell a story of the heritage of the area. It will provide a quality educational and heritage experience for both local people and visitors to the area as well as offering volunteering opportunities for local young people. The project will benefit 4,500 visitors each year.

"Our grant from the Beatrice Partnership Fund will enable us to offer a quality educational and heritage experience for both local people and visitors to the area."

- Franziska Smith, Director of Covesea Lighthouse Community Company

The heritage of the Moray coast will be protected for future generations thanks to a new education centre.



Young mothers in Thurso and Wick will learn new skills thanks to a supportive project.

## Ormlie Community Association

### Highland Beatrice Partnership Fund

Empowering communities - £12,368 awarded in March 2017

The innovative family support project engages with young mums and focuses on enhancing their skills and self esteem. It offers them opportunities such as accessing training, education or employment. The qualified support workers use a variety of play and engagement activities to help the entire family. The service assists parents to make positive life choices for their family and provides the foundations needed for the vulnerable family to improve their future opportunities. 280 people will be supported through the project.

"This project really helps us. We trust the staff we work with to help with any problems we have. It also helps me to meet up with other mums in the community."

- Vikki, project participant

# Strong foundations

Supporting community cohesion, facilities and services was the largest area of funding for local funds in 2016/17. It is clear that local people, particularly in remote areas, are concerned about increasing community resilience and improving facilities so they are sustainable for the long-term. The funds also saw an increase in projects to support the most vulnerable in the community through befriending, social activities and outings.

36

Projects have supported enhanced community assets



16

Projects improved community resilience



# £1,257,087

Invested in 172 projects



## Melvich Community Council


### Strathly North Fund

£15,598 awarded in August 2016

Portskerra overlooks Melvich Bay in Sutherland. A group of residents recognised the slipway was in a dilapidated state and that investment was required to enhance the facilities. The project has improved safety by installing a turning circle. The project has enhanced the local economy by increasing utilisation by local businesses and tourism ventures. The community has also benefited from increased cohesion with residents of all ages now using the facilities for recreational activities including fishing and kayaking.

"The work has alleviated a parking problem and enhanced the harbour usage for Divers, kayakers, pleasure and commercial fishermen"

- Shona Comrie, Melvich Community Council.



Rural Perthshire is better prepared for emergency situations thanks to a new communications command vehicle.

## Tayside Mountain Rescue Association

**Griffin and Calliachar Fund**  
£25,000 awarded in December 2016

The 30 volunteers in the mountain rescue team assist those in need on mountains, local rivers, canyons and cycle trails. They cover an area of over 2,800 square miles and can spend up to 3,000 man hours per year in searches for missing people on mountains in their area. Having the appropriate vehicles and equipment is critical to ensuring the team can conduct searches safely and effectively. The new vehicle will ensure the safety of volunteers until at least 2030 and will also be used to educate the community on staying safe while outdoors.

'The funding will help to protect our mountain rescue volunteers and the people we rescue. Our new incident command vehicle provides essential support for volunteer safety.'

- Stuart Johnston, Team Leader, Tayside MRT

# Enterprising opportunities

Supporting people in gaining the right skills and experience means that they are more likely to progress into meaningful employment. The communities served by our funds are largely in rural or remote locations where access to training can be limited. With over £600,000 being invested this year in projects that support new opportunities, it is clear that increasing the chances of people finding viable, local employment continues to be a key priority. A repeated theme was recognising lifelong learning through investing in older people participating in new learning opportunities.

913

People benefitting from skills training



22

Apprentices supported



**£605,573**  
**Invested in 19 projects**



Highland residents are participating in skills development thanks to an exciting new Men's Shed.

## Dementia Friendly Communities

### Gordonbush Fund

£15,734 awarded in November 2016

The Helmsdale community created a Men's Shed to allow local residents with health needs or caring responsibilities to join in on projects in a safe, friendly and inclusive venue. The shed enables people to share skills and participate in both formal and informal learning. While participating in the learning, the residents benefit from a vital new social network who have similar health and caring responsibilities. The success of the project is highlighted by the committed group of six residents who have produced re-furnished furniture for the local community.

"A variety of work has been tackled by workers at the Men's Shed, such as bird tables and cold frames. Alongside the physical and practical benefits, members are gaining more social interaction."

- Sarah Kerr, Dementia Friendly Communities Manager

The RNLI can assist people in the south east of England thanks to specialist training.

Photo: Andy Wallace

## RNLI Gravesend

### Tilbury Fund

£9,000 awarded in March 2017

Over the past five years the Tilbury fund has invested £25,000 in supporting the training of 50 local RNLI Gravesend team members including enabling them to attend sea survival training. Crew training is very important, with only one in ten volunteers joining the RNLI coming from a professional maritime occupation. Training focuses on teamwork, technical competence and safe operating procedures covering everything from boat-handling, search and rescue, and navigation, to radar training. Since the Tilbury funding began in 2012 the lifeboat has launched 500 times, rescued 241 people and saved 18 lives.

'With the grant from the Tilbury fund the RNLI can provide crew members with first-class training, guidance and support.'

- Allan Carr, RNLI Gravesend



# Thriving youth

Ensuring young people have the best start in life by investing in their development is another area that has continued to be important to communities. There was a wide variety of large and small grants ranging from building new educational facilities and delivering new music initiatives to running summer clubs and nurturing an interest in traditional skills. Enhancing learning activities was supported through music classes, local history study events and art projects.

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Schools benefitted from funding



45%

of projects focused on providing new experiences for young people



**£317,922**  
Invested in 45 projects



Children with additional needs can get vital help thanks to a family support group.

## Friends of Breadalbane

### Griffin and Calliachar Fund

£12,000 awarded (over 3 years) in September 2016

Children with additional support needs and their families can often feel isolated in rural areas. The Friends of Breadalbane group has developed a social network in Perthshire which helps the families to come together in a supportive community. The aim of the group is to assist families through activities, support meetings and services including sports groups, horse riding groups and swimming clubs. The group has proven very successful with 21 local children and 40 family members already participating in the monthly activities.

'The children have really benefited and grown in confidence and gained many skills in lots of areas which would not have been possible without the grant.'

- Jane Carmichael, Group Co-ordinator, Friends of Breadalbane



A new purpose built youth and community hub has opened in the Highlands.

## Kyle of Sutherland Hub

### Achany Fund

£25,000 awarded in December 2014

A new multi-use family and community hub has been built to address issues of geographic disadvantage, social isolation and lack of resources for young people in the Creich, Ardgay, and Lairg areas. The centre has a bespoke space for youth, after-school and holiday clubs. The nearest similar facilities are more than 20 miles away, so this provides a vital resource for the local community. There is a soft play area with a café attached which enables the whole family to engage in positive, fun recreational activities. The project secured £1.5m in match funding to complete the facilities.

"The new Hub will provide the local communities, with year round access to services that will support engagement, community cohesion, healthy living and learning opportunities."

- Hayley Bangs, Kyle of Sutherland Hub Director

# Active lives

Investing in sport and recreation encourages people of all ages to lead more healthy and active lifestyles and this area has continued to be a popular. Successful projects have focused on ensuring the continuation of activity for years to come through purchasing new sporting equipment, improving the condition of facilities and establishing new recreational clubs. There is a focus on encouraging sports engagement with a range of classes and events focused at participation for all age groups.

18

Different sports received support



45%

of projects focused on encouraging people to participate in new activities



**£317,922**  
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Young people from Ayrshire have taken to the sea on a 70ft sailing boat.



## Largs Community Sport and Leisure Club

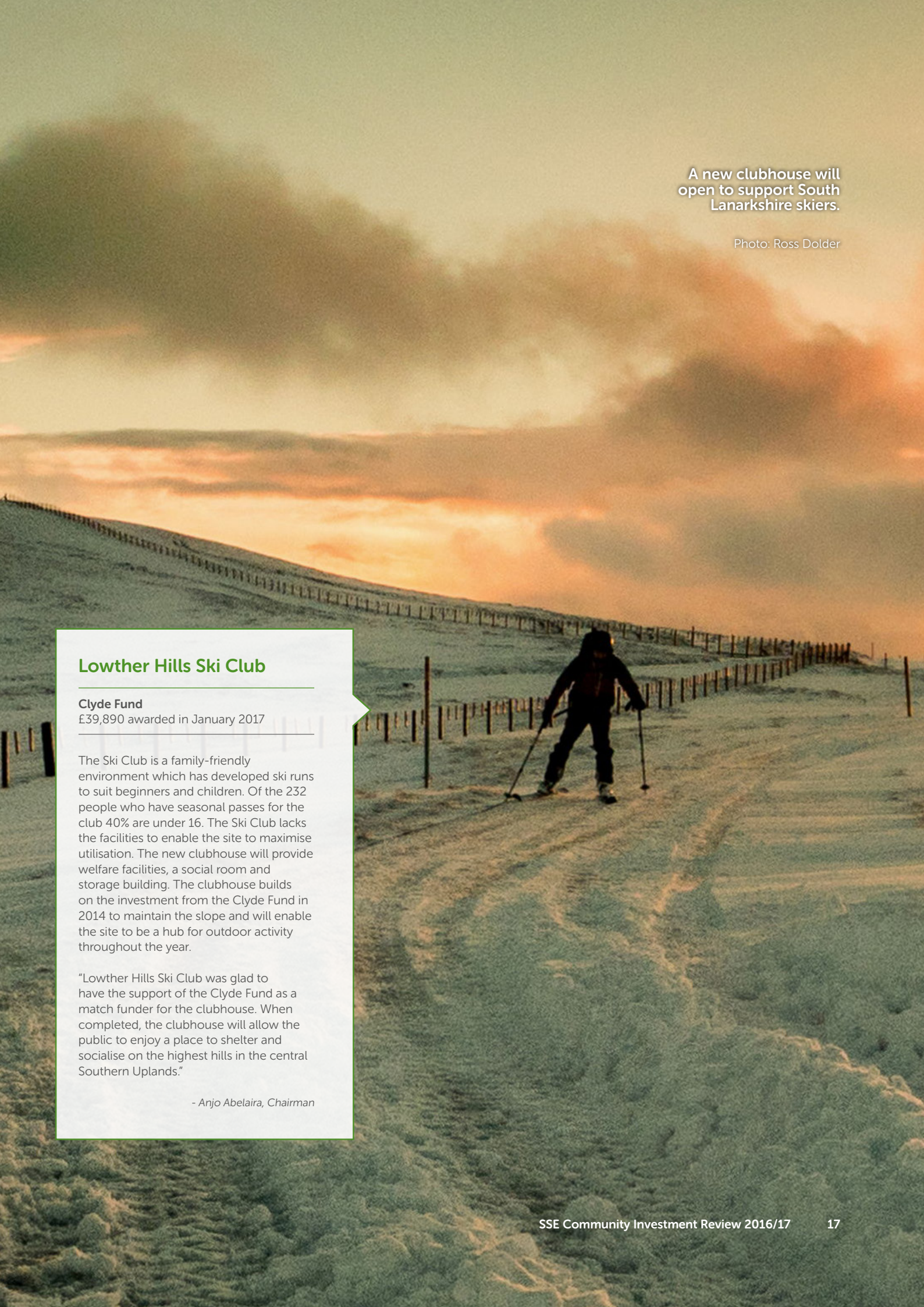
### Hunterston Fund

£3,000 awarded in April 2016

Recognising that people can have unequal access to sporting activity, the Largs Club worked with the Ocean Youth Trust to develop an interesting project to increase sporting participation. Twelve young people from low income families got to experience a once-in-a-lifetime sailing expedition. During the five day trip from Oban to Skye and Mull, the young people got to learn a range of sailing and navigation skills including setting up the sails, steering the boat and plotting positions.

"Voyages offer young people a life changing opportunity, giving them a chance to take part in teamwork and leadership roles. Our voyages would not be possible without the vital funding received from groups such as SSE."

- Nick Fleming, OYT Chief Executive

A person in dark ski gear is skiing down a snowy slope. The sky is filled with dramatic, orange and yellow clouds from a low sun, creating a warm, golden light over the scene. A wooden fence runs along the edge of the ski run in the background.

A new clubhouse will open to support South Lanarkshire skiers.

Photo: Ross Dolder

## Lowther Hills Ski Club

### Clyde Fund

£39,890 awarded in January 2017

The Ski Club is a family-friendly environment which has developed ski runs to suit beginners and children. Of the 232 people who have seasonal passes for the club 40% are under 16. The Ski Club lacks the facilities to enable the site to maximise utilisation. The new clubhouse will provide welfare facilities, a social room and storage building. The clubhouse builds on the investment from the Clyde Fund in 2014 to maintain the slope and will enable the site to be a hub for outdoor activity throughout the year.

“Lowther Hills Ski Club was glad to have the support of the Clyde Fund as a match funder for the clubhouse. When completed, the clubhouse will allow the public to enjoy a place to shelter and socialise on the highest hills in the central Southern Uplands.”

- Anjo Abelaira, Chairman

# Sustainable surroundings

Protecting and enhancing the environment continues to be a focus for the funds and is important for the development of rural areas. During 2016/17 applicants have sought funds to help develop their local surroundings with projects to improve seafronts, restore paths and enhance local nature reserves. Protecting the environment through energy efficiency measures has always been supported by our funds and is a growing area of funding with projects ranging from energy advice to the adoption of low energy appliances.

719

Households benefitted from energy projects



67%

Projects focused on improving local nature spots



# £258,644

## Invested in 21 projects

A Sutherland community has developed a new kitchen garden.



### Helmsdale and District Development Trust

#### Gordonbush Fund

£19,855 awarded in March 2015

A community consultation in Helmsdale identified a community garden as one of three local priorities. The Trust supported the community to develop and build an innovative Kitchen Garden to promote the growing of sustainable local food. The new garden is available for use by all members of the local community. The project involves a poly-tunnel and raised bed space allowing the local community to grow their own seasonal food. The project will also provide 39.7 tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions savings over the next 10 years.

"The kitchen garden will be an asset for the village; not only for those who have an interest in gardening and horticulture but do not have the means to pursue their interests but also as a meeting place."

- Rona Ellis, Helmsdale & District Development Trust



A Highland  
community can  
walk safely thanks  
to new footpaths.

## Strathdearn Community Developments Ltd

**Dunmaglass Fund**  
£20,000 awarded in May 2016

The area of Strathdearn is located to the south of Inverness with beautiful mountain views. The local community recognised a need to improve local walking routes and to link the village of Tomatin with a bus stop on the A9. The newly completed footpath keeps people off the busy trunk road when walking to the local bus stop – something that is particularly important during the winter months. The path has also improved the safety of children while they walk to school.

“Funding has given us stage one of our all ability path winding through the trees away from the busy road meaning happy children and walkers.”

- Duncan Bryden SCD Director

# Vibrant communities

Investing in heritage, tourism and culture is identified as a funding priority to support social cohesion and economic investment in local communities. In 2016/17 there was a focus on funding tourism projects which improved the digitalisation of materials - recognising the new ways people engage with tourist attractions. Cultural projects funded included investing in volunteering for museums and providing community cohesion through funding cinemas and dances in rural areas.

12

Community tourism events were supported



7

Heritage projects were supported



**£160,045**  
Invested in 35 projects

Moffat attracted tourists to the area through hosting a world championship event.

Photo: SWNS



## Moffat Gold 2017 SCIO

Clyde Dumfries and Galloway Fund  
£5,000 awarded in 2017

Moffat in Dumfries-shire successfully held the 2017 Gold Panning World Championship as an innovative approach to attracting tourism to the area. The competitors panned native sand and gravel in a specially made panning pool to find gold during the week long event. The event was developed to attract the whole family and included a gold panning school for children and a series of fun activities for people to try gold panning for the first time. Competitors from over 20 countries participated in the event with the 2017 title won by a team from Italy.

'The Championships helped to support local tourism through boosting visitor numbers, and promoted Moffat as a tourist, entertainment and cultural destination.'

- Richard Deighton Chair, Moffat Gold 2017 SCIO



A new visitor centre in the Highlands has opened as a tourist attraction.

### Kyle of Sutherland Development Trust

#### Achany Fund

£30,000 awarded in December 2015

The Falls of Shin is a popular tourist destination to watch salmon leaping up a beautiful waterfall. A fire in 2013 destroyed the visitor centre and reduced tourist numbers. A new state of the art visitor centre opened in May 2017. It enables customers to engage with the natural environment and includes a local produce outlet, a 'gathering' space for community events and a playpark. The award from the Achany fund helped secure over £1m of match funding. The new attraction has created 15 new jobs and is projected to attract 90,000 visitors per year.

"The support of funders enabled the new centre to open in May 2017. It will help boost tourism to the area and will make a significant contribution to the local economy."

- Helen Houston, KoSDT Development Manager

# Our funds in focus

402

Total number of projects

£5.26

Per £1 average leverage across our funds

160

Projects funded in the Highlands

Three

New funds opened in the last year, generating £17m over their lifetime

138

Projects funded in south of Scotland

£42,500

Largest award in Dumfries and Galloway

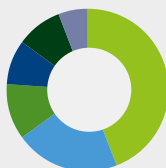
£4,965,322

Total spend across our funds

## Local Funds:

- Strong Foundations
- Enterprising opportunities
- Thriving youth
- Active lives
- Sustainable surroundings
- Vibrant communities

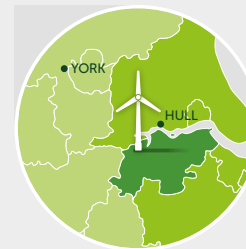
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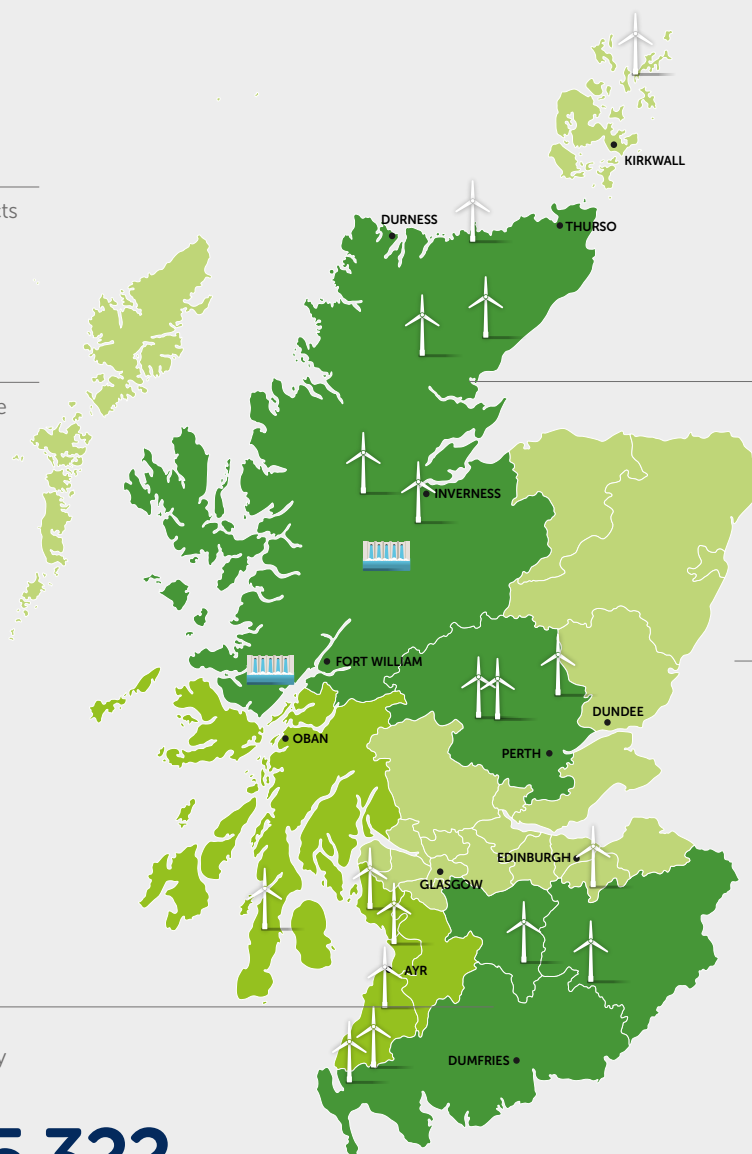
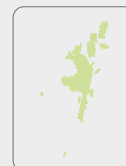


Keadby, North Lincolnshire



- Areas with no fund activity
- SSE Renewables Operations Area
- SSE Renewables Operations Area and Sustainable Development Fund

• SHETLAND ISLES



# Highlands and Islands



Home to the widest spread of SSE's community funds, the Highlands and Islands region hosts 11 developments that provide community benefit, including two hydro schemes, comprising a total capacity of 330MW. Approximately £30.9 million will be invested through these funds in their lifetime.

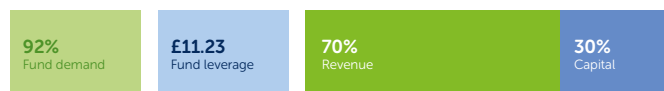
## Dunmaglass

The Dunmaglass Community Fund will provide over £6.2 million to invest in local projects over its lifetime.

Established in 2015, the fund serves a population of around 2,700 over the three community council areas of Stratherrick and Foyers, Strathnairn and Strathdearn.

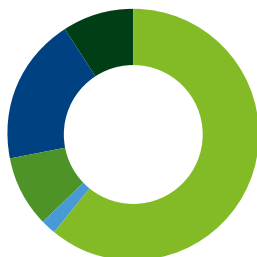
Annual Fund Payment **£246,733.40**

Awards Approved **£227,818**



### Fund allocation by category

- Environment and conservation
- Sport and recreation
- Skills and employment
- Education and youth development
- Culture, heritage and tourism
- Community facilities and services



Category	Organisation	Award
<span style="color: green;">■</span>	Farr Community Hall To support the refurbishment of a kitchen	£63,016

Category	Organisation	Award
<span style="color: blue;">■</span>	<b>Streathdearn Community Developments Ltd</b> To fund a Company Secretary and a Development Officer	£44,000
<span style="color: green;">■</span>	<b>Streathdearn Community Developments Ltd</b> To take community control of the Tomatin village shop	£27,000
<span style="color: green;">■</span>	<b>Streathdearn Community Developments Ltd</b> To support a new hall complex	£25,000
<span style="color: green;">■</span>	<b>Streathdearn Community Developments Ltd</b> To support the development of a local paths project	£20,000
<span style="color: green;">■</span>	<b>Strathnairn Music Initiative</b> Towards 2016/17 Academic Year activities	£15,440
<span style="color: green;">■</span>	<b>Farr Community Hall</b> Towards hall running costs to make hall affordable for user groups	£7,000
<span style="color: green;">■</span>	<b>Farr Community Hall</b> To support grass cutting and re-lining a football pitch	£6,200
<span style="color: green;">■</span>	<b>Farr Playpark</b> To fund a shelter for play park	£4,866
<span style="color: green;">■</span>	<b>Streathdearn Community Developments Ltd</b> To develop a care at home scheme	£4,250
<span style="color: blue;">■</span>	<b>Strathnairn News Editorial Committee</b> Towards Community News production costs	£4,175
<span style="color: green;">■</span>	<b>Strath Farmers</b> Towards costs for a vintage rally and display	£3,429
<span style="color: green;">■</span>	<b>Streathdearn Community Developments Ltd</b> To re-develop the strathdearn community website	£2,500
<span style="color: green;">■</span>	<b>Strathnairn Community Access and Transport Association</b> Towards six-months of running costs	£506
<span style="color: green;">■</span>	<b>Farr Community Hall</b> To produce drawings to consult on kitchen refurbishment	£250
<span style="color: green;">■</span>	<b>Farr Baby and Toddler</b> Towards printing for a community consultation on play park	£186

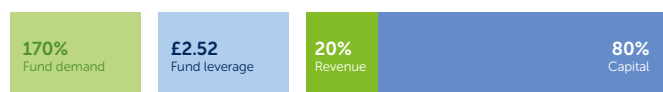
## Strathy North

The Strathy North community fund will provide over £4.5 million to invest in local projects over its lifetime.

Established in May 2014, the fund serves a population of around 940 over the three community council areas of Bettyhill, Strathnaver and Altnaharra; Melvich; and Strathy and Armadale. A smaller ring-fenced fund is available in Strathy and Armadale only.

Annual Fund Payment **£227,000**

Awards Approved £210,096



### Fund allocation by category



Category	Organisation	Award
■	<b>CVS North</b> To employ a part-time three year consultancy post	£24,582
■	<b>Farr Edge 2000</b> To refurbish the building and grounds	£16,633
■	<b>Bettyhill Football Club</b> To improve drainage at the Bettyhill Football Pitch	£16,232
■	<b>Farr Primary Parent Council</b> To purchase out door play equipment	£15,598
■	<b>Melvich Community Council</b> To create a hardstanding at the top of the slip	£15,000
■	<b>Melvich Grazing Committee</b> To improve access and refurbish the war memorial in Melvich	£15,000
■	<b>Strathnaver Museum Trust</b> To employ a part-time volunteer management position	£13,190
■	<b>Reay Golf Club</b> To purchase a golf course	£10,000

Category	Organisation	Award
■	<b>Mackay Country Community Trust</b> To establish the Rob Donn Trail on a variety of platforms	£7,772
■	<b>Tonge and Farr Sports Association</b> To fund training, equipment and refurbishment of a building	£10,000
■	<b>Fèis air an Oir</b> To deliver a residential Fèis and purchase two clarsachs	£9,192
■	<b>Melvich Primary School Parent Council</b> To purchase a new stage and storage containers	£7,140
■	<b>Forsinard Fly Fishers Club</b> To purchase boats and equipment	£7,000
■	<b>Halladale Hall Association</b> To upgrade the hall kitchen including dishwasher	£7,000
■	<b>Strathy Indoor Bowling Club</b> To fund new equipment	£4,706
■	<b>Bettyhill, Strathnaver and Altnaharra Community Council</b> To fund phase two pathway upgrading	£4,417
■	<b>Bettyhill, Strathnaver and Altnaharra Community Council</b> To provide night classes	£4,000
■	<b>Far North Awesome Actors Society</b> To improve stage lighting	£3,691
■	<b>Naver Teleservice Centre</b> To upgrade equipment	£3,683
■	<b>Tonge and Farr Sports Association</b> To improve MUGA fencing	£3,000
■	<b>Bettyhill, Strathnaver and Altnaharra Community Council</b> To award micro grants with a maximum value of £500	£3,000
■	<b>Strathy and Armadale Community Council</b> To award micro grants with a maximum value of £500	£3,000
■	<b>Melvich Community Council</b> To award micro grants with a maximum value of £500	£3,000
■	<b>Bettyhill Community Council</b> To upgrade a beach path	£2,000
■	<b>Mackay Country</b> To support a local cycling event	£1,260

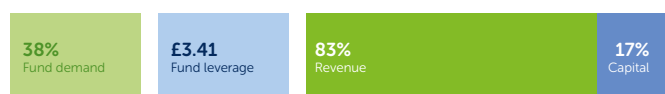
## Bhlaraidh

The Bhlaraidh community fund will provide an estimated value of £7 million between 2016 and 2041 to share between local projects.

The fund serves a population of 3,288 in the two community council areas of Fort Augustus and Glenmoriston and Glenurquhart

Annual Fund Payment **£270,000**

Awards Approved **£75,708**



### Fund allocation by category



Category	Organisation	Award
	<b>Fort Augustus and Glenmoriston Community Company</b> To employ Community Caretakers	£27,510
	<b>Fort Augustus and Glenmoriston Community Company</b> To employ Apprentices	£26,168
	<b>Glenurquhart Care Project</b> To install insulation and draft exclusion at a care home	£3,300
	<b>Fort Augustus and Glenmoriston Community Company</b> To make improvements to the village hall	£3,000
	<b>Fort Augustus and Glenmoriston Community Company</b> To install three community defibrillators	£2,779
	<b>Fort Augustus Tennis Club</b> To purchase debris cover for the tennis court.	£2,496
	<b>Glenarry Shinty Club</b> To help with travel costs, provide equipment and training.	£2,448

Category	Organisation	Award
	<b>Cill Chuimein Heritage Group</b> To install a storyboard at Sanatorium site; purchase IT equipment and storage cabinet; produce and print 3,000 leaflets; and fund field trips and speakers for heritage talks.	£2,355
	<b>Fort Augustus Lunch Club</b> To subsidise a weekly lunch club.	£2,280
	<b>Regional Screen Scotland</b> To contribute to refurbish of the Screen Machine.	£1,536
	<b>Kilchuimen Primary School</b> To provide transport for all children in P4-P7 to attend swimming lessons.	£930
	<b>Regional Screen Machine</b> To provide a four visits per annum ticket subsidy.	£576
	<b>Kilchuimen Academy</b> To operate a hardship fund.	£306
	<b>Fort Augustus Children's Party</b> To fund a Christmas Party.	£24

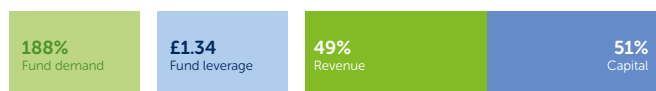
## Gordonbush

The Gordonbush community fund will provide around £5.2 million to invest in local projects between 2011 and 2036.

The fund benefits a population of around 4,680 over the four community council areas of Brora, Golspie, Helmsdale and Rogart.


















Annual Fund Payment **£206,967.63**













Awards Approved **£189,635**



### Fund allocation by category



Category	Organisation	Award
	<b>The Gordonbush Project</b> To deliver an apprenticeship programme	<b>£36,000</b>
	<b>Rogart Community Council</b> To conduct a feasibility study for community project	<b>£20,000</b>
	<b>East Sutherland Community Care Forum</b> To deliver a befriending and support programme	<b>£20,000</b>
	<b>Helmsdale and District Development Trust</b> Towards the purchase, and refurbishment and reopening of the filling station	<b>£20,000</b>
	<b>Dementia Friendly Communities</b> To develop a men's shed project	<b>£15,734</b>
	<b>Golspie Youth Action Project</b> To fund a sessional worker for 24 months	<b>£8,910</b>
	<b>Helmsdale and District Community Association</b> To employ an administrator for the community centre	<b>£5,000</b>
	<b>Sutherland Caledonian Pipe Band</b> To provide equipment and uniforms	<b>£5,000</b>
	<b>Loch Brora Angling Club</b> Contribution towards the construction of a new jetty on safety grounds	<b>£5,000</b>
	<b>Sutherland Caledonia Pipe Band</b> To renew drums for the pipe band	<b>£5,000</b>
	<b>Rogart Community Council</b> To drain and topsoil a football pitch at Corry Meadow Rogart	<b>£4,826</b>
	<b>Golspie Angling Club</b> To purchase a new boat for the angling club	<b>£4,700</b>
	<b>Sutherland Outdoor Activities Project</b> To upgrade of seafront facility	<b>£4,635</b>
	<b>Bunillidh Thistle Sports Club</b> To purchase new goal posts and five aside goals	<b>£4,224</b>
	<b>Brora Social Amenities Group</b> To purchase portable PA system	<b>£4,000</b>
	<b>East Sutherland Swimming Club</b> To provide SASA fees and competition costs	<b>£3,628</b>
	<b>Little Monsters Movement Club</b> To deliver a pilot programme of movement and dance sessions for children with addition needs	<b>£3,512</b>

Category	Organisation	Award
	<b>Rogart Community Council</b> To award micro grants with a maximum value of £500	<b>£3,000</b>
	<b>Golspie Community Council</b> To award micro grants with a maximum value of £500	<b>£3,000</b>
	<b>Brora Community Council</b> To award micro grants with a maximum value of £500	<b>£3,000</b>
	<b>Helmsdale and District Community Council</b> To award micro grants with a maximum value of £500	<b>£3,000</b>
	<b>Rogart for the Future</b> To deliver annual senior citizens outing	<b>£1,500</b>
	<b>Brora Community Events Group</b> To fund a senior citizens summer outing	<b>£1,423</b>
	<b>Bunillidh Rowing Club</b> To purchase junior life jackets and materials to make junior oars	<b>£1,300</b>
	<b>Helmsdale Station CIC</b> To purchase a station clock for Helmsdale Station	<b>£1,243</b>
	<b>Rogart Community Council</b> To fund a resilience hub to be managed through community council	<b>£500</b>
	<b>Golspie Community Council</b> To fund a resilience hub to be managed through community council	<b>£500</b>
	<b>Brora Community Council</b> To fund a resilience hub to be managed through community council	<b>£500</b>
	<b>Helmsdale Community Council</b> To fund a resilience hub to be managed through community council	<b>£500</b>

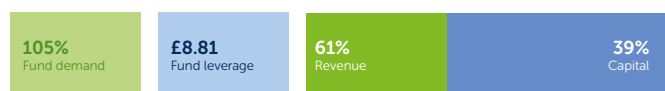
## Glendoe

The Glendoe community fund will invest an estimated £2.2 million in local projects between 2006 and 2031.

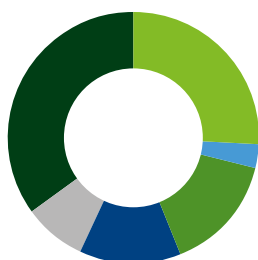
Opened in 2009, Glendoe was the largest conventional hydro electric scheme to be built in over 50 years. The fund benefits a population of around 2,000 over the two community council areas of Fort Augustus and Glenmoriston, and Stratherrick and Foyers. The fund is managed locally by the Fort Augustus and Glenmoriston Community Company and the Stratherrick and Foyers Community Trust on behalf of SSE.

Annual Fund Payment **£133,969.37**

Awards Approved £68,235



### Fund allocation by category



Category	Organisation	Award
■	<b>Stratherrick and Foyers Community Trust Ltd</b> To provide energy grants and a free energy efficient LED light bulbs project	£24,516
■	<b>Fort Augustus and Glenmoriston Community Company</b> To employ Community Caretakers	£9,170
■	<b>Fort Augustus and Glenmoriston Community Company</b> To employ Apprentices	£8,723
■	<b>Friends of Inverness Royal Academy</b> To help students from the local area aged 11 – 18 to attend trips and tutoring	£5,135
■	<b>Stratherrick and Foyers Community Trust Ltd</b> To provide a sporting, hardship and student grant scheme	£4,215

Category	Organisation	Award
■	<b>Kilchuimen Primary School</b> To provide transport for all children to attend swimming lessons.	£2,450
■	<b>Foyers Fire Station Community Fund</b> To run a community Fireworks event	£2,000
■	<b>Cill Chuimein Heritage Group</b> To buy a storyboard, print leaflets, fund field trips and speakers for heritage talks.	£1,250
■	<b>Stratherrick Seniors' Lunch Club</b> To subsidise the cost of monthly meals	£1,200
■	<b>Foyers Primary School</b> To provide a minibus lease and gardening equipment	£1,058
■	<b>Stratherrick and Foyers Community Trust Ltd</b> To deliver a hardship and travel bursary scheme	£1,002
■	<b>Fort Augustus and Glenmoriston Community Company</b> To make improvements to the village hall	£1,000
■	<b>Fort Augustus and Glenmoriston Community Company</b> To install three community defibrillators	£926
■	<b>Stratherrick Primary Parent Council</b> To provide transport to swimming lessons and a residential trip to Glencoe	£881
■	<b>Fort Augustus Lunch Club</b> To subsidise a weekly lunch club	£832
■	<b>Glengarry Shinty Club</b> To help with travel costs, provide equipment and training.	£816
■	<b>Glenmoriston Lunch Club</b> To subsidise a fortnightly lunch club	£760
■	<b>Stratherrick and Foyers Community Trust Ltd</b> To support an annual community party	£624
■	<b>Regional Screen Scotland</b> To contribute to refurbishment of the Screen Machine	£512
■	<b>Fort Augustus Tennis Club</b> To purchase debris cover for the tennis court	£310
■	<b>Boleskine Camanachd</b> To contribute towards annual running costs	£252
■	<b>Stratherrick and Foyers Parent and Toddler Group</b> To support running costs and a trip to a Wildlife Park	£223
■	<b>Regional Screen Machine</b> To provide a four ticket subsidy scheme	£192

Category	Organisation	Award
■	<b>South Loch Ness Nursery</b> To fund equipment for enhanced learning	£180
■	<b>Fort Augustus Children's Party</b> To fund a Christmas Party	£8

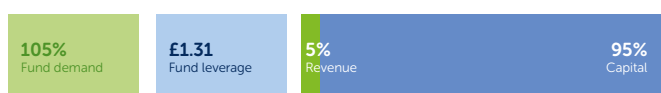
## Fairburn

The Fairburn community fund is expected to invest around £2.7 million in local projects over its lifetime.

The fund benefits a population of more than 4,300 over the three community council areas of Contin; Marybank, Scatwell and Strathconon; and Muir of Ord.

Annual Fund Payment **£114,574.33**

Awards Approved £106,322



### Fund allocation by category



Category	Organisation	Award
■	<b>Fairburn Memorial Hall</b> To erect a new store	£48,800
■	<b>Fairburn Memorial Hall</b> To install a defibrillator and two year contribution of part-time care taker	£10,000
■	<b>Scatwell Community Association</b> To find timber replacement to rear of a storage building and a concrete base for a wooden cabin	£10,000
■	<b>Marybank, Scatwell and Strathconon Community Council</b> To purchase and install two traffic smiley Speed Indication Displays	£8,364
■	<b>Muir of Ord Hall and Facilities Company</b> To fund, surveys, drawings and permissions for hall refurbishment	£6,000

Category	Organisation	Award
■	<b>Contin Football Club</b> To reclaim waste ground to form a training area and refurbishment of pavilion	£5,000
■	<b>Marybank Primary Parent Council</b> To support transport for swimming lessons and to develop an outdoor classroom	£5,000
■	<b>Scatwell Community Association</b> To purchase materials for maintenance of joiners workshop building	£4,324
■	<b>Royal Highland Education Trust (HI)</b> To support a Food and Farming event at Black Isle showground	£2,814
■	<b>Contin Community Council</b> To repair two footbridges	£1,800
■	<b>Contin Community Trust</b> To resurface a carpark	£1,380
■	<b>Contin SWRI</b> To support an annual outing	£800
■	<b>Strathpeffer Seedlings</b> To allow the gardening club to visit Cantraybridge College and to build raise beds	£796
■	<b>Marybank Primary Parent Council</b> To enable a panto visit for the school	£544
■	<b>Strathpeffer School Gardening Club</b> To purchase resources for the school garden	£250
■	<b>Friends of the Pavilion</b> To fund celebratory event for Queen's Birthday	£250
■	<b>Five Acre Wood</b> To purchase a new gate	£200

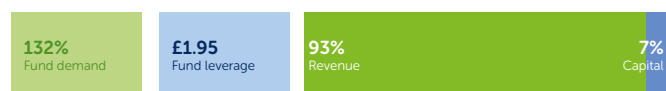
## Achany

The Achany community fund will be worth £2.5 million between 2010 and 2035 to share between local projects.

The fund serves a population of around 2,500, covering the three community council areas of Ardgay and District, Creich and Lairg.

Annual Fund Payment **£109,822.63**

Awards Approved £118,406



Fund allocation by category



Category	Organisation	Award
Skills and employment	Kyle of Sutherland Development Trust To fund a Development Manager's post for two years	£60,000
Skills and employment	Kyle of Sutherland Apprenticeship Scheme To deliver an Apprenticeship scheme	£19,000
Education and youth development	East Sutherland Community Care To fund a two year befriending project	£10,008
Education and youth development	Kyle of Sutherland Development Trust To commission a feasibility study into extra care housing in Bonar Bridge	£9,600
Skills and employment	Lairg and District Learning Centre To deliver training and adult education classes	£7,579
Sport and recreation	Kyle of Sutherland Angling Association To purchase of a Highlander 15 and Pioneer 13 boat	£6,000
Skills and employment	Kyle of Sutherland Hub To employ a part-time General Assistant post	£4,148
Education and youth development	Kyle of Sutherland Gala Association To purchase Bouncy Castle and outdoor games	£2,071

## Spurness

The Spurness community fund will provide over £600,000 to invest in local projects between 2004 and 2029.

The fund benefits just over 500 people in the community council area of Sanday.

Annual Fund Payment **£27,830.20**

Awards Approved £30,697



Fund allocation by category




Category	Organisation	Award
Skills and employment	Sanday Development Trust To deliver evening classes from Farr Secondary School	£13,564
Education and youth development	Sanday Community Council To award micro grants with a maximum value of £300	£5,000
Education and youth development	Sanday Community Association To fund a two year provision of a summer play scheme	£4,000
Education and youth development	Sanday Duke of Edinburgh Award Group To provide residential expedition costs for 5 young people	£2,500
Education and youth development	Sanday Parent Council To provide music tuition	£1,883
Education and youth development	OACAS To deliver drug and alcohol counselling	£1,500
Sport and recreation	Peddle Putters To construct and operate a 9 hole putting course	£1,250
Education and youth development	Sanday Pupil Council To provide fruit for school children	£1,000

## Kingairloch

The Kingairloch community fund will provide around **£325,000** to invest in local projects over its lifetime.

Kingairloch is one of SSE's smaller hydro electric schemes. The annual value of the fund is around £6,835, benefitting an estimated population of 3,200 across the community council areas of Ardgour, Sunart and Morvern. The fund is administered by the Highland Council on behalf of SSE.

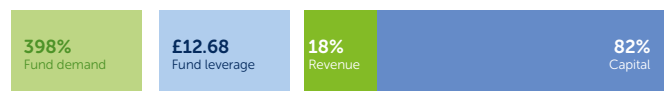
Category	Organisation	Award
	<b>Highland Council - community fund allowance</b> To distribute funds on behalf of SSE	<b>£6,836</b>

## Sustainable Development Fund Highlands




The Highlands Sustainable Development Fund has a current estimated value of **£17 million** over its lifetime.

The fund serves the whole population of the Highlands region, estimated at 232,950.



Annual Fund Payment	<b>£1,000,000</b>
Awards Approved	£983.844












Fund allocation by category

-  Sustainable Places
-  Empowering Communities
-  Creating Opportunities



Category	Organisation	Award
	<b>DAY 1</b> To purchase the Inverness Kart Raceway site and operate the social enterprise programme	<b>£150,000</b>
	<b>Kyle of Sutherland Development Trust</b> To purchase the now derelict Lady Ross Hotel and transform the site into a business hub and create new housing opportunities.	<b>£150,000</b>

Category	Organisation	Award
	<b>Isle of Canna Community Development Trust</b> Towards the installation of a renewable energy powered grid	<b>£100,000</b>
	<b>Gairloch and District Heritage Company</b> To relocate the Gairloch Heritage Museum to Achtercairn, Gairloch	<b>£100,000</b>
	<b>Gordonbush Apprenticeship Scheme</b> To support 12 young people in apprenticeships	<b>£72,000</b>
	<b>Applecross Community Company</b> To provide suitable affordable accommodation for elderly and disabled local people	<b>£56,077</b>
	<b>Fort Augustus and Glemoriston Community Trust</b> To purchase and rebuild the local doctors' surgery which was destroyed by fire	<b>£50,000</b>
	<b>Historic Assynt</b> To support the excavation of Clach toll Broch and to make provision for safe visitor access	<b>£50,000</b>
	<b>Kyle of Sutherland Apprenticeship Scheme</b> To support eight young people in apprenticeships	<b>£49,000</b>
	<b>Nevis Partnership</b> To link two historic paths and offer unparalleled access to, and views of, the iconic North Face of Ben Nevis.	<b>£43,000</b>
	<b>The Shieling Project Community Interest Company</b> To establish a fully serviced sustainability learning centre	<b>£31,000</b>
	<b>The Embo Trust</b> To renovate an old school for use as a community hub	<b>£25,000</b>
	<b>Abriachan Forest Trust</b> To employ a Coordinator to run a volunteering programme	<b>£21,500</b>
	<b>Caithness Rural Transport</b> To replace the community minibus which is no longer fit for purpose.	<b>£20,000</b>
	<b>Scottish Wildlife Trust</b> To restore and connect areas of native woodland	<b>£20,000</b>
	<b>Lochaber Action on Disability</b> Towards the purchase of a fully disabled access minibus.	<b>£18,000</b>

Category	Organisation	Award
■	<b>Strathpeffer Pavilion Association</b> Towards the refurbishment of the Strathpeffer Pavilion	£16,017
■	<b>North West Highlands Geopark</b> To employ a Development Officer to improve the income generating capacity of the Geopark	£12,250

## Beatrice Partnership Fund – Highlands

Beatrice Offshore Wind Farm Ltd (BOWL) is currently constructing the 84 turbine Beatrice offshore wind farm off the Caithness coast. The Highland Beatrice partnership fund supports communities that lie wholly within the east coast communities of Caithness and Sutherland. The fund will provide £2 million to invest in local projects over the five year lifetime of the fund.

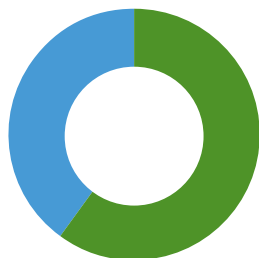
Annual Fund Payment **£380,000**

Awards Approved £189,179



### Fund allocation by category

- Sustainable Places
- Empowering Communities
- Creating Opportunities



Category	Organisation	Award
■	<b>Pulteneytown Peoples Project Ltd</b> To deliver a social care project	£36,000
■	<b>The Embo Trust</b> To renovate the old school for use as a community hub	£33,333
■	<b>Engaging with Activity</b> To employ a co-ordinator over a two year period to develop and deliver a project to combat loneliness at the Brora Wellbeing Hub	£30,864
■	<b>Garbh Allt Community Initiative</b> To purchase of four crofting townships near Helmsdale and develop tourist opportunities on the land	£29,918

Category	Organisation	Award
■	<b>Kyle of Sutherland Development Trust</b> To purchase an electric vehicle which will facilitate the delivery of a number of projects in their area	£25,045
■	<b>Friends of John O'Groats Trail</b> To assist with the construction elements of two paths on the east coast of Sutherland	£21,651
■	<b>Ormlie Community Association</b> To deliver family support service improving the life chances of mums and their children in Wick	£12,368

## Moray



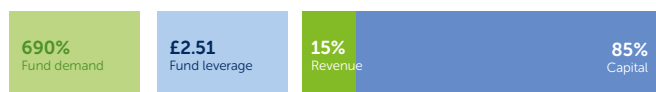
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## Beatrice Partnership Fund – Moray

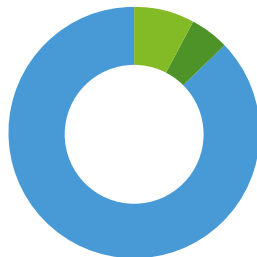
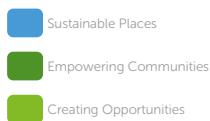
The Moray Beatrice partnership fund supports communities that lie on the Moray coast and the areas of Buckie and District, Lennox, Strathisla and Keith. The fund will provide £1 million to invest in local projects over the five year lifetime of the fund.

Annual Fund Payment **£190,000**

Awards Approved £189,447



#### Fund allocation by category



Category	Organisation	Award
	<b>Morayvia</b> To increase capacity at the science and technology centre	<b>£50,000</b>
	<b>Whale and Dolphin Conservation Society</b> To install a new biomass boiler which will significantly improve the centre's capacity as a visitor attraction	<b>£46,544</b>
	<b>Covesea Lighthouse Community Company</b> For the internal fit-out of an education and heritage centre	<b>£40,000</b>
	<b>Skill Force Development (Scotland)</b> To deliver an education and mentoring programme for 40 young people	<b>£15,076</b>
	<b>Keith and Dufftown Railway Association</b> To replace the existing wooden sleepers with concrete sleepers to reinforce the line between Drummuir and Keith junction	<b>£15,000</b>
	<b>REAP</b> To fund a part-time energy advisor over a two year period to promote opportunities to tackle fuel poverty	<b>£12,500</b>
	<b>Alves Hall</b> To support the upgrading the village hall, which is the designated emergency hub for the local area	<b>£10,327</b>

## Perthshire



SSE has three developments in the Perthshire region covered by two community funds. With an installed capacity of 220MW between the two developments, over £13 million will be invested in local projects.

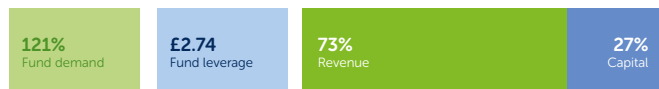
### Griffin and Calliachar

The Griffin and Calliachar community fund has an estimated value of £11 million over its lifetime.

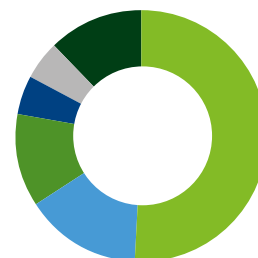
Launched in 2011, it serves a population of around 7,000 over the five community council areas of Aberfeldy; Dull and Weem; Dunkeld and Birnam; Kenmore and District; and Mid Atholl, Strathay and Grandtully. It is SSE's second largest local fund.

Annual Fund Payment **£527,090.64**


















Awards Approved **£474,255**




















#### Fund allocation by category



Category	Organisation	Award
	<b>Dunkeld and Birnam Friends of Guiding</b> To provide alterations to the guide hall	<b>£70,000</b>
	<b>Move 2 Improve</b> To provide enhancement works to Lower Birks	<b>£50,000</b>

Category	Organisation	Award
	<b>Tayside Mountain Rescue Association</b> To contribute to a new command vehicle	£25,000
	<b>Home Start Perth</b> To deliver a family support project	£25,000
	<b>Royal School of Dunkeld Parent Partnership Group</b> To improve outdoor areas of the school	£24,970
	<b>Butterstone Public Hall</b> To support improvement works to the hall	£22,797
	<b>Breadalbane Canoe Club</b> To purchase a new minibus	£22,600
	<b>Kenmore Primary School Parent Council</b> To develop a community learning woodland	£22,000
	<b>Perth and Kinross Heritage Trust</b> To support archaeology work at the Kings Seat Hillfort in Dunkeld	£20,000
	<b>The Birks Cinema</b> To employ a part-time Marketing Executive	£19,375
	<b>Breadalbane Community Football Club</b> To install fencing to secure the perimeter of the club	£18,500
	<b>The Workshop Aberfeldy</b> To support running costs	£13,850
	<b>Dunkeld and Birnam Historical Society</b> To produce leaflets and erection of plaques on historically significant buildings or structures	£13,515
	<b>Dunkeld and Birnam Tourist Association</b> To develop a new website to promote tourism	£12,468
	<b>Friends of Breadalbane</b> To deliver activities for children with additional support needs	£12,000
	<b>Aberfeldy Community Council</b> To purchase five defibrillators	£11,650
	<b>Explore Aberfeldy</b> To redesign the visitor guide and website	£10,000
	<b>Aberfeldy Community Council</b> To award micro grants with a maximum value of £500	£10,000
	<b>Heartland FM</b> To deliver an oral history project	£9,886

Category	Organisation	Award
	<b>Vale of Atholl Pipers</b> To deliver school based tuition and evening tuition	£7,500
	<b>Tullymet Curling Club</b> To build a new clubhouse	£6,794
	<b>Locus Breadalbane</b> To repoint stonework in the clock tower	£6,000
	<b>Corbenic Camphill Community</b> To install brown Scottish Tourism signs from the A9 and directing visitors to the poetry path carpark	£6,000
	<b>Kenmore and District Community Council</b> To award micro grants with a maximum value of £500	£5,000
	<b>Aberfeldy Festival</b> To support the 2016 festival costs	£5,000
	<b>Dunkeld and Birnam Community Council</b> To award micro grants with a maximum value of £500	£5,000
	<b>Mid Atholl, Strathtay and Grandtully Community Council</b> To award micro grants with a maximum value of £500	£4,000
	<b>Scottish National Sheepdog Trials</b> To support the cost of the sheepdog trials	£3,000
	<b>Tayside 4x4 Response</b> To purchase safety equipment	£2,500
	<b>Strathearn Scientific Society</b> To deliver STEM based activities at the Breadalbane Community Campus in Aberfeldy	£2,500
	<b>Dunkeld and District Strathspey and Reel Society</b> To purchase a new piano	£2,000
	<b>Remake Scotland</b> To purchase a van	£1,500
	<b>Care and Wellbeing Cooperative</b> To support a travelling roadshow	£1,000
	<b>Dunkeld and Birnam Playgroup</b> To run a playgroup across the school year	£1,000
	<b>RSD450</b> To arrange a celebration of 450 years of the Royal School of Dunkeld	£1,000
	<b>Dunkeld and Birnam Events Group</b> Support the Santa Day	£850

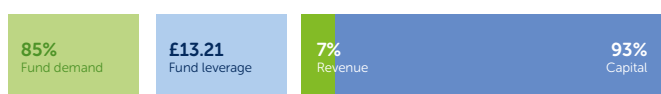
## Drumderg

An estimated £2.6 million will be invested through the Drumderg community fund in local projects over its lifetime.

The fund serves a population of around 3,700 over the two community council areas of Alyth and Mount Blair.

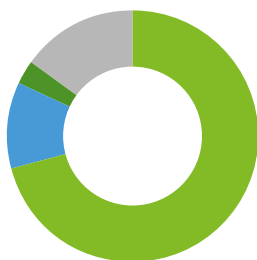
Annual Fund Payment **£101,995.01**

Awards Approved £44,618



### Fund allocation by category

- Environment and conservation
- Sport and recreation
- Skills and employment
- Education and youth development
- Culture, heritage and tourism
- Community facilities and services



Category	Organisation	Award
<span style="color: green;">■</span>	<b>Alyth Development Trust</b> To support the Alyth Town Centre Development Plan	£22,026
<span style="color: blue;">■</span>	<b>Ballintuim Hall</b> To produce a CD to mark the 25 anniversary of the community dance	£3,239
<span style="color: green;">■</span>	<b>Alyth Community Council</b> To award micro grants with a maximum value of £300	£3,400
<span style="color: green;">■</span>	<b>Mount Blair Community Council</b> To award micro grants with a maximum value of £300	£3,400
<span style="color: grey;">■</span>	<b>Alyth 45th Perthshire Scout Group</b> To provide equipment and outdoor experiences for young people	£2,761
<span style="color: grey;">■</span>	<b>Keep the Glens Fit</b> To support the running costs of a local exercise class	£1,870
<span style="color: green;">■</span>	<b>Mount Blair Community Development Trust</b> To install community libraries in disused phone boxes	£1,789
<span style="color: blue;">■</span>	<b>Alyth &amp; District 50+ Club</b> To fund transportation for social outings	£1,510

Category	Organisation	Award
<span style="color: green;">■</span>	<b>Airlie Street Hall Association</b> To provide a new dishwasher	£1,400
<span style="color: grey;">■</span>	<b>Alyth Hill Users Group</b> To upskill volunteers and train new volunteers	£1,321
<span style="color: green;">■</span>	<b>Strathmore Arts Festival</b> To fund the Alyth School and Community History Project	£1,282
<span style="color: grey;">■</span>	<b>Strathardle Beavers</b> To attend a day camp	£620

## Argyll and Bute



SSE currently operates one development in the Argyll and Bute region. The Tangy wind farm has an installed capacity of 18.7MW and is expected to generate £160,000 in community benefit funding over its lifetime.

## Tangy

The fund benefits a population of around 8,000, covering the five community council areas of Campbeltown, East Kintyre, The Laggan, West Kintyre and Southend.

Annual Fund Payment **£24,910.85**

Awards Approved £24,910



### Fund allocation by category

- Environment and conservation
- Sport and recreation
- Skills and employment
- Education and youth development
- Culture, heritage and tourism
- Community facilities and services



Category	Organisation	Award
■	<b>ALienergy</b> To distribute energy efficiency grants	<b>£9,232</b>
■	<b>Campbeltown Community Council</b> To award micro grants with a maximum value of £300	<b>£2,835</b>
■	<b>East Kintyre Community Council</b> To award micro grants with a maximum value of £300	<b>£2,835</b>
■	<b>Southend Community Council</b> To award micro grants with a maximum value of £300	<b>£2,835</b>
■	<b>The Laggan Community Council</b> To award micro grants with a maximum value of £300	<b>£2,835</b>
■	<b>West Kintyre Community Council</b> To award micro grants with a maximum value of £300	<b>£2,835</b>
■	<b>The Kintyre Wind Farm Trust</b> To distribute funds on behalf of SSE	<b>£1,500</b>

## Ayrshire



This region hosts two SSE developments, including Hadyard Hill wind farm, the UK's biggest on its completion in 2006. Community funds in this region cover developments with a combined installed capacity of around 140MW, with £3.25 million to be invested over their lifetime.

### Hadyard Hill

**The Hadyard Hill community fund will provide around £3 million to invest in local community and charitable projects over its lifetime.**

Around 1,900 local people benefit from the fund that covers the three community council areas of Barr; Daily; and Pinmore and Pinwherry.

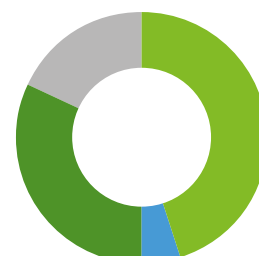
Annual Fund Payment **£111,539.24**

Awards Approved **£15,792**

<b>14%</b> Fund demand	<b>£3.63</b> Fund leverage	<b>60%</b> Revenue	<b>40%</b> Capital
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#### Fund allocation by category

- Environment and conservation
- Sport and recreation
- Skills and employment
- Education and youth development
- Culture, heritage and tourism
- Community facilities and services



Category	Organisation	Award
■	<b>Ayrshire Rivers Trust</b> To encourage primary school pupils to think about the importance of river environments	<b>£2,500</b>
■	<b>Daily Scout Group</b> To continue to develop young peoples' skills	<b>£2,500</b>
■	<b>Pinwherry and Pinmore Community</b> To purchase tables and chairs for community events	<b>£2,265</b>
■	<b>Barr Community Council</b> To purchase a defibrillator for the village hall	<b>£1,716</b>
■	<b>South Carrick Club Diamonds Fun Fitness and Friendship</b> To support class costs	<b>£1,667</b>
■	<b>Girvan and District Entertainment</b> To hold the 2016 Carrick community fireworks display	<b>£1,667</b>
■	<b>Two Pins Community Company</b> To purchase a bouncy castle for community events	<b>£1,614</b>
■	<b>TKS Martial Arts and Fitness Charitable Trust</b> To cover costs of hall rental for a weekly martial arts class	<b>£1,124</b>
■	<b>Carrick Sheep Dog Trails Society</b> To purchase a marquee	<b>£739</b>

## Hunterston

The Hunterston community fund will provide £250,000 over five years to invest in community and charitable projects.

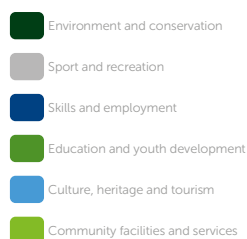
Hunterston is Scotland's first offshore wind turbine test facility. The fund benefits a population of around 19,000 over the four community council areas of Cumbrae, Fairlie, Largs and West Kilbride.

Annual Fund Payment **£50,000**

Awards Approved £57,077



### Fund allocation by category



Category	Organisation	Award
■	<b>Fairlie Community Trust</b> To fund footpath refurbishment.	£5,000
■	<b>West Kilbride Tennis Club</b> To part-fund a small clubhouse facility	£5,000
■	<b>West Kilbride Community Sports</b> To enlarge Glen football pitch and replace drainage	£5,000
■	<b>West Kilbride Primary School</b> To part-fund an outdoor gym and build raised planters in the early years garden	£3,292
■	<b>West Kilbride Environmental Group</b> To purchase a new roof for a porta cabin	£3,039
■	<b>Cumbrae Support Team</b> To install a back up generator at the community hub	£3,000
■	<b>Largs Community Sport and Leisure Club</b> To support a sailing expedition for 12 local youths on board a 70 foot sailing boat	£3,000

Category	Organisation	Award
■	<b>Royal British Legion Millport</b> To provide new seating and toilets	£3,000
■	<b>West Kilbride Out of School Care</b> To provide a secure container for outdoor equipment	£2,818
■	<b>Elderly Forum Millport</b> To undertake a feasibility study into the options open to establish a nursing home	£2,500
■	<b>Fairlie Community Trust</b> To support the shore steps refurbishment	£2,432
■	<b>Millport Art group</b> To purchase a Killin and equipment	£2,300
■	<b>Firth of Clyde Coastal Rowing Club</b> To purchase a skiff trailer	£2,200
■	<b>Fairlie Over 50s Snooker Club</b> To purchase of new snooker table and refurbishment of existing.	£1,760
■	<b>Largs Community Council</b> To award micro grants with a maximum value of £300	£1,750
■	<b>Cumbrae Primary School Parent Council</b> To provide sports equipment	£1,500
■	<b>Douglas Park Nursery</b> To extend the nursery's outdoor sessions	£1,500
■	<b>Cumbrae Community Council</b> To award micro grants with a maximum value of £300	£1,250
■	<b>West Kilbride Civic Society</b> To part fund benches in and around the village	£1,250
■	<b>Organic Growers of Fairlie</b> To improve the community garden	£1,134
■	<b>Largs Viking Festival</b> To support the running of the 2016 Festival	£1,000
■	<b>West Kilbride Village Hall</b> To improve a janitorial facility	£1,000
■	<b>West Kilbride Craft Town</b> To provide directional signage in West Kilbride	£880
■	<b>St Mary's sunflowers</b> To enable the group to make educational visits	£550
■	<b>Age Concern Largs</b> To reinstate an elderly lunch club	£500

Category	Organisation	Award
	<b>Cumbrae SWRI</b> To purchase a new projector	<b>£200</b>
	<b>West Kilbride Development Group</b> To rent accommodation for meetings	<b>£200</b>
	<b>West Kilbride Community Trust</b> To support community printing costs	<b>£17</b>

## Scottish Borders



The 350MW Clyde wind farm is located across three different local authority areas – Borders, Dumfries and Galloway and South Lanarkshire. In 2016 SSE sold a stake in its Clyde wind farm to Greencoat UK Wind Plc ("UKW") and GMPF & LPFA Infrastructure LLP ("GLIL"), however, SSE still manages the Clyde wind farm community funds. The Borders also plays host to SSE's Toddleburn wind farm. Clyde Borders and Toddleburn have a combined installed capacity of 27.6MW and around £6 million will be invested in local projects over the lifetime of the funds.

### Clyde Borders

**The Clyde Borders community fund will invest around £4 million in community projects over its lifetime.**

The Clyde Borders fund is one of three funds that benefit from Clyde Wind Farm Ltd's Clyde wind farm. The fund serves around 1,000 people in the three community council areas of Skirling, Upper Tweed and Tweedsmuir.

Annual Fund Payment	<b>£126,742.35</b>
Awards Approved	£56,209

<b>49%</b> Fund demand	<b>£2.71</b> Fund leverage	<b>27%</b> Revenue	<b>73%</b> Capital
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#### Fund allocation by category



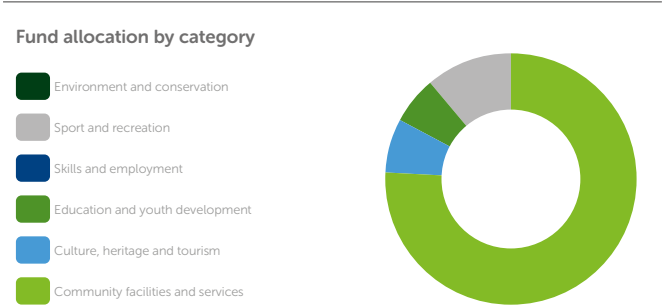
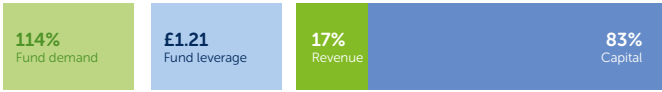
Category	Organisation	Award
	<b>Tweedsmuir CIC</b> To hire a Fundraiser	<b>£14,200</b>
	<b>Tweedsmuir and Upper Tweed Community First Responders</b> To purchase a defibrillator and support a First Responder project.	<b>£9,161</b>
	<b>Broughton Village Hall</b> To purchase new chairs for the hall	<b>£8,550</b>
	<b>Skirling Community Council</b> To deliver a Paths Project	<b>£7,080</b>
	<b>Skirling Reading and Recreation Club</b> To deliver a Flood Resilience Project	<b>£4,190</b>
	<b>The Arthur Trail Association</b> To support path network development	<b>£4,000</b>
	<b>Skirling Community Council</b> Micro grant 2016	<b>£2,000</b>
	<b>VOMO</b> To deliver a film and TV project for Broughton Primary	<b>£2,000</b>
	<b>Skirling Community Council</b> To purchase a bench for War Memorial	<b>£1,980</b>
	<b>Bananas Playgroup</b> To purchase play equipment and books	<b>£1,348</b>
	<b>Tweedsmuir Community Council</b> Micro grant Top up	<b>£1,000</b>
	<b>Skirling Community Council</b> To deliver a Food Hygiene Course	<b>£700</b>

### Toddleburn

**The Toddleburn community fund will provide over £2 million for investment in local projects over its lifetime.**

The fund serves a population of around 1,800 over the three community council areas of Heriot; Oxton and Channelkirk; and Parish of Stow.

Annual Fund Payment	<b>£78,762.69</b>
Awards Approved	£78,794



Category	Organisation	Award
	<b>Foundation Scotland</b> To establish an Endowment fund for Stow	£25,000
	<b>Channelkirk Senior Citizens</b> To fund senior citizen outings and trips for two years	£11,000
	<b>Heriot Community Council</b> To purchase three bus shelters.	£10,549
	<b>Stow Pipe Band</b> To fund tuition	£7,500
	<b>Stow Kids Club</b> Provision of a Summer Club for Kids	£5,000
	<b>Stow Sports Committee</b> For annual Christmas fireworks	£4,200
	<b>Stow Parish Trust</b> To display a collection of toy cars bequeathed to the community	£3,923
	<b>Stow Community Council</b> Community newsletter	£3,315
	<b>Stow &amp; District OAP Society</b> To provide activities for older members of the community	£3,000
	<b>Fountainhall Primary School Parent Council</b> New Storage Shed	£1,650
	<b>Oxton CC</b> To cover costs of a community walk.	£1,500
	<b>Sound Out</b> To develop a website to support a Music Festival	£1,200
	<b>Stow Community Council</b> To award micro grants with a maximum value of £300	£957

# South Lanarkshire



The South Lanarkshire Region is home to the Clyde South Lanarkshire community fund, the single largest community benefit fund in the UK. The fund is expected to invest around £38 million over its lifetime.

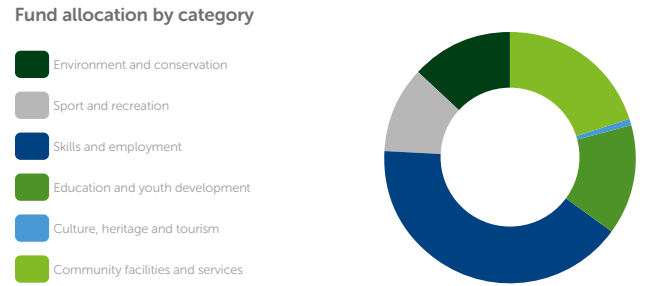
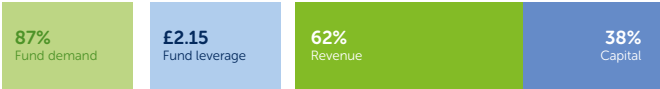
## Clyde South Lanarkshire

















The Clyde South Lanarkshire community fund provides over £840,000 per year to invest in community projects in the local area.















This fund is the largest of the three funds which benefit from the Clyde wind farm, now owned by Clyde Windfarm Ltd, of which SSE is a partner. The fund serves an estimated 4,900 people in the community council areas of Biggar; Crawford; Duneaton; Leadhills; Libberton; Quothquan and Thankerton; and Symington. SSE continues to manage the community funds for Clyde wind farm. The Clyde South Lanarkshire fund is administered by South Lanarkshire Council.

Annual Fund Payment **£864,814**

Awards Approved £703,615



Category	Organisation	Award
	<b>South Lanarkshire Routes to Inclusion</b> Delivery of an employability and training initiative	<b>£300,000</b>
	<b>Carwfordjohn Play Development Group</b> To upgrade a play park and develop a garden area	<b>£95,091</b>
	<b>Upper Clyde Farmers Club</b> To deliver a study into Ovine Pulmonary Adenocarcinoma	<b>£94,485</b>
	<b>Lowther Hills Ski Club</b> To construct a clubhouse building to support organisational activities	<b>£39,890</b>
	<b>Biggar Museum Trust</b> To upgrade Trinity Chapel to create community events space	<b>£35,000</b>
	<b>Crawfordjohn Public Hall Association</b> To support internal hall upgrade works	<b>£30,000</b>
	<b>St Brides Community Centre</b> To purchase retail properties to support the running of St Brides Centre	<b>£17,780</b>
	<b>Leadhills Golf Club</b> To purchase maintenance machinery to enhance quality of the golf course	<b>£5,000</b>
	<b>Biggar Rotary Club</b> To install three public access defibrillators	<b>£5,000</b>
	<b>Rural Development Trust</b> To support a rural transport consultancy study	<b>£5,000</b>
	<b>Biggar Golf Club</b> To provide Clubhouse kitchen improvements	<b>£5,000</b>
	<b>Liberton and Thankerton CC</b> To award micro grants with a maximum value of £250	<b>£5,000</b>
	<b>Crawford and Elvanfoot Community Council</b> To award micro grants with a maximum value of £250	<b>£5,000</b>
	<b>Biggar Community Council</b> To award micro grants with a maximum value of £250	<b>£5,000</b>
	<b>Symington Community Council</b> To award micro grants with a maximum value of £250	<b>£5,000</b>
	<b>Leadhills Community Council</b> To award micro grants with a maximum value of £250	<b>£5,000</b>

Category	Organisation	Award
	<b>Symington Tinto Amateur Football Club</b> To supply football training equipment and coach training	<b>£4,977</b>
	<b>Thankerton Bowling Club</b> To provide boundary wall upgrade works	<b>£4,950</b>
	<b>Abington Bowling Club</b> To supply lawn grooming equipment	<b>£4,900</b>
	<b>Duineaton Community Council</b> To award micro grants with a maximum value of £250	<b>£4,880</b>
	<b>Crawfordjohn Heritage Venture Trust</b> To complete a study into gable wall moisture penetration and improvement project	<b>£4,710</b>
	<b>Blackface Sheep Breeders Association (Lanarkshire Branch)</b> To design and deliver organisational livery for the show stand	<b>£4,290</b>
	<b>Crawford and Elvanfoot Community Council</b> To improve Crawford Village war memorial including introduction of new seating	<b>£3,813</b>
	<b>Law and District Amateur Athletic Club</b> To purchase athletics equipment and coach training	<b>£3,645</b>
	<b>Biggar Camera Club</b> To supply a digital projector /display equipment	<b>£2,544</b>
	<b>Biggar Little Festival</b> To purchase a storage container for organisational equipment	<b>£2,279</b>
	<b>Crawford and Elvanfoot Community Council</b> To install public access defibrillators on Crawford Village Hall	<b>£2,190</b>
	<b>Roberton Gardening Club</b> To organise a Club anniversary trip	<b>£1,983</b>
	<b>Biggar Embroiderers Guild</b> To deliver a traditional sewing skills project within Biggar Primary	<b>£758</b>
	<b>Carwood Woman's Rural Institute</b> To organise a garden outing to learn about horticultural skills	<b>£450</b>

# Dumfries and Galloway



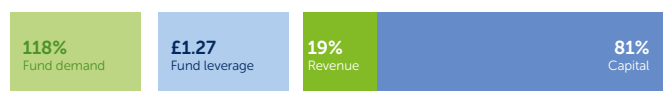
The Dumfries and Galloway region hosts several community benefit funds, including one which benefits from the Clyde wind farm development. With a combined installed capacity of 47.5MW, over £5.5 million will be invested between the three funds over their lifetime.

## Clyde Dumfries and Galloway

The Clyde Dumfries and Galloway community fund will invest around £4.3 million in community projects over its lifetime. One of three funds associated with the Clyde wind farm, the Clyde Dumfries and Galloway fund serves around 12,600 people in the following community council areas: Carronbridge, Closeburn, Durisdeer, Johnstone, Kirkconnel and Kelloholm, Kirkmichael, Kirkpatrick and Juxta, Moffat and District, Royal Burgh of Sanquhar and District, Thornhill, Wamphray, and Wanlockhead.

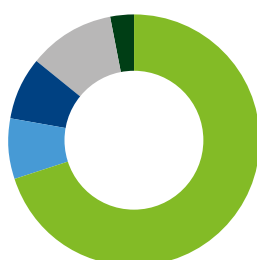
Annual Fund Payment **£164,716.37**

Awards Approved £152,757

















### Fund allocation by category

- Environment and conservation
- Sport and recreation
- Skills and employment
- Education and youth development
- Culture, heritage and tourism
- Community facilities and services



Category	Organisation	Award
■	<b>Upper Nithsdale Minibus Project</b> To replace the community minibus	£12,000
■	<b>Kirkconnel and Kelloholm Development Trust</b> To employ a Development Worker to progress the Kirkconnel and Kelloholm Community Action Plan	£12,000
■	<b>Moffat Christmas Lighting Fund</b> To replace existing obsolete equipment	£11,855
■	<b>Queensberry Initiative</b> To support the employment of two project officers delivering mentoring sessions, rural, forestry and agricultural skills	£10,000
■	<b>Wanlockhead Community Resource Centre</b> Updating the kitchen and refurbishing the halls of the Community Resource Centre	£9,791
■	<b>Beattock Hall Committee</b> To replace the hall kitchen	£9,016
■	<b>Durisdeer Village Committee</b> To carry out repairs to the village hall	£8,725
■	<b>Kirkconnel and Kelloholm Development Trust</b> To contribute towards a storage facility for new equipment	£8,000
■	<b>Thornhill Gala Committee</b> To purchase a storage container and preparation of the site to store it and for hire of a fairground ride.	£7,500
■	<b>Thornhill Bowling Club</b> To create an accessible viewing area, purchase new furniture and a secure container.	£7,500
■	<b>Kirkconnel and Kelloholm Development Trust</b> To pay towards a Community Volunteer Organiser to develop the actions identified in Community Action Plan.	£7,030
■	<b>Bankfoot House (Moffat) Ltd</b> To build an extension to Bankfoot House	£7,000
■	<b>Thornhill Golf Club</b> To fund a mini digger	£6,500
■	<b>The Arthur Trail Association</b> To fund an information board about Merlin's cave shelter that will enhance awareness of Scotland's early Dark Age heritage.	£6,406
■	<b>Kirkconnel Miners Memorial Centre Management Committee</b> To purchase room dividers to ensure greater flexibility	£5,650

Category	Organisation	Award
	<b>Moffat Gold 2017 SCIO</b> To contribute to hosting the world Gold Panning Championship in Moffat	£5,000
	<b>Moffat and District Community Nature Reserve</b> To contribute to maintaining the nature reserve	£4,000
	<b>Brighten Up Kirkconnel and Kelloholm</b> To refurbish the surrounding garden at the village war memorial, including planting perennial shrubs and applying a bark mulch	£2,750
	<b>Moffat Water Hall</b> To sand and repaint the outside of the hall and replace outdoor security light	£2,000
	<b>Johnstonebridge Parent Council</b> To assist in the purchase of PE equipment for the Community Centre	£1,400
	<b>Thornhill Community Council</b> To organise and run an open air music event featuring traditional and contemporary music	£1,200
	<b>Kirkpatrick Juxta Community Council</b> To award micro grants with a maximum value of £250	£1,000
	<b>Thornhill Community Council</b> To award micro grants with a maximum value of £250	£1,000
	<b>Moffat and District Community Council</b> To award micro grants with a maximum value of £250	£1,000
	<b>Wanlockhead Village Council</b> To award micro grants with a maximum value of £250	£1,000
	<b>Nith Valley Leaf Trust</b> To award micro grants with a maximum value of £250	£1,000
	<b>Wanlockhead Village Council</b> To award micro grants with a maximum value of £250	£1,000
	<b>South of Scotland Tennis Championship</b> To purchase tennis balls for use during the 7 day South of Scotland Tennis Tournament	£734
	<b>SRUC - Barony</b> To pay for maintenance and safety certification in order to keep the gym at Barony campus open	£700

## Artfield Fell

The Artfield Fell community fund is expected to provide around £700,000 over its lifetime for local community projects.

The fund serves an estimated 1,550 people in the two community council areas of Old Luce and New Luce. Funds are administered by Dumfries and Galloway Council on behalf of SSE.

Annual Fund Payment **£25,226.01**

Awards Approved £9,385



### Fund allocation by category



Category	Organisation	Award
	<b>New Luce Welfare Committee</b> To support senior citizens yearly activities including summer outings and the Christmas meal	£5,000
	<b>Glenluce Tractor Rally</b> Contribution to facilities hire, catering supplies and local advertising	£500
	<b>New Luce Community Resilience</b> To provide community resilience equipment	£3,885

## Balmurrie Fell

The Balmurrie Fell community fund will provide £560,000 over its lifetime for local community projects.

The fund serves an estimated 2,125 people in the three community council areas of Kirkcowan, New Luce and Old Luce. Funds are administered by Dumfries and Galloway Council on behalf of SSE.

Annual Fund Payment **£22,750**

Awards Approved £250



### Fund allocation by category



Category	Organisation	Award
■	Kirkcowan Community Council To fund transport for a community event	£250

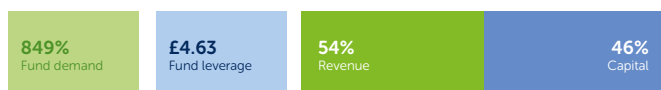
## Sustainable Development Fund – Dumfries and Galloway

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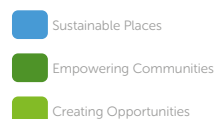
The fund serves the whole population of the Dumfries and Galloway region, estimated at 148,000.

Annual Fund Payment **£300,000**

Awards Approved £307,696



### Fund allocation by category



Category	Organisation	Award
■	<b>Wigtownshire Family Support Group</b> To develop a playpark which is accessible for children with disabilities	£42,500
■	<b>Dumfries and Galloway College</b> To create Learning Hubs within rural areas in Dumfries and Galloway	£40,000
■	<b>Stranraer Furniture Project</b> To purchase a new van to complete new facilities	£37,245
■	<b>Upper Nithsdale Arts and Crafts Community Initiative</b> To support the development of the Sanquhar Knitting Project	£32,582
■	<b>Project Scotland</b> To support the Dumfries Academy - combining individualised employability support with volunteering	£30,800
■	<b>Moffat Community Woodlands</b> To support the purchase of land for a community woodland - supporting biodiversity, tourism and education	£29,838
■	<b>Eastriggs and Gretna Heritage Group</b> To employ a Manager support the sustainability of the Devils Porridge Museum	£20,000
■	<b>The Langholm Initiative</b> To provide a comprehensive service providing bespoke support and learning opportunities	£20,000
■	<b>Stranraer Development Trust</b> To fund a Project Officer to support tourism and economic growth of area including oyster festival	£15,000
■	<b>Step Together</b> To work with all regional secondary schools to inspire young people to get involved in community volunteering	£11,016
■	<b>Stranraer Rotary</b> To fund a Skiff building project	£10,060

Category	Organisation	Award
■	<b>Dumfries and Galloway hard of hearing group</b> To expand provision into day care services	£10,000
■	<b>South of Scotland Beekeepers Association</b> To provide a wildflower meadow for colonies of bees and develop a community space to provide training	£8,655

Fund allocation by category



## North Lincolnshire



The North Lincolnshire region is host to Keadby wind farm, west of Scunthorpe. Keadby is the largest onshore wind farm in England, with an installed capacity of 68MW. It is expected the fund will invest £4.25 million in local projects over its lifetime.

### Keadby

The Keadby community fund will provide £170,000 per year to invest in local projects.

A population of around 10,500 is served by the fund over seven parish council areas: Amcotts, Althorpe, Crowle, Eastoft, Garthorpe and Fockerby, Keadby and Luddington and Holdenby. The fund is administered by North Lincolnshire Council on SSE's behalf.

Annual Fund Payment **£170,000**

Awards Approved £189,970



Category	Organisation	Award
■	<b>Luddington Village Hall</b> To develop the car parking facilities at Luddington village hall	£32,000
■	<b>St. Marks Community Fund</b> To improve the heating in St. Marks Church in Amcotts	£30,000
■	<b>Althorpe and Keadby Primary School</b> To enable children to undertake a local history study on Keadby	£22,650
■	<b>Keadby Church Hall</b> To make improvements to St. Oswald's Church Hall in Keadby	£21,971
■	<b>St. Marks Community Fund</b> To install a toilet facility in St Mark's Church in Amcotts	£18,000
■	<b>St. Marks Community Fund</b> To purchase and install some playground equipment in Amcotts	£17,000
■	<b>Althorpe and Keadby Working Men's Club</b> To provide improvements to Keadby Working Men's Club function room and kitchen facilities	£15,500
■	<b>Althorpe and Keadby Parish Council</b> To purchase and install barriers to provide further security at playparks	£5,706
■	<b>Crowle &amp; Ealand Regeneration Project Ltd</b> To purchase and plant the annual floral and other horticultural displays in Crowle and Ealand	£3,330
■	<b>Crowle and Ealand 1940's Group</b> To support the delivery of a 1940's themed weekend event in Crowle	£3,000
■	<b>University of the 3rd Age – Isle of Axholme Group</b> To advertise and establish a branch of the University of the 3rd Age to the Isle of Axholme	£3,000

Category	Organisation	Award
■	<b>St. Marks Community Fund</b> To support the Amcotts Christmas light switch-on event	£3,000
■	<b>Garthorpe and Fockerby Parish Council</b> To support the build and the unveiling ceremony of a war memorial in Garthorpe	£3,000
■	<b>St. Marks Community Fund</b> To install an information heritage board	£3,000
■	<b>Axholme North Collaborative Trust</b> To pilot the delivery of a series of engineering-based events in North Axholme Schools	£2,750
■	<b>Animis Racing Team</b> To allow trainers to gain a qualification on the Ironman University Course	£2,500
■	<b>Luddington and Haldenby Parish Council</b> To allow the Parish council to advertise events in The Arrow Newsletter and to purchase a noticeboard	£1,292
■	<b>Eastoft Gardening Club</b> To support a newly established club with their revenue costs	£1,125
■	<b>St. Marks Community Fund</b> To reintroduce the Amcotts Rose Queen event	£750
■	<b>Outcasts Cricket Club</b> To pay for a venue to train the local junior cricket players	£396

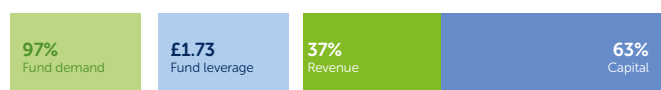
## Sustainable Development Fund – North Lincolnshire

The North Lincolnshire Sustainable Development Fund has a current estimated value of £4,250,000 over its lifetime.

The fund serves the whole population of North Lincolnshire estimated at 167,400. The fund is administered by North Lincolnshire Council on SSE's behalf.

Annual Fund Payment **£450,000**

Awards Approved £435,771



### Fund allocation by category



Category	Organisation	Award
■	<b>Saxby All Saints Bluebell Wood</b> To purchase some derelict land and create a 'bluebell wood' as a tourist attraction	£75,000
■	<b>Hatfield Chase Partnership</b> To improve access to the moorland areas of Crowle, Thorne and Hatfield	£52,000
■	<b>Ongo</b> To support people to overcome mental health issues by addressing the barriers that prevents them moving into employment	£47,677
■	<b>Burton upon Stather Primary School</b> To enhance their outdoor learning space at Burton Upon Stather Primary School	£44,870
■	<b>Scunthorpe Citizens Advice Bureau</b> To deliver a volunteering programme that provides people with an opportunity to learn new skills	£43,674
■	<b>Carlton Education</b> To rent micro units to enable an unemployed young person to start a business in a more supported setting	£40,000
■	<b>The Knotted Note</b> To create a soft play and activity centre for Barton	£30,500
■	<b>Scunthorpe Steeltown Team</b> To create a community seating area with a central sculpture	£30,000
■	<b>Scunthorpe Amalgamted Anglers</b> To improve access to a site in Yaddethorpe	£30,000
■	<b>Young Enterprise</b> To deliver some of the Young Enterprise programmes to both primary and secondary schools	£14,580
■	<b>Sinfonia Viva</b> To introduce STEM into early-years and reception school settings	£14,470

Category	Organisation	Award
■	<b>Better Barrow Community Project</b> To provide Barrow Town Centre with bespoke high-quality tree seating	£13,000

## Essex



Essex is home to the four wind turbine development at the Port of Tilbury. With an installed capacity of 9.2 MW, £100,000 will be invested over the 10-year life of the fund.

## Tilbury

The Tilbury community fund has an annual value of £10,000 to invest in local projects at the Port of Tilbury in Essex. In June 2017 SSE sold the Port of Tilbury wind development to Scottish Equity Partners (SEP).

Annual Fund Payment **£10,000**

Awards Approved £18,000



### Fund allocation by category

- Environment and conservation
- Sport and recreation
- Skills and employment
- Education and youth development
- Culture, heritage and tourism
- Community facilities and services



Category	Organisation	Award
■	<b>RNLI Gravesend Station</b> To cover annual training costs for three crew members	£9,000
■	<b>Tilbury Riverside Project</b> To promote economic, social and environmental regeneration in the area	£9,000

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