

RESPONSIBLE NEIGHBOUR. SUSTAINABLE PARTNER.

SSE Community Investment Review 2013/14



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Alistair Phillips-Davies
Chief Executive

FOREWORD

SSE is involved in a business that really matters – providing the energy people and business need. So we must do it responsibly. That includes being a responsible neighbour, going beyond the minimum and becoming an active contributor in the communities where we live and work.

This is particularly relevant to the community funds we provide for our renewable energy projects. We've led the way by setting the £5,000 per megawatt benchmark for community benefit payments and, with over £4.5 million distributed in Britain last year alone, our funds are providing significant financial assistance to community projects up and down the country.

However, it's not simply about **what** we do, it matters **how** we do it too. It is important that our funds are managed in the right way, by building genuine partnerships with communities now and for the future.

It is also important that our actions are transparent, sustainable and accountable to the wider community. This first Annual Review is a key step in this process. It sets out the principles that underpin our community investment policy, showing you what we are doing, how we're doing it and, ultimately, where your money is going.

Finally, I would like to thank the dozens of panel members who give up their time to assess grant applications and make sure SSE's community funds are spent wisely.

I hope you are inspired, like me, by the projects funded this year and the positive impact they will have for many more years to come.

Alistair Phillips-Davies
Chief Executive

Local volunteers outside the Barr Community Store in South Ayrshire, which is now wholly run by the local community thanks to a £68,000 grant from the Hadyard Hill Community Benefit Fund. Operated on a not-for-profit basis, the store also hosts a cafe, the local post office and even a pizzeria at weekends.

BEING A RESPONSIBLE NEIGHBOUR

SSE HAS BEEN BUILDING AND OPERATING WIND FARMS SINCE 2002. COMBINED WITH OUR HYDRO-ELECTRIC SCHEMES, MANY OF WHICH HAVE BEEN IN OPERATION FOR OVER 50 YEARS, WE ARE NOW THE LARGEST GENERATOR OF RENEWABLE ENERGY ACROSS GREAT BRITAIN AND IRELAND.

Communities can benefit from our renewable energy projects in many ways: from the local contractor providing civil engineering work onsite; the hotels and restaurants that see their trade increase during the construction period; to the local workforce that secure long-term careers in the operation of the development.

SSE is committed to maximising these opportunities wherever we can and we have a strong track record of promoting local business. This is illustrated by our open4business web portal and 'Meet the buyer' events, which connect local firms with buyers

from SSE and our supply chain. The employment opportunities are significant too. Around 2,000 people work in SSE's energy generation business and a 50MW onshore wind farm typically supports around 385 jobs during its construction.

Community funds

In addition to these benefits, SSE also recognises that new renewable energy projects should help communities in other ways.

As part of a responsible approach to development, a financial contribution is paid to the communities that host wind farms and hydro schemes. These are long-term funding programmes, related to the generating capacity of the site and are distributed across its lifetime. They are separate to the planning process and have no bearing on any decision on consent of a project.

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We make this contribution in part, to recognise the short- or long-term impacts a development may have on an area – be it from increased construction traffic or the ongoing presence of the site. However, we also want to share the benefits of what will be a 25-year partnership between SSE and the community, recognising our role in supporting economic and social development and enabling local regeneration. Put simply, it's about being a responsible neighbour.

Listening to communities

Since the first community investment fund in 2002, we have learned a lot from listening to local communities. As you'd expect, communities don't always agree – but the way we operate our funds today has evolved, largely down to feedback from local people.



HELPING LOCAL BUSINESSES GROW – THE LOVAT

The four-year construction of SSE's Glendoe hydro scheme brought many benefits to businesses in the area, which traditionally relies on seasonal tourist trade. One of the main beneficiaries was The Lovat, a 28-bed hotel in Fort Augustus, which received thousands of accommodation, restaurant and event bookings from SSE and its contractors, increasing its revenue by £500,000.

Owner, Caroline Gregory explains: "We're now open year-round and without Glendoe that certainly wouldn't have been the case. The development gave the whole area a lift."

An estimated contribution to the UK economy of

£15.5 million*

and support for

385 jobs*

during the construction phase

A contribution to a community benefit fund of

£6.25 million

over 25 years

For example, the financial level of benefit has risen significantly in the last decade. In 2011, we became the first developer to announce a nationwide policy of providing £5,000 p/MW per year for new onshore wind developments – roughly £15,000 per year for every modern wind turbine. This is now the recommended level in both UK and Scottish Government guidance – a move SSE supports to bring consistency across the industry.

Partnership

We've changed in other ways too. SSE is now a large grant funder, awarding over £4.5 million in Britain last year alone, and with an estimated

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£130 million of funding available in the next two decades, we have a duty of care to ensure this large scale investment makes an impact.

We recognise that providing a community with large sums of money has the potential to do a great deal of good; it also has the potential to divide. That's why we work directly with communities, as partners, to help them distribute their funds in a way that is appropriate, consistent and accountable to the wider community.

We also recognise that, by its nature, community benefit can be focused on very narrow geographical areas which can be limiting against a desire to support genuinely transformational projects. That's why, for all new developments, we provide both a local and regional fund, allowing investment over a wider area.

Sustainable difference

At a time when so many sources of funding are under increasing pressure, community benefit is proving to be a long-term income stream for communities to realise their ambitions and make a sustainable difference to their local area.

It is SSE's job to make sure this continues to be the case, so that in 20 years time, when today's wind farms are reaching the end of their operating life, the legacy of the funding is still clear to see.

HOW WE CALCULATE AN ONSHORE COMMUNITY WIND FUND

Since January 2012, SSE's community benefit policy commits a payment of £5,000 per megawatt (MW) per year for the lifetime of a scheme, up to 25 years, split between a local and a regional fund. The size of a wind farm is measured in terms of 'installed capacity'. This is the maximum theoretical output of the wind farm, measured in megawatts. Every wind farm is different, meaning the size of community funds varies from site to site, however the basis of the calculation stays exactly the same.

A 50MW onshore wind farm provides:

Community investment fund
£5,000 per megawatt

Total annual value of
community investment fund
£250,000 (50 x £5,000)

50% ring-fenced for £125,000
per annum local community fund

50% set aside for the £125,000
per annum regional fund

A typical 50MW onshore wind farm will provide:



Enough renewable energy to power over

30,000 homes**

and displace approximately

320,000 tonnes of CO₂e***

over its lifetime

* Estimate based on analysis of SSE's Fairburn wind farm – PWC Economic Impact Report May 2014
<http://sse.com/beingresponsible/reportinganddata/>

** Based on average output of SSE's onshore wind farms and typical electricity consumption figures (Ofgem)

*** Using the Committee on Climate Change carbon factor 2030 target of 50 gCO₂/kWh

http://www.theccc.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2013/06/CCC-Prog-Rep-Chap2_singles_web_1.pdf

BUILDING SUSTAINABLE PARTNERSHIPS

AS BOTH A DEVELOPER AND GRANT MAKER, SSE IS COMMITTED TO TAKING AN ACTIVE AND LONG-TERM ROLE IN THE DELIVERY OF COMMUNITY FUNDS, WORKING AS A PARTNER WITH COMMUNITIES THROUGHOUT THE FUNDING PROCESS.

Unusually for a developer, we manage and administer the majority of our funds directly. This helps us build a closer relationship with each community, resulting in a greater level of trust. It has also created an environment where we have open and direct lines of communication with communities to improve our processes and help them to best harness the potential of their funds.

Local decision-making

We operate a competitive grant scheme, where not-for-profit organisations in the community can apply for funding. We believe that communities are best placed to make the decisions about their needs and aspirations and, as such, we champion local decision-making.

In some cases we work with an existing community organisation, such as a trust or community company, however our preferred method is to establish a panel of local residents who review applications and evaluate

which projects to support. Setting up a panel can often bring disparate areas together and the process, while initially challenging, can forge stronger and closer links between different communities.

The geographical spread of our developments is such that the local funds are predominantly shared by remote rural areas. This presents an opportunity to safeguard the future of these often fragile communities where a declining population and loss of industry have been detrimental to the local economy. We support and encourage the creation of community action plans which set out priorities identified by the community for regeneration and long-term development.

Flexible

The flexible nature of our community investment programme can allow for either 100% funding or vital leverage capital to attract 'match-funding' finance from other grant bodies. Multi-community projects are encouraged; where larger sums of funding are pooled to finance a major project benefitting several neighbouring communities. We have also introduced programmes such as apprenticeships and energy-efficient appliance discount schemes, tailored to the need of the individual community.

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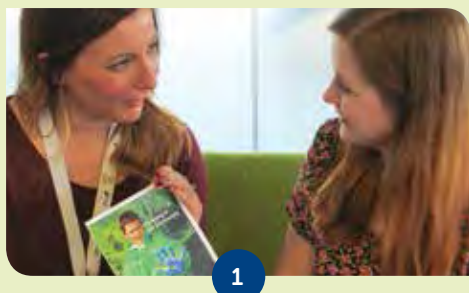
To allow smaller groups and individuals to access funding, a 'microgrant' facility for grants of up to £500 is offered through the local community councils.

Planning for the future

Many communities see these long-term funds, available for up to 25 years, as an opportunity to develop their 'big idea'. We encourage this by offering a 'draw down' facility whereby up to five years' worth of payments can be released in advance if a major project requires early investment. For example, if a community wished to undertake a buy-out of the village shop and required significant capital, a full year's allocation or more could be awarded upfront in order to facilitate the purchase. This is a valuable mechanism in allowing communities to plan for the future with more certainty than with many other sources of grant funding.

Although the funds will be around for the foreseeable future, many communities are keen to start planning for the years beyond the fund. To this end, SSE also offers an endowment fund facility whereby an annual amount of capital can be retained to produce income for distribution long after the 25-year period.

OUR FUNDING PROCESS – STEP BY STEP



Separate to the planning process for the development, we share information with communities that outlines our policy and grant-making process.



Once a wind farm receives planning consent, we liaise with local stakeholders to clarify the area of benefit and fund delivery arrangements.



We then work with the community or parish councils to set up a decision-making panel with representation from local residents.

VIEWS FROM OUR PANELS

Every one of our panel members is a volunteer who donates their time to help distribute grants to the right community projects. It is their hard work and commitment that drives the funds, and their invaluable local knowledge that shapes good decision-making.



"Over the years we've learned how to spend the fund to best effect. The awards really make a difference to local projects. It is a great example of communities and developer working together."

Marion Turner,
Achany panel



"I joined the panel because I'm passionate about my community and want our village to grow. The fund allows groups of any size to apply for a grant, no matter how small."

Frances MacGruer,
Fairburn panel



"Initially there was a tumultuous agreement process between the communities as each area had their own ideas of how the fund should operate. However, after four years of operation, we've developed a successful 'joined up approach' for the benefit of the wider area."

Paul Harrington,
Gordonbush panel



"Each project is decided on merit, regardless of which community council area it comes from. The expertise of the panel members is very important. We are keen to make sure that projects are viable and sustainable in the long-term."

Joan Brookes,
Griffin and Calliachar panel

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Strategic projects

As the value of community benefit has increased in recent years, communities are looking beyond short-term solutions and are seeking to take forward projects that have a significant and sustainable impact. With this in mind, SSE has launched the Sustainable Development Fund; a pooled regional fund to support strategic projects in the regions in which we are investing. This is in addition to the local funds and applies to every wind farm constructed after January 2012.

The aim of the Sustainable Development Fund is to support projects that deliver transformational social, economic or environmental

change. An external panel reviews the applications and determines which projects should receive funding. Chaired by Lord Jack McConnell, the five-strong panel has expertise in each of the priority areas of the fund and is committed to maximising the potential of its long-term economic benefit for the wider community. Further details can be found on page 20.

Supporting communities

More and more communities are seeing the opportunities that renewable energy funds can bring – both in providing timely support to community services and in driving long-term change for

their area. As with any community development activity, local tensions can arise, but thanks to the dedication of committed volunteers, communities are now well placed to put their money to good use. By acting as a sustainable partner, SSE can support this activity, helping communities invest their funds effectively and ensure a lasting legacy for future generations.



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At the start of major construction, we organise a fund launch event to provide information for potential applicants. Applications undergo an initial assessment by SSE.



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Funding decisions are made by the panel at set meetings throughout the year. SSE assists the panel with administration and ensures fund transparency.



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Grant awards are made public and recipients monitor their project and track its progress. A final evaluation report is submitted on the project and its outcomes.

MAKING A POSITIVE IMPACT IN 2013/14

2013/14 HAS BEEN A SIGNIFICANT YEAR FOR SSE'S COMMUNITY INVESTMENT PROGRAMME. WITH A TOTAL SPEND OF OVER £4.5 MILLION IN GREAT BRITAIN, THE SCALE AND IMPACT OF OUR COMMUNITY FUNDS HAS NEVER BEEN MORE EVIDENT.

From 22 active funds, 366 grants were issued to not-for-profit organisations during 2013/14 – more than one a day – including the first awards from the new regional SSE Sustainable Development Fund.

The demand for funding continued to increase this year with more than twice the value of applications received as funds available. Successful submissions included support for 41 sports clubs, 30 local events and festivals, five community buy-outs and our single largest grant to date – a £620,000 award to the Biggar Museum Trust to develop a new heritage centre in South Lanarkshire.

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Fund milestones

Three new local funds made awards for the first time during 2013/14: the £170,000-a-year Keadby fund in North Lincolnshire; Hunterston in North Ayrshire; and Langhope Rig in the Scottish Borders. In addition, the first grants from the SSE Sustainable Development Fund were awarded, with 30 community organisations receiving over £1.4 million.

Important milestones were reached at Griffin and Calliachar in Highland Perthshire, where they broke through the £1 million funding barrier; and at Gordonbush in Sutherland, which awarded its 100th grant since the fund's launch in 2011.

Diversity

At £4.56 million, the overall value of funding rose by nearly 40% compared to the previous 12 months, with the varying range of funded projects testament to the diversity of each community and the challenges that they face. The largest category of support was for projects that benefit culture, heritage and tourism, indicative of the

reliance on tourism in many of the areas of benefit. An increased focus on employment and skills development was also evident, with our funds supporting 328 work and training placements to a value of over £500,000. Grants to develop community facilities and services were also popular, making up almost a quarter of the funds awarded.

Pioneering ideas

There was also evidence of increased innovation, with local community groups developing pioneering ideas like community broadband collectives and even re-establishing community 'runrig' allotments. In addition to the awards made throughout the year, it was also encouraging to see some previously funded projects come to successful fruition – like The Birks Cinema, which reopened its doors for the first time in over 30 years.

Although general fund demand was high, some funds remain under-utilised. Where demand is low, we are working to promote the availability of the fund and to help communities build capacity to progress new projects.



Top left: Young canoeists from the Breadalbane Canoe Club, which received £29,500 from the Griffin and Calliachar community fund.

Right: Fairburn Memorial Hall in Ross-shire is just one of the many community facilities that have received support from SSE wind farm funds.

Far right: Runners at the start of the 2013 Highland Perthshire Marathon, an event funded by the Griffin and Calliachar community fund. See p16 for more.



Leverage

As well as helping communities to kick-start new projects, the funds can also act as crucial leverage funding to secure additional external finance for a project. To set this in context, for every £1 SSE granted in 2013/14, on average, grant recipients were able to secure another £3 in funding from other sources. In other cases, SSE's grant provided the final component in a funding package, giving the project the 'green light' to proceed.

The wealth of projects supported this year demonstrates the commitment of local communities to regenerating their area and building strong foundations for the future.

Projects supported during 2013/14

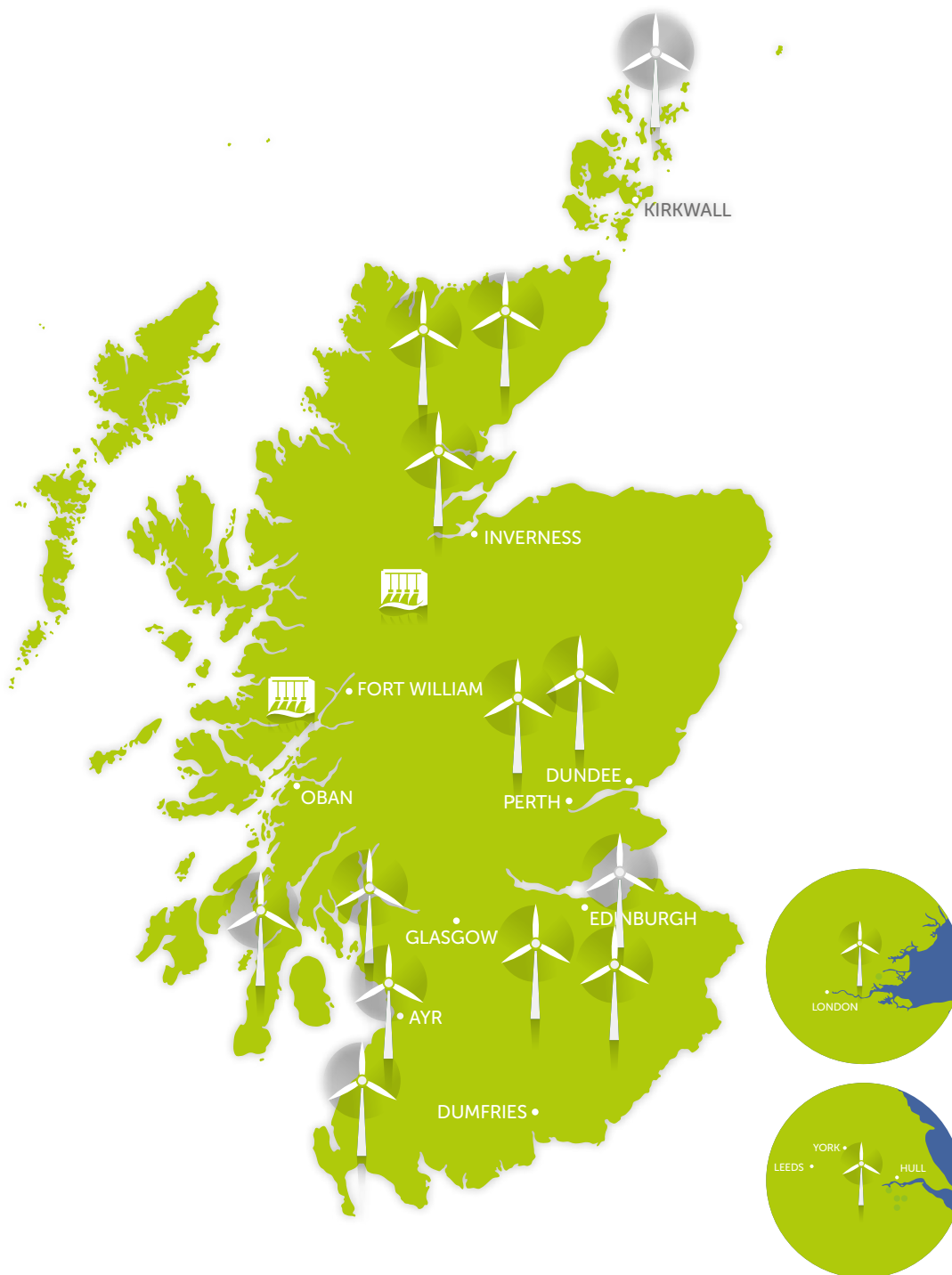
366

Average fund demand – 2013/14

258%

Average grant value – 2013/14

£12,473



SSE IRELAND

SSE also provides community funds for our renewable developments in the island of Ireland. Since 2003, SSE Ireland has provided funding to more than 1,500 community projects across Northern and the Republic of Ireland.

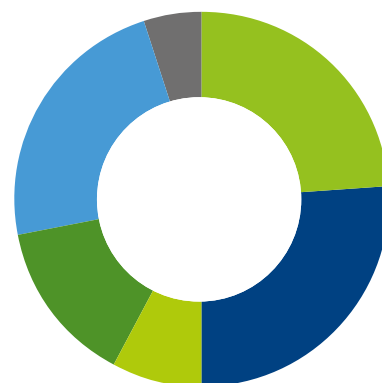
For more info visit:
<http://ireland.sse.com/community/community-funding/>

Total funds awarded in 2013/14 (1 April 2013 – 31 March 2014)

£4,564,991

- Community Facilities and Services
- Culture, Heritage and Tourism
- Education and Youth Development
- Environment and Conservation
- Skills and Employment
- Sport and Recreation

24%
26%
8%
14%
23%
5%



STRENGTHENING COMMUNITY SERVICES

BY INVESTING IN COMMUNITY FACILITIES AND SERVICES, SSE COMMUNITY FUNDS CONTRIBUTE TO THE LONG-TERM SUSTAINABILITY OF THE AREAS THEY SERVE, BRINGING PEOPLE TOGETHER, REDUCING ISOLATION AND BUILDING A STRONGER SENSE OF COMMUNITY.

Over £1 million was awarded to 130 community facilities and services in 2013/14, ensuring that local amenities will be maintained and improved in rural communities that often suffer the closure of these vital provisions.

Last year over £83,000 was awarded to lifeline services in rural areas. The purchase of community equipment such as defibrillators bolsters resilience in remote locations that can often experience longer waiting times for emergency responses. Key community buildings were also supported with over £135,000 awarded to community buy-out projects and around £480,000 invested in village hall improvement schemes.



HEARTLAND FM

Heartland FM community radio station was awarded £23,782 in June 2013 towards a much needed upgrade of their equipment.

Heartland FM was set up in 1992 in response to the limited radio provision in the Highland Perthshire area. Today, with an audience of around 6,000, the station provides a unique broadcasting platform for local issues and also trains volunteers in all aspects of radio production.

An award from the Griffin and Calliachar community fund allowed the station to upgrade its equipment which had been in place since its launch 22 years ago. The state-of-the-art technology has reduced the risk of going "off air" and significantly improved maintenance time. The provision of a modern training facility means the station can reach higher numbers of young people and volunteers.

"Heartland FM reflects local needs and issues through a community voice by providing accessible communication, employment, and training opportunities."

Bruce Patterson, Heartland FM



TAYSIDE MOUNTAIN RESCUE TEAM

In 2013, the Tayside Mountain Rescue Team's Land Rover was used in 54 emergency call-outs.

Tayside Mountain Rescue is run by a local volunteer team that provides emergency and community resilience services across an extensive 3,500 square mile area. It is one of 27 volunteer Mountain Rescue Teams in Scotland, with over 1,000 volunteers.

The team was awarded £20,000 from SSE's Griffin and Calliachar community fund in 2012 to purchase a new Land Rover for use in emergencies. The vehicle has proven to be a vital resource when adverse weather means a helicopter can't reach injured or lost walkers, and is essential in helping the team to access remote and difficult terrain to conduct searches.

"A rescue vehicle such as a Land Rover is the only all-terrain vehicle that can transport team members safely and efficiently. Having the right vehicle makes all the difference when it comes to saving lives."

Stuart Johnstone, Tayside Mountain Rescue





"THE ACQUISITION OF THE POST OFFICE IS THE FIRST MAJOR STEP IN BRINGING ABOUT NEW EMPLOYMENT AND ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE AREA."

**Marion Turner, Director,
Kyle of Sutherland Development Trust**

BONAR BRIDGE POST OFFICE

In October 2013, the Kyle of Sutherland Development Trust was awarded £5,500 towards the acquisition of the Post Office in Bonar Bridge, and subsequently received £43,300 in March 2014 to redevelop an attached property into affordable rental accommodation.

The branch in Bonar Bridge is the last remaining fully functioning Post Office in the area. The Post Office had been on the market for over two years but private sale offers were not forthcoming and threatened the closure of the service altogether. The Trust subsequently received strong community support to buy the property and the attached house.

The award from the Achany community fund facilitated this purchase, safeguarding two jobs. The attached accommodation will be redeveloped to provide affordable housing for a local family. The Trust was granted £43,300 in March 2014 from the SSE Highland Sustainable Development Fund for these renovation costs and it is hoped that the first tenants will take up residence by the end of the year.

The Post Office is a cornerstone of village life and the buy-out has been welcomed in a community that has seen significant retail closures over the last few years, as well as considerable job losses due to the recent closure of two major tourist attractions in the area.

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**James Lockhart,
A&D Lockhart Joiners and Decorators**

KYLE OF SUTHERLAND APPRENTICESHIP SCHEME

In September 2013, Lairg-based A&D Lockhart Joiners and Decorators was awarded £5,635 from the Kyle of Sutherland Apprenticeship Scheme to support the costs of an apprentice.

The Kyle of Sutherland Apprenticeship Scheme was created in 2011 by the Achary community fund panel, supported by Foundation Scotland and SSE. With an initial investment of £114,000 and a remit to support local economic growth and increase youth employment, the scheme has matched eight young people in the Lairg, Bonar Bridge and Ardgay area with a local business who could not otherwise afford to train an apprentice.

Charlie Monk, one of the young apprentices who takes part in the Scheme, said "I feel very lucky to have this job as few people my age will get the same chance. The apprenticeship will give me important skills to carry all through life."

Charlie, aged 16, is studying for an SVQ Level 3 in Carpentry and Joinery at North Highland College while undertaking a three-year placement with A&D Lockhart Joiners and Decorators. The apprenticeship grant offsets salary and training costs making it affordable for Charlie's employer. The placement has helped Charlie to develop practical skills in his chosen trade and to build confidence in his work.



DEVELOPING SKILLS AND STARTING CAREERS

INDIVIDUALS EQUIPPED WITH THE RIGHT SKILLS AND OPPORTUNITIES ARE MORE LIKELY TO PROGRESS INTO REWARDING CAREERS. THE COMMUNITIES THAT OUR FUNDS SERVE ARE OFTEN IN REMOTE RURAL LOCATIONS WHERE ACCESS TO TRAINING IS LIMITED AND JOBS ARE OFTEN SEASONAL.

In 2013/14, over £1 million from SSE funds was used by communities to facilitate a wide variety of employment initiatives. Throughout the year, 328 work and training placements were directly supported in awards totalling over £500,000.

Investment in apprenticeship schemes provided opportunities for young people to gain skills in real work environments, as well as helping employers who may struggle with the costs of expanding their work force.

In addition to sustaining local businesses and young people in the workplace, a number of adult learning, IT and media writing workshops have been supported to encourage people of all ages to develop their abilities and realise their aspirations.



SOUTH LANARKSHIRE ENERGY ACADEMY

In June 2013, South Lanarkshire Energy Academy was awarded £266,902 from the Clyde community fund for the delivery of the Energy Academy training and employability initiatives.

South Lanarkshire Energy Academy runs training courses tailored to the energy and associated sectors, whilst addressing skills gaps and shortages, and matching job opportunities with local unemployed residents. To date, the Academy has supported a total of 180 South Lanarkshire residents with targeted training to meet emerging skills needs.

Gillian Blyth enrolled onto the Gas Installation and Renewable Energy programme after being made redundant. Following a one-year training programme, Gillian is now in full-time employment as a gas service and installation engineer and looking to progress within the energy sector.

"The training I received was excellent and I gained invaluable experience. I am now working as a Gas Engineer and am looking forward to new challenges."

Gillian Blyth, Gas Engineer



WISTON LODGE

An award of £5,000 was made to Wiston Lodge in July 2013 to train young volunteers in delivering a school holiday programme.

Wiston Lodge, near Biggar, delivers tailored learning programmes to young people and vulnerable adults. The award from the Clyde community fund will allow the Lodge to recruit 25 local young people to volunteer at their school holiday programme.

Participants will learn a range of new skills and gain real work experience to increase their prospects of securing future employment or moving into further training, vital in an area where there are few local jobs and limited development opportunities.

Wiston Lodge also received a major grant of £100,762 to part-fund a biomass boiler conversion at the centre, helping to reduce running costs and secure its long-term viability.

"Our volunteering programme reaches young people in this rural area, where training opportunities are scarce for those making the transition to employment."

Wendy Johnstone, Wiston Lodge

INSPIRING THE NEXT GENERATION

INVESTING IN EDUCATION AND YOUTH DEVELOPMENT ENCOURAGES YOUNG PEOPLE TO BE SOCIALLY RESPONSIBLE AND SUPPORTS THEIR POSITIVE TRANSITION FROM CHILDREN INTO YOUNG ADULTS. INVESTMENT FROM SSE FUNDS TOWARDS PROJECTS FOR EDUCATION AND YOUTH DEVELOPMENT TOTALLED £400,000 IN 2013/14.

Development begins from an early age, and last year the funds invested around £230,000 in improving and building new play parks – often replacing facilities in a poor state of repair. Over £33,000 was also awarded towards youth clubs and organisations, providing safe spaces for young people to meet and socialise.

With less statutory funding available, support for outdoor learning spaces in school environments was also a popular theme, with yurts, huts and playgrounds all receiving funding during 2013/14.



CUMBRAE PRIMARY SCHOOL COOK SCHOOL

Cumbrae Primary School Parent Council was awarded £3,000 in October 2013 to start an after school cooking club.

The award from the Hunterston community fund has allowed the Parent Council to establish a cooking club where children learn a range of topics including food hygiene and safety, cooking with a budget, and food nutrition. The club aims to make a difference to young people's thinking and attitudes towards food and its sustainability. As a result, links have been made with the island's community garden in order to demonstrate the cycle of planting and cooking to the children.

The project has improved the children's basic cooking skills and helped them to understand the importance of nutrition and sustainable living at a young age, encouraging them to make healthy life choices.

"I like going to Cook School because it's fun. We learn how to work together, make interesting food and taste new ingredients."

Cole Parrymellor, P5, Cumbrae Primary School



RIGSIDE PLAYPARKS GROUP

In June 2013, Rigside Playparks Group was awarded £32,402 to install a new play park in Rigside, South Lanarkshire.


With only three swings to serve over 180 children, Rigside Playparks Group realised that local children needed new equipment in order to experience the developmental advantages of outdoor play and the benefits of physical activity. The award from the Clyde community fund has allowed the group to install a new play park with a range of equipment suitable to serve the number of children in the area including swings, a see-saw, a rope climber, a zip slide, a climbing frame and a mini roundabout.

The new park was officially opened in April of this year and is already a huge hit with the young children of Rigside. The improved facilities have created opportunities for parents to bond with their children while playing.

"It's pretty special to see all of these children playing, laughing and having fun in a way that hadn't been possible for so long in the village."

Linda Ferguson, Rigside Playparks Group





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**Kim Ramsay, Head Teacher,
Royal School of Dunkeld**

ROYAL SCHOOL OF DUNKELD

In September 2013, £14,120 was awarded from the Griffin and Calliachar community fund to install an outdoor learning hub at the Royal School of Dunkeld.

The Royal School of Dunkeld Parent Partnership Group is very active in working with the school to further develop educational and recreational opportunities for pupils. After delivering many successful outdoor learning projects, such as the interactive maths area, the group identified the need for a covered area to facilitate outdoor learning all year round.

The award of over £14,000 for the installation of an outdoor learning hub has allowed the school's 180 pupils to benefit from a safe and stimulating outdoor space. The new hub can deliver all aspects of the formal and informal curriculum, meeting the needs for hands-on experiences and physical activity. The children can explore and discover in a way that they cannot do in the classroom. The hub provides an excellent resource for the pupils adding value to their learning experience and is also used by other youth groups in the area, such as the Brownies and after school clubs.

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**Suzanne Rigg, Museum Manager,
Biggar Museum Trust**

BIGGAR MUSEUM TRUST

In June 2013, £620,000 was awarded from the Clyde community fund to the Biggar Museum Trust towards a state-of-the-art museum to house its extensive collection.

The five different locations currently housing the Museum's collection, one of the largest of any local museum in Scotland, are becoming increasingly unsuitable; suffering from poor access, parking shortages and high running costs. Realising this dilemma, the Trust ran a successful local fundraising appeal to purchase the former Stephen's Garage – a prominent site on Biggar High Street.

The £620,000 award, the largest made from any of SSE's funds, will contribute towards the costs of converting the property into a modern purpose-built museum. The project, estimated to be worth £1.5 million, will allow the collection to be housed in a single location which will meet modern environmental and security conditions for the permanent collection, whilst providing better access, dedicated parking, and enable staff to deliver training programmes for volunteers. It is anticipated that the new museum will triple visitor numbers to the area and deliver a positive economic impact of £88,000 per year for the local economy through the resulting increased trade at cafés, shops and local businesses.



ADVANCING HERITAGE AND CULTURE

LOCAL CULTURE AND HERITAGE SHAPES THE IDENTITY OF COMMUNITIES AND CAN PLAY AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN ATTRACTING TOURISTS AND SUPPORTING THE VISITOR ECONOMY, OFTEN A MAINSTAY OF RURAL INCOME. OVER £1.1 MILLION FROM SSE FUNDS WAS INVESTED IN PROMOTING CULTURE, HERITAGE AND TOURISM IN 2013/14, CONTRIBUTING TO VIBRANT AND DYNAMIC COMMUNITIES.

It was a milestone year for culture and heritage with £620,000, the largest ever grant from the funds, awarded to establish a new state-of-the-art museum in Biggar, allowing visitors and locals to engage with the area's remarkable history. The funds also supported 30 festivals and cultural events last year, including a whisky festival and a Gaelic Mod, bringing communities together to celebrate their culture and keep traditions alive.



BIRKS CINEMA

In April 2013, the historic Birks Cinema in Aberfeldy opened its doors for business after a £1.4 million redevelopment.

The Birks Cinema, originally opened at the outbreak of WW2, ceased operating as a cinema in 1982 and was finally left derelict in 2004. After a feasibility study carried out in 2006 concluded that reopening the cinema would have significant economic impacts in the local area, the Friends of the Birks Cinema group was created.

On securing funding for the purchase of the building, the group initiated a high profile campaign to raise redevelopment costs. The first grant of £100,000 came from the Griffin and Calliachar community fund, acting as vital seedcorn capital in securing other funding. The target of £1.4 million was raised by January 2012 and doors opened in April 2013.

The Birks Cinema has created 13 jobs and, over a year on, has become a focal point for the local area.

"We've had a fantastic year and now employ 13 people in the community. We also have volunteers from all walks of life who have been key to the success of the cinema. There's been great support from locals and visitors alike."

Fiona Sloan, Birks Cinema



TUMMEL AND TAY FESTIVAL

In December 2013, £5,000 was awarded from the Griffin and Calliachar community fund towards establishing the Tummel and Tay whisky-themed festival in Perthshire.

Three cultural organisations in Highland Perthshire – Birnam Arts, The Birks Cinema and Pitlochry Festival Theatre – came together to establish the new Tummel and Tay Festival. The aim was to increase footfall to arts events during the month of May, traditionally a quiet time of year in the area.

Events were held between the organisations' three venues and celebrated the central theme of whisky with activities such as a whisky-themed food festival, distillery tours, dramatic productions and poetry readings. The Festival was a huge success attracting in the region of 500 visitors and having a positive economic impact in the local area. The groups are already looking forward to staging next year's festival.

"We were delighted to receive this vital boost to support the Festival in its inaugural year. The event was a great success and acted as the perfect showcase for Highland Perthshire's rich cultural heritage."

Mark Davanzo, Pitlochry Festival Theatre

CONTRIBUTING TO ACTIVE AND HEALTHY COMMUNITIES

INVESTMENT IN SPORT AND RECREATION ENCOURAGES PEOPLE OF ALL AGES TO LEAD MORE ACTIVE AND HEALTHY LIFESTYLES. AROUND £230,000 WAS INVESTED IN THIS AREA DURING 2013/14, IMPROVING QUALITY OF LIFE FOR MANY AND CREATING LONG-TERM LOCAL FACILITIES FOR GENERATIONS TO COME.

Last year, over 40 sports clubs benefitted from funding towards purchasing equipment and improving facilities. Provision of sport and recreation facilities in rural communities is a great benefit to individuals who may have to travel long distances to access similar services. It can also have benefits for nearby local businesses through additional footfall.



BIGGAR RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB

In 2013, the Clyde community fund awarded around £10,000 to the Biggar Rugby Football Club towards pitch improvements and a Mini Tournament.

Biggar Rugby Football Club is a focal point in the local area, working with significant numbers of young people every year. In 2012, the Club was awarded £110,000 towards drainage works on two pitches. An award of £4,914 in June 2013 was used for additional ground work to ensure that young players have a dry, firm surface to train on.

A further award of £4,950 was made in August towards costs of the annual Mini Tournament, allowing the club to fund catering, first aid equipment, medals and kit to ensure the best event possible. Previous years have seen over 400 children taking part and the tournament brings other teams to Biggar for a fun-filled day of rugby matches.

"The mini tournament is one of the first fixtures after the summer holidays. It receives fantastic support from competing clubs and is a great showcase for Biggar RFC and our supporters."

Nigel Pacey, Biggar Rugby Football Club



HIGHLAND PERTSHIRE MARATHON

In September 2013, the Aberfeldy and District Rotary Club was awarded £24,000 to secure the future of the Highland Perthshire Marathon for the next three years.

With assistance from two previous awards from the Griffin and Calliachar community fund, the inaugural Highland Perthshire Marathon was held in September 2012 and was a huge success, with 385 entrants from all over the UK and abroad. The increased footfall brought trade to local businesses, with hotels and B&Bs fully booked over the weekend.

In addition to raising funds for charity, the marathon has reinforced community spirit by encouraging many local businesses and organisations to come together and support the event. The 2013 award will ensure the future of the marathon as a major event in the Perthshire calendar and a self-sustaining enterprise by its third year of operation.

"We aspire to grow this event which already brings significant footfall to the Aberfeldy area, brings the community together and enhances the reputation of Perthshire as a sporting destination."

Jim Anderson, Aberfeldy and District Rotary Club





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ALL YEAR ROUND."**

**John Murray, Sutherland Community
Sports and Recreation Hub**

THE SUTHERLAND COMMUNITY SPORTS AND RECREATION HUB

In May 2014, a grand opening was held at Golspie Sports Pitch after an award of £160,000 from the Gordonbush community fund transformed the old blaes pitch into a modern sports facility.

The Sutherland Community Sports and Recreation Hub was set up to address the poor condition of the former blaes sports pitch in Golspie. The group's aim is to improve and develop the pitch for the benefit of the community. A new development was proposed comprising an all weather floodlit sports surface, a basketball court, pavilion facilities and a community area for events and gatherings.

The award, which was over 70% of the total project cost, was essential in gaining match funding from Sports Scotland to proceed with the 3G sports pitch stage of the project. The improved surface will increase participation, allow for better coaching and improve technical skills. The pitch is a much needed facility that benefits local schools and community sports, and with 58% of Sutherland's population living within a 30-minute drive, the need for travelling long distances is greatly reduced.

At the grand opening held in May, SSE joined the community in a football tournament to celebrate the new facility. The group are now progressing with stage 2 of the project.

"BY PRODUCING OUR OWN RENEWABLE ENERGY, WE HAVE SENT OUT A CLEAR MESSAGE TO THE LOCAL COMMUNITY AND BEYOND THAT GLENLUCE PRIMARY HAS GENUINELY GREEN ASPIRATIONS."

**James Ferguson, Head Teacher,
Glenluce Primary School**

GLENLUCE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Three vertical-axis wind turbines were installed at Glenluce Primary School in Dumfries and Galloway, providing the school with valuable income and sending a positive message to the pupils and members of the wider community.

Glenluce Primary School is a genuine eco school, with three green flag awards to date. Through the various eco initiatives introduced at the school, the pupils have developed a keen desire to look after and improve their local environment.

After working hard to reduce its energy consumption, the school decided to go the next level and install wind turbines on the grounds. An award of £50,000 from the Artfield Fell community fund, one of the largest grants made towards community energy projects from SSE's funds, allowed the staff and pupils to realise this ambition.

Situated alongside the playing field, the three vertical-axis turbines stand 23 metres tall and have an installed capacity of 5.5kW each. The turbines have allowed the school to substantially reduce its carbon footprint and it is proud to share its green ethos with the wider community, which has shown strong local support for the project.



PROTECTING THE LOCAL ENVIRONMENT

A RICH LOCAL ENVIRONMENT IS A STRONG FOUNDATION FOR SUCCESSFUL RURAL DEVELOPMENT. IN 2013/14 OVER £490,000 WAS INVESTED IN ENVIRONMENT AND CONSERVATION INITIATIVES THROUGH SSE'S COMMUNITY FUNDS.

More and more communities are making the best use of their natural resources by developing community owned turbines and hydro-electric schemes. Last year £325,000 was invested in community owned renewable projects, many of which will create 'stand alone' income streams

for the community in the long-term. In addition to large scale initiatives such as these, energy efficiency measures for community buildings were also widely supported, reducing carbon emissions and energy costs for many local facilities.

Several of the funds supported initiatives that focussed on the preservation of local habitats and wildlife. Groups like the Covington and Thankerton Beekeepers are leading the way in safeguarding their local environment whilst using the funds in original and forward thinking ways.



DUNKELD AND BIRNAM COMMUNITY GROWING

In June 2013, Dunkeld and Birnam Community Growing was awarded £5,000 towards the purchase of a new storage shed.

Dunkeld and Birnam Community Growing started planting produce in 2012, supported by a previous award from the Griffin and Calliachar community fund for £13,000. The key focus was to sustainably and collectively grow food, produced on organic principles, for use by local people.

The group now has 60 members who help with a wide range of tasks from planting to selling produce. After an excellent crop of produce in the first year, the team have built a self-sustaining community enterprise that is already able to cover its own running costs. The much needed new shed now means that the group can store equipment and crops safely, reducing the wear and tear that results from open air storage.

"It's been a great year for the field. With the hard work from our volunteers, we've grown and sold a wide range of produce and the new shed has been a really helpful addition."

Dave Roberts, Dunkeld and Birnam Community Growing



COVINGTON AND THANKERTON BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION

The Covington and Thankerton Beekeepers Association was awarded £4,991 in June 2013 to purchase equipment and provide training for its members.

The Covington and Thankerton Beekeepers Association was established to address the declining bee populations in the Clyde area. With the help of an award from the Clyde community investment fund to buy equipment and provide training to members, the group plans to improve local bee numbers and increase pollination activity.

Beekeeping is expensive so the Association helps its members by loaning hives for free in order to encourage a wider uptake of beekeepers in the local community. The first bees were welcomed to the hives in May 2013 and by mid-summer this year, nearly a million honey bees will be under the Association's management.

"With the application of a little sunshine many more bees will be out pollinating our flowers and crops and collecting nectar to make delicious honey."

Angus Milner-Brown, Covington and Thankerton Beekeepers Association

INVESTING IN THE WIDER COMMUNITY

IN 2013 THE SSE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT FUND WAS LAUNCHED, WHICH IS OPEN TO NOT-FOR-PROFIT COMMUNITY GROUPS WORKING WITHIN THE REGIONS THAT HOST SSE'S DEVELOPMENTS.

The creation of this funding programme allows financial support to be directed to defined priority areas in each region, supporting projects that are sustainable – both in impact and the long-term value they will deliver.

This wider area of benefit is determined through consultation with community organisations but is likely to reflect established geographical areas or local authority boundaries. Projects that will benefit the communities near SSE developments are given extra weighting in the application process.

The first Sustainable Development Fund was opened in the Highland region in November 2013 and, following consultation with stakeholders, applications were sought for projects in three priority areas: skills development and job creation; community energy; and the enhancement of the built and natural environment. Over 100 applications were submitted during the first funding round with demand in excess of £4.5 million. The panel awarded 30 projects with a total value of £1.4 million. These projects were chosen by the panel as they demonstrated the potential to deliver transformational impact in the long-term. Details of each award can be found on page 24.

Further Sustainable Development Funds will open in the Scottish Borders, Dumfries and Galloway, and Perth and Kinross regions in the next 18 months.



Pictured: Top left: Wick High School pupils with one of their 3D creations.

Top centre: Engineers from Knoydart Renewables at the remote community hydro scheme.

Bottom centre: Studying plans for the new Caledonian Canal Visitors Centre.

Bottom right: The 'Mermaid of the North' statue at Balintore, Easter-Ross.

MAKLAB NORTH

MAKLab was awarded £40,000 to establish a workshop and mobile lab to deliver access and skills training in digital fabrication technology.

MAKLab is Scotland's only open access community digital fabrication studio. The MAKLab North workshop will be hosted by Wick High School, which has a reputation for promoting digital excellence, to allow pupils to accurately design and construct components using 3D printing technology. The additional mobile van facility will visit communities in the Highland region, with the overall aim to increase take-up of STEM subjects and support career paths to emerging industries.

"By having school and community access to cutting-edge digital fabrication technologies we are fostering and inspiring a new generation of makers and engineers."

Chris Aitken, Wick High School

KNOYDART HYDRO SCHEME

Knoydart Renewables was awarded £75,000 towards works to refurbish and increase the capacity of the community hydro scheme fed by Loch Bhraomisaig.

The Knoydart peninsula is not connected to the national power grid network and the community-owned hydro scheme, operated by Knoydart Renewables, delivers electricity to the peninsula's only village, Inverie. Complications with previous refurbishments have meant that the system does not perform to capacity, with demand from the community sometimes exceeding generation. The funding will address this issue and allow further capacity if new homes and businesses are to join the system.

"A more robust system will help us move towards the 280kW of power the turbine is capable of, contributing to the long-term sustainability of the community."

Angela Williams, Knoydart Renewables



For more info visit:
sse.com/sustainablefund



"I AM DETERMINED THAT THIS FUND IS USED TO TRANSFORM COMMUNITIES... TO MAKE A REAL AND LASTING DIFFERENCE."

Rt. Hon. Lord Jack McConnell
Chair, SSE Sustainable Development Fund



The launch of the SSE Sustainable Development Fund in November 2013 represents an important milestone in the development of SSE's community investment funds.

This new fund has been designed to support large, often more strategic, projects across the regions that host SSE's wind farms. The fund is guided by a panel of independent experts, helping to ensure that the best projects receive the support they deserve.



CALEDONIAN CANAL VISITOR CENTRE

Scottish Canals was awarded £225,000 to redevelop a visitor centre into a first class heritage interpretation facility, creating a tourist hub for the historic town of Fort Augustus.

The Caledonian Canal is a major tourist attraction running through the town of Fort Augustus, and is operated by Scottish Canals. The award will be used to extend the existing visitor centre, allowing for new and refreshed exhibitions. In addition, five retail pods will accommodate small local retailers, bringing increased vibrancy to the area, especially in off-season months.

"We have long-term ambitions to create something truly special at this iconic location – offering a wide range of activities and bringing employment opportunities, economic prosperity and new visitors to the area."

Keith Mackie, Scottish Canals



MERMAID OF THE NORTH

An award of £24,900 was made to the Seaboard community in order to save the iconic 'Mermaid of the North' statue at Balintore.

The 10 foot mermaid, sculpted from wood covered with a heavy resin, sits on a granite rock on the shoreline. Attracting over 2,000 visitors annually, she has become an iconic attraction, bringing much needed tourist spend to the local area. Severe storms in 2012 caused damage to the sculpture resulting in her being removed from the rock. The grant will allow the mermaid to be replaced with a permanent bronze statue, replicating the original design.

"The mermaid is part of local folklore and has become an important tourist attraction. We hope she will be back on her rock by the time we hold our first ever Fisherfolk Festival."

Maureen Ross, Seaboard Memorial Hall

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT FUND PANEL

Rt. Hon. Lord Jack McConnell
Member, House of Lords;
First Minister of Scotland 2001-07

Professor Jan Bebbington
Professor of Accounting and Sustainable Development and Co-Head of School, University of St Andrews

Professor Jim Hunter
Author, Historian and Emeritus Professor of Scottish History, UHI

Damien Yeates
Chief Executive, Skills Development Scotland

Alan Young
Managing Director, Corporate Affairs, SSE

HIGHLANDS AND ISLANDS

HOME TO THE WIDEST SPREAD OF SSE COMMUNITY FUNDS, THE HIGHLANDS AND ISLANDS REGION HOSTS SEVEN DEVELOPMENTS THAT PROVIDE COMMUNITY BENEFIT, INCLUDING TWO HYDRO SCHEMES, COMPRISING A TOTAL CAPACITY OF 265MW. APPROXIMATELY £23 MILLION WILL BE INVESTED THROUGH THESE FUNDS IN THEIR LIFETIME.



GORDONBUSH

THE GORDONBUSH COMMUNITY FUND WILL PROVIDE AROUND £5.2 MILLION TO INVEST IN LOCAL PROJECTS BETWEEN 2011 AND 2036.

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

Annual Fund Payment	£162,040
Value of applications	£278,595
Awards Approved	£145,643
Total Value of Projects	£550,773
172% Fund demand	£3.81 per £1 Fund leverage
76% Capital	24% Revenue

Fund allocation by category

Community Facilities and Services	56%
Culture, Heritage and Tourism	11%
Education and Youth Development	1%
Skills and Employment	14%
Sport and Recreation	12%
Environment and Conservation	6%

Category	Organisation	Award
■	Brora Rangers Youth Initiative A youth work placement to improve disabled access in the stadium	£20,000
■	Brora Social Amenities Group Funds towards replacing the old marquee	£20,000
■	East Sutherland Citizens Advice Bureau Towards purchasing the property in which the Bureau are tenants	£20,000
■	Rogart Community Council To purchase marquees for use at community events	£14,000
■	Helmsdale Heritage and Arts Society (Timespan) Towards a two year residency and art practice development initiative	£10,000
■	Golspie Sutherland Football Club Towards upgrading toilet and changing facilities to keep the SFA licence	£5,000
■	Kinbrace Gun Club To replace deteriorating and unreliable clay pigeon traps	£5,000
■	Pittentrail Recreation Hall Committee Funds towards replacing the floor with new insulated oak flooring	£5,000
■	Feis Chataibh To run Gaelic language and culture workshops for secondary pupils	£4,950
■	Highland Wildcat Mountain Bike Trails Funds to repair the ticket machine and for equipment to maintain trails	£4,942
■	Dementia Friendly Communities CIC Funding to continue the organisation's work in East Sutherland	£4,750
■	Friends of Clyne War Memorial Association Funds towards reinstating the floodlights for the war memorial	£4,000
■	Brora Community Council – microgrant allowance To award microgrants with a maximum value of £250	£3,000
■	Golspie Bowling Club Funding required to level the four sides of the bowling green	£3,000

Category	Organisation	Award
■	Golspie Community Council – microgrant allowance To award microgrants with a maximum value of £250	£3,000
■	Helmsdale Community Council – microgrant allowance To award microgrants with a maximum value of £250	£3,000
■	Rogart Community Council – microgrant allowance To award microgrants with a maximum value of £250	£3,000
■	East Sutherland Sea Angling Club To purchase a new boat with higher carrying capacity for excursions	£2,500
■	Golspie Youth action Project To cover staffing costs for operating the youth club	£2,400
■	Pittentrail Recreation Hall committee For costs of paintwork and a dishwasher to help with large events	£2,394
■	Dornoch Firth Group To provide social opportunities for adults with learning difficulties	£2,000
■	Friends of Golspie and Rogart Health Centre To purchase two special mattresses for patients to use in their homes	£1,590
■	Dynamites To purchase uniforms and equipment to expand the dance group	£750
■	Friends of Rankin Dance and Theatre Club Towards purchasing costumes for community performances	£737
■	Rogart in Bloom To cover additional costs of self watering liners for the floral display	£630

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	£128,947
Value of applications	£135,262
Awards Approved	£101,962
Total Value of Projects	£666,098
105% Fund demand	£6.53 per £1 Fund leverage
35% Capital	65% Revenue

Fund allocation by category

Community Facilities and Services	35%
Education and Youth Development	3%
Skills and Employment	62%

Category	Organisation	Award
■	Lairg and District Learning Centre Towards apprenticeship scheme coordinator fees (3 yr grant)	£22,653
■	Creich, Croick and Kincardine District Day Care Association To purchase a minibus to meet the needs of clients and the community	£15,000
■	Plant Services Ardgay Ltd To hire an apprentice in construction plant maintenance (3 yr grant)	£12,088
■	J M Campbell Ltd Towards hiring an apprentice in electrical installation (3 yr grant)	£10,001
■	Ardgay Public Hall Committee Funds towards fitting a new kitchen in the Ardgay Public Hall	£10,000
■	A&D Lockhart Joiners and Decorators Funds to appoint an apprentice in carpentry and joinery (3 yr grant)	£5,635
■	East Sutherland Citizens Advice Bureau Towards purchasing the property in which the Bureau are tenants	£5,500
■	Kyle of Sutherland Development Trust Towards purchasing the Post Office and attached accommodation	£5,500
■	Sutherland Partnership For the continued support and mentoring of local unemployed people	£5,000



Category	Organisation	Award
	Caledonia Sport Horses Towards training an apprentice in stud management (2 yr grant)	£4,507
	J Cowie and Sons Towards appointing an apprentice in (MES) Domestic Plumbing	£3,328
	Lairg Primary School Towards a trip to Loch Insh Water Sports for primary 5-7 pupils	£2,750

FAIRBURN

THE FAIRBURN COMMUNITY FUND IS EXPECTED TO INVEST AROUND £2.7 MILLION IN LOCAL PROJECTS OVER ITS LIFETIME.

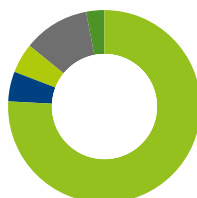
The fund benefits a population of more than 4,300 over the three community council areas of Contin; Marybank, Scatwell and Strathconon; and Muir of Ord.



















Annual Fund Payment		£95,239	
Value of applications		£83,027	
Awards Approved		£77,547	
Total Value of Projects		£98,559	
87% Fund demand	£1.27 per £1 Fund leverage	70% Capital	30% Revenue

Fund allocation by category

- Community Facilities and Services
- Culture, Heritage and Tourism
- Education and Youth Development
- Sport and Recreation
- Environment and Conservation

76%
5%
5%
11%
3%



Category	Organisation	Award
	Muir of Ord and District Community Association To support the takeover of the village hall and cover repair works	£16,000
	Contin Community Trust To contribute to the costs of holding the 2013 gala day	£7,433
	Strathconon Gun Club To purchase a new electric clay pigeon trap for use by competitors	£6,381
	Marybank, Scatwell and Strathconon Community Council For a submission to the Strategic Timber Transport Fund	£6,000
	Contin Community Trust Towards various improvements to the hall facilities	£5,894
	Contin Community Trust Improvements to bring a community-owned house up to standard	£5,000
	Scatwell Community Association To purchase gazebos, garden braziers, a notice board and sub-meter	£3,827
	Fairburn Memorial Hall Funds towards a year's salary for the Hall Keeper and a piano cover	£3,500
	Contin Community Council To purchase equipment for Strathpeffer School gardening club	£2,959
	Strathconon Social and Recreational Society To purchase equipment for use at the Highland Games	£2,700
	Fairburn Memorial Hall Towards the purchase of equipment to improve the hall facilities	£2,300
	Contin Community Trust Funds to relocate a pylon to allow the upgrade of a local footpath	£2,200
	Marybank, Scatwell and Strathconon Community Council – microgrant allowance To award microgrants with a maximum value of £250	£2,200
	Contin Community Trust Funding for the senior citizens' and local children's Christmas parties	£1,750
	Scatwell Community Association To purchase play items and IT equipment for the newsletter	£1,683
	Contin Football and Sports Club To replace equipment including strips, goal frames and nets	£1,652
	Scatwell Community Association Towards the hire of portable toilets for various community events	£1,500
	Contin Community Council – microgrant allowance To award microgrants with a maximum value of £250	£1,100

Category	Organisation	Award
	Muir of Ord Community Council – microgrant allowance To award microgrants with a maximum value of £250	£1,000
	Contin Baby and Toddler Group To provide classes, a trip to the Singing Kettle show and supplies	£840
	Contin SWRI For a summer outing to Grantown on Spey to visit a historic building	£800
	Contin Indoor Bowling Club To fund an end of season outing for club members	£500
	Marybank Primary School Parent Council Funds for equipment and storage for the Primary School playground	£328

GLENDOE

THE GLENDOE COMMUNITY FUND WILL INVEST AN ESTIMATED £2.2 MILLION IN LOCAL PROJECTS BETWEEN 2006 AND 2031.

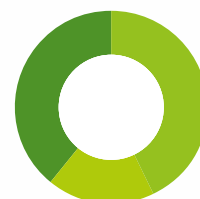
Opened in 2009, Glendoe was the largest conventional hydro-electric scheme to be built in over 50 years. The fund benefits a population of around 2,000 over the two community council areas of Fort Augustus and Glenmoriston, and Stratherrick and Foyers. The Fund is managed locally by the Fort Augustus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

Annual Fund Payment	£76,223		
Value of applications	£46,674		
Awards Approved	£42,849		
Total Value of Projects	£46,674		
61% Fund demand	£1.09 per £1 Fund leverage	27% Capital	73% Revenue

Fund allocation by category

- Community Facilities and Services
- Education and Youth Development
- Environment and Conservation

43%
18%
39%



Category	Organisation	Award
	Individual renewable energy grants x 8 Eight individual renewable energy grants	£16,754
	Stratherrick Public Hall Funds to carry out works on the roof of the Stratherrick Public Hall	£8,000
	Glenmoriston Lunch Club Funds to subsidise the seniors' lunch club that meets twice a month	£3,500
	Kilchuimen Primary School To provide transport to swimming lessons and subsidise school trips	£3,250
	Fort Augustus Senior Citizens For seniors' social events and subsidies for the bus and fitness classes	£3,000
	Educational Travel Bursary x 13 To maintain contact with family whilst studying away from home	£2,600
	Foyers Fire Station To hold the community fireworks display at the fire station	£2,200
	Stratherrick and Foyers Senior Lunch Club Funds to support the running costs of the senior citizens' lunch club	£1,000
	Stratherrick Brownies For a trip to Dalguise for the 100-year celebration of the Brownies	£870
	1st Fort Augustus Brownies and Guides To subsidise two trips to Perthshire and north Highlands	£575
	Stratherrick Guides For a trip to Dalguise for the 100-year celebration of the Brownies	£550
	Stratherrick and Foyers Community Council Funds for the community Christmas party and the children's presents	£400
	Glenlia Residents Community Association Funding for First Responders in the local area	£150

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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	£22,805
Value of applications	£11,700
Awards Approved	£11,700
Total Value of Projects	£12,525
51% Fund demand	£1.07 per £1 Fund leverage
52% Capital	48% Revenue

Fund allocation by category

■ Community Facilities and Services
■ Culture, Heritage and Tourism

57%
43%



Category	Organisation	Award
■	Sanday Agricultural Association To buy a 40-foot container for storing equipment at the showground	£5,000
■	Orkney Alcohol Counselling and Advisory Service To cover costs of a counsellor to deliver the monthly outreach service	£2,000
■	Sanday Community Council – microgrant allowance To award microgrants with a maximum value of £250	£2,000
■	Sanday Community Association Funds to support a children's summer scheme held in the village hall	£1,700
■	Sanday Community School Pupil Council To provide nursery and primary pupils with one portion of fruit a day	£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 £6,500, benefitting a population of around 3,200 across the community council areas of Ardgour, Sunart and Morvern. The fund is administered by the Highland Council on behalf SSE.

Category	Organisation	Award
■	Highland Council – community fund allowance To distribute funds on behalf of SSE	£6,498

BU

THE BU COMMUNITY FUND WILL PROVIDE £25,000 OVER ITS LIFETIME FOR INVESTMENT IN LOCAL PROJECTS.

The annual value of the fund is £1,000, benefitting the geographical area of Stronsay in Orkney. The fund is managed by Stronsay Community Association on SSE's behalf and serves an estimated population of 350.

Category	Organisation	Award
■	Stronsay Community Association – microgrant allowance To award microgrants with a maximum value of £250	£1,000

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT FUND – HIGHLAND

THE HIGHLAND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT FUND HAS A CURRENT ESTIMATED VALUE OF £10 MILLION OVER ITS LIFETIME.

The fund serves the whole population of the Highland local authority region, estimated at 233,000. Depending on construction of SSE's wind farm portfolio it could rise in value to £50 million over its lifetime. It is expected to open for applications every two years.

Annual Fund Payment	£989,098
Value of applications	£4,918,642
Awards Approved	£1,444,484*
Total Value of Projects	£4,633,691
497% Fund demand	£3.21 per £1 Fund leverage
75% Capital	25% Revenue

Fund allocation by category

■ Built and Natural
■ Community Energy
■ Skills Development and Jobs
■ Enablement

34%
22%
40%
4%



Category	Organisation	Award
■	University of the Highlands and Islands Funding CREST programme of STEM activities in schools (5 yr grant)	£400,000
■	Scottish Canals To redevelop the visitor centre in Fort Augustus and install retail pods	£225,000
■	PV 2014 Group (Community Energy Scotland) To install solar panels on 11 community buildings in the Highlands	£100,000
■	Fort Augustus and Glenmoriston Community Company Funds to extend the pilot apprenticeship scheme for three years	£87,250
■	Knoydart Renewables Costs of the refurbishment of the community hydro scheme	£75,000
■	Archaeology Scotland Towards running costs of the adopt a monument project (3 yr grant)	£57,240
■	Highland Small Communities Housing Trust Funding to ready youths for employment in construction (3 yr grant)	£57,000
■	Kyle of Sutherland Development Trust To renovate Bonar Bridge Post Office flat as an affordable rental	£43,300
■	Sunart Community Company To fund the salary of the community hydro project manager (2 yr grant)	£43,245
■	Coigach Community Development Company Community wind/hydro project officer salary costs for 2.5 years	£40,287
■	MAKLAB (Skirmishes Ltd) Towards a workshop at Wick High School and mobile MAKLAB van	£40,000
■	The Staffin Trust For the construction of path networks for the eco-museum project	£38,000
■	Locheilnet CIC To improve the capacity of the community broadband network	£34,655
■	Kingussie Community Company Funds to restore a 90-year-old community owned hydro scheme	£33,000
■	Muir of Ord Community Council For a public path to link the communities Muir of Ord and Beauly	£30,000
■	Seaboard Memorial Hall To replace the damaged local mermaid statue with a bronze replica	£24,900
■	Helmsdale Development Trust To install energy efficiency solutions in new affordable houses	£24,306
■	Aigas Community Forest Towards purchasing and managing Aigas Forest for community use	£20,000
■	The Embo Trust To purchase an area of forestry land to create community runrigs	£20,000
■	Dornoch and District Community Association To create initial concepts for replacing an existing community building	£5,000
■	Durness Development Group To undertake a feasibility study for a new community-owned harbour	£5,000
■	Maryburgh Amenities For a design and business plan for the regeneration of local greenspace	£5,000
■	North West Highlands Geopark Ltd To fund a feasibility study for a new geocentre	£5,000
■	Strathpeffer Spa Railway Association For the purchase of land to restore rail services on a disused track	£5,000
■	Urras Baile Fhlodagairraidh Community Company Toward a business plan for a community heritage and language centre	£5,000
■	Caithness Sports Facilities Towards costs associated with developing the Thurso Harbour Centre	£5,000
■	Alness Community Energy CIC To progress a community wind turbine project to planning submission	£5,000
■	Strathly Village Hall A feasibility study investigating sustainability measures	£4,900
■	Wester Loch Ewe Community Council A feasibility study for the community buy-out of the old school building	£4,150
■	Melvich Village Hall Association A feasibility study for hall redevelopment options	£2,750

*Includes multi-year grants for future years



PERTHSHIRE

SSE HAS THREE DEVELOPMENTS IN THE PERTHSHIRE REGION COVERED BY TWO COMMUNITY FUNDS. WITH AN INSTALLED CAPACITY OF 220MW BETWEEN THE THREE 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, Strathtay and Grandtully. It is SSE's second largest local fund.

Annual Fund Payment	£445,668
Value of applications	£1,024,253
Awards Approved	£510,092*
Total Value of Projects	£1,088,897

230%
Fund demand

£2.13 per £1
Fund leverage

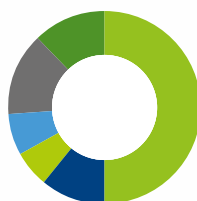
49%
Capital

51%
Revenue

Fund allocation by category

- Community Facilities and Services
- Culture, Heritage and Tourism
- Education and Youth Development
- Skills and Employment
- Sport and Recreation
- Environment and Conservation

50%
11%
6%
7%
14%
12%



Category	Organisation	Award
	Locus Breadalbane To support the community buy-out of Aberfeldy Town Hall	£75,000
	Scotland's Charity Air Ambulance Funding towards the increased provision of services in the area	£60,000
	Mid Atholl Hall Committee Towards refurbishment of Mid Atholl Hall to improve energy efficiency	£40,000
	Project Northern Lights Workshops to train youths in practical skills for manufacturing and trades	£30,000
	Breadalbane Canoe Club Towards equipment and a full-time Junior Talent coach for four years	£29,500
	Aberfeldy and District Rotary Club Towards holding the Highland Perthshire Marathon (3 yr grant)	£24,000
	Heartland FM To upgrade the equipment in the studios and the outside broadcast unit	£23,782
	Horizon For hall and coach hire for the seniors' lunch club service (3 yr grant)	£18,654
	Amulree Village Hall Trust Fund To resurface the car park making it safe for pedestrians and vehicles	£15,000
	Move to Improve To hire and maintain 30 hanging baskets for Aberfeldy (3 yr grant)	£15,000
	Explore Aberfeldy To reprint and distribute the tourist information brochure in 2014	£14,954
	Royal School of Dunkeld Parent Partnership Group Funds to build a covered structure for use as an outdoor learning hub	£14,120
	Dunkeld and Birnam Recreation Club Funds to install double-glazed windows and fire doors	£14,075
	Aberfeldy Small Business Association For running costs of the Farmers' Market in Aberfeldy (3 yr grant)	£12,000
	Highland Perthshire Community Partnership For the Crossing Borders project that helps migrants with integration	£11,500
	British Association for Shooting and Conservation For the purchase of a portable clay pigeon trap launcher	£10,773
	Upper Tay Paths Group For purchasing equipment to extend coverage of First Responders	£8,500

Category	Organisation	Award
	Aberfeldy Community Council – microgrant allowance To award microgrants with a maximum value of £250	£5,000
	Birnam Arts To hold a cultural arts festival based on a central theme of whisky	£5,000
	Breadalbane Initiative for Farm Forestry To develop an educational woodland at Camserney	£5,000
	Dull and Weem Community Council – microgrant allowance To award microgrants with a maximum value of £250	£5,000
	Dunkeld and Birnam Community Growing To purchase a storage shed to house the organisation's equipment	£5,000
	Kenmore and District Community Council – microgrant allowance To award microgrants with a maximum value of £250	£5,000
	MES – Young People's Play Park Group Funding towards a children's play park	£5,000
	Mid Atholl, Strathtay and Grandtully Community Council – microgrant allowance To award microgrants with a maximum value of £250	£5,000
	Dunkeld and Birnam Community Council – microgrant allowance To award microgrants with a maximum value of £250	£4,827
	Aberfeldy Bowling Club To repair the leak in the clubhouse roof	£4,350
	Perth and Kinross Business Community Support Group To run a SQA Employability Awards Programme and youth work placements	£4,318
	BASICS Scotland Funds to cover the cost of providing two new ECG machines	£4,000
	Grandtully Primary School Parent Council Towards costs of the after school activities programme for one year	£3,840
	Kenmore Primary School Parent Council Funds to provide a wet weather shelter in the playground	£3,700
	Kenmore and District Community Council IT equipment and improved facilities at Breadalbane Reading Room	£3,500
	Dull and Weem Community Council For an exchange visit to Dull for residents from Boring, Oregon USA	£2,500
	Dalguise and District Public Hall To complete the refurbishment works at the Dalguise Village Hall	£2,451
	The Froglife Trust For a roadshow promoting amphibian habitat conservation	£2,316
	Aberfeldy Festive Committee To train young volunteers in setting up staging for two local events	£2,000
	Corbenic Camphill Community To complete a three-kilometre poetry path	£2,000
	Heartland Film Society Towards costs of the Film Festival and film/animation workshop	£2,000
	Highland Perthshire Games Association To purchase safety equipment and a trailer for its transportation	£1,700
	Aberfeldy Parish Church (The Breathe Project) To hold a youth event and concert raising awareness of social issues	£1,500
	Abbeyfield Breadalbane Society For a door entry system so elderly residents can grant access easily	£1,335
	Perthshire and Angus Provincial Mod Workshops for both children entering the local Mod and the general public	£1,300
	Kenmore Golf Club Funds towards equipment and a practice and coaching facility	£1,280
	The Niel Gow Festival Towards costs of holding the annual Scottish fiddle festival	£1,000
	Music in Hospitals To provide four live concerts in two healthcare units in Aberfeldy	£988
	The Parish of Dunkeld Handbell Ringers To buy handbell music and a table for practice and performances	£629
	Jotters (Highland Perthshire Writers Group) To publish a booklet of poetry to celebrate the new Birks Cinema	£600
	Highland Perthshire Communities Partnership Towards costs of Café Scientifique meetings and visiting scientists	£600
	Rannoch and District Adult Education Association For subsidised places and running costs of adult education classes	£500

*Includes use of remaining balance from previous financial year

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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	£94,734
Value of applications	£145,150
Awards Approved	£64,869
Total Value of Projects	£196,747

153%
Fund demand

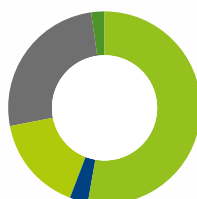
£3.03 per £1
Fund leverage

44%
Capital

56%
Revenue

Fund allocation by category

Community Facilities and Services	53%
Culture, Heritage and Tourism	3%
Education and Youth Development	16%
Sport and Recreation	26%
Environment and Conservation	2%



Category	Organisation	Award
■	Alyth Hill Users Group For the development of a bike park at Alyth Community Woodland	£13,394
■	Bridge of Cally Village Hall For carrying out repairs to prevent deterioration to the fabric of the hall	£9,898
■	Kirkmichael Session House and Open Learning Centre The Session House Development Worker's salary costs for two years	£7,500
■	Mount Blair Community Development Trust To partially fund a Development and Support Assistant for one year	£5,675
■	Alyth 45th Perthshire Scout Group Funds towards new equipment and improvements to the Scout hall	£5,000
■	Perth and Kinross Association of Voluntary Service To run a healthy living project for adults recovering from mental illness	£5,000
■	Humpty Dumpty Early Years Care To run four extra sessions a week for children with additional needs	£3,740
■	Alyth Community Council – microgrant allowance To award microgrants with a maximum value of £250	£2,400
■	Mount Blair Community Council – microgrant allowance To award microgrants with a maximum value of £250	£2,400
■	BOOKMARK Funding for the fringeBOOKMARK Festival 2014	£2,100
■	Strathardle Coffee Tots For new toy equipment, hall costs and activities for the next year	£1,899
■	Alyth Bowling and Tennis Club To replace carpet tiles that were damaged as a result of a major leak	£1,603
■	The Froglife Trust Towards creating a habitat pond in Alyth Community Woodland	£1,510
■	Strathmore Golf Club To purchase 12 sets of golf clubs for rent to junior players	£1,500
■	Keep the Glens Fit Towards the costs of providing fitness classes in the area for all ages	£1,250

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

THROUGH THE TANGY WIND FARM, AROUND £20,000 PER YEAR IS INVESTED IN CHARITABLE PROJECTS IN THE LOCAL AREA.

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

Annual Fund Payment	£19,332
Value of applications	n/a
Awards Approved	£19,332
Total Value of Projects	n/a

153%
Fund demand

£3.03 per £1
Fund leverage

44%
Capital

56%
Revenue

Fund allocation by category

Community Facilities and Services	63%
Environment and Conservation	37%



Category	Organisation	Award
■	ALLenergy To distribute energy efficiency grants	£7,062
■	Campbeltown Community Council – community fund allowance To distribute funds on behalf of SSE	£2,154
■	East Kintyre Community Council – community fund allowance To distribute funds on behalf of SSE	£2,154
■	Southend Community Council – community fund allowance To distribute funds on behalf of SSE	£2,154
■	The Laggan Community Council – community fund allowance To distribute funds on behalf of SSE	£2,154
■	West Kintyre Community Council – community fund allowance To distribute funds on behalf of SSE	£2,154
■	The Kintyre Wind Farm Trust – community fund allowance To distribute funds on behalf of SSE	£1,500



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 £3.3 MILLION TO BE INVESTED OVER THEIR LIFETIME.



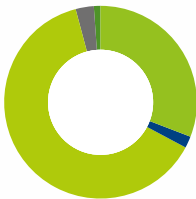
HADYARD HILL

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. The fund is managed by the Hadyard Hill Community Benefit Company on behalf of SSE. Administration is provided by Ailsa Horizons.

Annual Fund Payment	£135,235
Value of applications	£93,966
Awards Approved	£73,149
Total Value of Projects	£269,046
69% Fund demand	£3.68 per £1 Fund leverage
63% Capital	37% Revenue

Fund allocation by category

Community Facilities and Services	31%
Culture, Heritage and Tourism	2%
Education and Youth Development	63%
Sport and Recreation	3%
Environment and Conservation	1%



Category	Organisation	Award
■	The Barr Parish Development Company Ltd Towards the installation of new play equipment at the park in Barr	£40,992
■	Girvan and South Carrick Community Action Network Running costs to transport patients to clinics and hospital (2yr grant)	£6,000
■	Daily Scouts Towards a trip to Lancashire for the Daily Scouts annual camp visit	£5,799
■	Scotland's Charity Air Ambulance Funding towards the increased provision of services in the area	£5,000
■	The Stinchar Valley Magazine Towards printing and publishing the Stinchar Valley Magazine over two years	£4,191
■	2 Pins Company Towards a full planning application for The 2 pins Community Centre	£2,674
■	The Carrick Way Group Costs for partnering three groups to develop the Carrick Way nature trail	£2,350
■	Girvan and District Attractions Towards costs of the public firework display in South Carrick	£2,300
■	Pinwherry and Pinmore Community Council To install carbon monoxide detectors in each home in the area	£2,252
■	Carrick Rural Arts Group Funds towards lantern making workshops for the Festival of Light	£1,300
■	Daily Activity Centre To install energy-efficient lighting in the Daily Activity Centre	£291

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 will benefit an estimated population of 19,000 over the four community council areas of Cumbrae, Fairlie, Largs and West Kilbride.

Annual Fund Payment	£50,000
Value of applications	£76,963
Awards Approved	£37,028
Total Value of Projects	£85,199
154% Fund demand	£2.30 per £1 Fund leverage
65% Capital	35% Revenue

Fund allocation by category

Community Facilities and Services	29%
Culture, Heritage and Tourism	23%
Education and Youth Development	13%
Skills and Employment	3%
Sport and Recreation	17%
Environment and Conservation	15%



Category	Organisation	Award
■	Barrfields Theatre User Group To purchase energy-efficient lighting for events and performances	£3,000
■	Cumbrae Primary School Parent Council Equipment for an after school cooking club encouraging healthy lifestyles	£3,000
■	Isle of Cumbrae Community Initiative Company To provide a composting toilet for the Cumbrae community garden	£3,000
■	West Kilbride Festivals Committee To cover the cost of replacing the town's Christmas lights	£2,750
■	Largs Academy For equipment to be used in the Duke of Edinburgh programme	£2,000
■	Largs Community Sport and Leisure Club Towards the 'Dip Your Toes' project taking youths on a sailing trip	£2,000
■	Cumbrae Community Council To provide Christmas decorations and lights for Garrison House	£1,930
■	West Kilbride Horticultural Society To purchase tables for use by the Horticultural Society at their shows	£1,554
■	Fairlie Community Trust To cover the costs of replacing a historic sea wall plaque	£1,500
■	Firth of Clyde Coastal Rowing Club Funds towards support equipment for the St Ayles Skiff project	£1,500
■	West Kilbride Environmental Group Funds to replace the hanging basket hooks for the village	£1,450
■	West Kilbride Community Initiative Running costs of the group which aims to regenerate the town centre	£1,385
■	West Kilbride Community Sports Club Funds towards business development costs	£1,385
■	West Kilbride Village Hall To remove a disused fireplace and seal the chimney	£1,020
■	Cumbrae Coastal Rowing Club To purchase equipment that will improve the Club's services	£1,000
■	Cumbrae Community Council – microgrant allowance To award microgrants with a maximum value of £250	£1,000
■	Cumbrae Sail and Oar Festival Association Funds to hold the Sail and Oar Festival celebrating maritime heritage	£1,000
■	Haylie House Residential Care Home Towards the creation of a peace garden for the care home residents	£1,000
■	Kirktonhall Creative Media Group Towards costs for new technology courses for older people	£1,000
■	Largs Community Council – microgrant allowance To award microgrants with a maximum value of £250	£1,000
■	Organic Growers of Fairlie Funds to support the development of a community garden	£1,000
■	West Kilbride Community Association Funds to install a new kitchen facility in the local community centre	£1,000
■	West Kilbride Business Group Towards the running costs of the Christmas Festive Night	£680



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Category	Organisation	Award
■	Fairlie Yacht Club Funds towards the refurbishment of the Bay Street Jetty	£600
■	West Kilbride Village Band To purchase sheet music and music stands for the Band	£274

SCOTTISH BORDERS

THIS REGION HOSTS THREE OF SSE'S DEVELOPMENTS INCLUDING LANGHOPE RIG WIND FARM WHICH ENTERED MAJOR CONSTRUCTION IN EARLY 2014. WITH A COMBINED INSTALLED CAPACITY OF 43.6MW, OVER £4.2 MILLION WILL BE INVESTED IN LOCAL PROJECTS OVER THE LIFETIME OF THE FUNDS.



LANGHOPE RIG

THE LANGHOPE RIG COMMUNITY FUND WILL PROVIDE OVER £1 MILLION TO INVEST IN LOCAL PROJECTS OVER ITS LIFETIME.

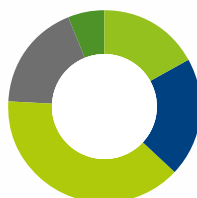
Langhope Rig is one of SSE's most recent wind farm developments. The community benefit fund will serve a population of around 2,400 over the three community council areas of Lilliesleaf Ashkirk and Midlem; Attrick and Yarrow; and Upper Teviotdale and Borthwick Water.

Annual Fund Payment		£40,500
Value of applications		£44,932
Awards Approved		£33,932
Total Value of Projects		£56,763
111% Fund demand	£1.67 per £1 Fund leverage	95% Capital
		5% Revenue

Fund allocation by category

- Community Facilities and Services
- Culture, Heritage and Tourism
- Education and Youth Development
- Sport and Recreation
- Environment and Conservation

17%
20%
39%
18%
6%



Category	Organisation	Award
■	Lilliesleaf Home School Partnership Funds towards playground equipment for Lilliesleaf Primary School	£10,000
■	Roberton Show Society To replace the old trestle tables for use at the annual Roberton Show	£5,500
■	Ettrick Forest Sports and Recreation Club Ltd To buy equipment for the cricket pitch and a pair of goals for football	£3,612
■	Friends of Kirkhope To paint playground markings in the enclosed area beside the school	£3,120
■	Forman Memorial Hall Funds towards external paintwork to the Forman Memorial Hall	£2,700
■	Lilliesleaf Sports and Social Club To demolish the sports hut that contains asbestos type material	£2,500
■	Boston Memorial Hall Association To install a double glazed window as existing one is not weatherproof	£2,000
■	Borthwick Water Community Development Trust To run a series of arts and crafts workshops	£1,500
■	Ettrick and Yarrow Community Council – microgrant allowance To award microgrants with a maximum value of £250	£1,000
■	Lilliesleaf Ashkirk and Midlem Community Council – microgrant allowance To award microgrants with a maximum value of £250	£1,000
■	Upper Teviotdale and Borthwick Water Community Council – microgrant allowance To award microgrants with a maximum value of £250	£1,000

*Includes use of remaining balance from previous financial year

TODDLERBURN

THE TODDLERBURN COMMUNITY FUND WILL PROVIDE OVER £2 MILLION FOR INVESTMENT IN LOCAL PROJECTS OVER ITS LIFETIME.

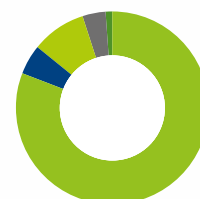
The fund serves a population of around 1,800 over the three community council areas of Heriot, Oxton and Channelkirk, and Parish of Stow.

Annual Fund Payment		£69,247	
Value of applications		£149,029	
Awards Approved		£109,484*	
Total Value of Projects		£197,523	
215% Fund demand	£1.80 per £1 Fund leverage	40% Capital	60% Revenue

Fund allocation by category

- Community Facilities and Services
- Culture, Heritage and Tourism
- Education and Youth Development
- Sport and Recreation
- Environment and Conservation

81%
5%
9%
4%
1%



Category	Organisation	Award
■	Heriot Community Council To create a high speed broadband network for Heriot	£22,500
■	Oxton War Memorial Hall To fund a planning application for the redevelopment of the hall	£17,500
■	Macfie Hall Committee To produce architect plans for hall improvements	£12,750
■	Heriot Parish Church Funds to undertake extensive roof repairs to the Church	£11,000
■	Heriot Community Council To create a permanent car park for Nettingflat and Brothershields	£6,125
■	Heriot Country Kids Funds towards setting up an after school club for ages 3-12 years	£5,307
■	Channelkirk Senior Citizens To fund four outings for the senior citizens throughout the year	£5,000
■	Gala Water Singers For equipment and fees for the choral harmony and singing group	£5,000
■	Stow Primary School To erect a 12 foot yurt for use as an outdoor learning facility	£4,000
■	Stow Sports Committee To hire a mobile platform for putting up the lights and bunting (3 yr grant)	£3,510
■	Leadervale Leisure Ltd Funds towards replacing the old equipment in the leisure centre	£2,500
■	Oxton and Channelkirk Community Council Towards the cost of financing the annual firework display	£2,500
■	Scotland's Charity Air Ambulance Funding towards the increased provision of services in the area	£2,000
■	Heriot Equestrian Society To purchase equipment and employ a tutor for equestrian lectures	£1,700
■	Macfie Hall Committee To fund an architectural competition for improvements to the hall	£1,500
■	Heriot Community Council To replace two old village notice boards	£1,361
■	Heriot Community Council – microgrant allowance To award microgrants with a maximum value of £250	£1,350
■	The Froglife Trust For a roadshow promoting amphibian habitat conservation	£1,000
■	Oxton Community Council – microgrant allowance To award microgrants with a maximum value of £250	£957
■	Parish of Stow Community Council – microgrant allowance To award microgrants with a maximum value of £250	£957
■	Stow Baby and Toddler Group Funds for new educational games and hall rental costs for six months	£517
■	Channelkirk Primary School Parent Council For pupils to design tiles for a mosaic to display in the Health Centre	£450



CLYDE BORDERS

THE CLYDE BORDERS COMMUNITY FUND WILL INVEST AROUND £1.2 MILLION IN COMMUNITY PROJECTS OVER ITS LIFETIME.

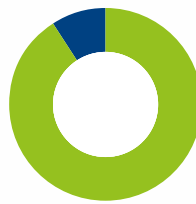
This fund is one of three that benefit as a result of SSE's Clyde wind farm and serves around 1,000 people in the two community council areas of Skirling and Upper Tweed.

Annual Fund Payment	£36,009
Value of applications	£37,989
Awards Approved	£33,795
Total Value of Projects	£35,224
105% Fund demand	£1.04 per £1 Fund leverage
90% Capital	10% Revenue

Fund allocation by category

- Community Facilities and Services
- Culture, Heritage and Tourism

91%
9%



Category	Organisation	Award
■	Drumelzier Recreation Hall Association To carry out major renovations to the interior of the hall	£17,699
■	Tweedsmuir Hall Committee To treat the Hall's wooden floor and protect it from future damage	£2,868
■	Drumelzier Recreation Hall Association To upgrade wiring and lighting circuits in the hall	£2,000
■	Broughton Village Hall For upgrading the Hall's hearing aid loop to meet equality requirements	£1,968
■	Skirling Community Council To purchase a defibrillator to place in Skirling Village Hall	£1,700
■	Broughton Choral Society To employ a composer to write a song based on the local area	£1,500
■	The Tweedsmuir Community Company Towards the costs of holding the Tweedsmuir Music Festival	£1,500
■	Upper Tweed Community Council – microgrant allowance To award microgrants with a maximum value of £250	£1,400
■	Broughton Horticultural Society To purchase trestle tables and a trolley for transporting them	£1,280
■	Skirling Community Council – microgrant allowance To award microgrants with a maximum value of £250	£1,030
■	Tweedsmuir Christmas Party Committee For purchasing equipment to reduce costs of holding community events	£850



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.

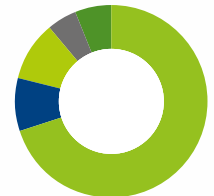
One of three funds that benefit as a result of SSE's Clyde wind farm, the Clyde Dumfries and Galloway community benefit fund serves around 12,600 people in the following community council areas: Carronbridge, Closeburn, Durisdeer, Johnstone, Kirkconnel and Kelloholm, Kirkmichael, Kirkpatrick and Juxta, Moffat and District, Royal Burgh of Sanquhar and District, Thornhill, Wamphray, and Wanlockhead. The fund is administered by Foundation Scotland on behalf of SSE.

Annual Fund Payment	£143,170
Value of applications	£380,886
Awards Approved	£290,144*
Total Value of Projects	£405,600
266% Fund demand	£1.40 per £1 Fund leverage
88% Capital	12% Revenue

Fund allocation by category

- Community Facilities and Services
- Culture, Heritage and Tourism
- Education and Youth Development
- Sport and Recreation
- Environment and Conservation

70%
9%
10%
5%
6%



Category	Organisation	Award
■	Beattock Hall Committee To upgrade the toilets for disabled access and baby changing facilities	£63,000
■	Nith Valley LEAF Trust To purchase a house for renting to locals at affordable rates	£35,000
■	Carronbridge Hall Fund To replace the roof of Carronbridge Village Hall	£33,330
■	Closeburn Recreation Hall Committee Funds to refit the Hall with modern roofing	£17,000
■	Kirkmichael Hall Community Group Funds towards refurbishing the toilets and the corridor in the hall	£12,000
■	Johnstone Community Council To contribute towards the cost of installing a play area	£12,000
■	Johnstone Community Centre and Development Trust To upgrade the admin system and cover legal fees for land transfer deals	£10,061
■	Congregational Board of Sanquhar St Brides Parish Church To provide disabled access to the church hall	£8,000
■	Royal Burgh of Sanquhar Heritage Society For the cost of restoring Euchar Well which is over 120 years old	£7,500
■	Wanlockhead Community Gardening Group To improve the safety of paths around the Fraser Memorial Gardens	£7,118
■	Johnstonebridge Parent Council Towards timber and steel cable way for the community playground	£6,249
■	Thornhill Community Council To hold a Christmas Winter Wonderland for the community and visitors	£6,169

*Draw down facility used

THE FUNDS IN FOCUS

1 April 2013 – 31 March 2014

Category	Organisation	Award
■	Moffat Civic Pride Towards the renovation of the old graveyard at the local church	£6,047
■	Johnstonebridge Fund Raising Committee Funds to purchase equipment for a new play park	£5,673
■	Thornhill and District Squash Club To improve the court facilities and decorate the club interior	£4,862
■	Thornhill Golf Club Towards refurbishing the clubhouse, coaching costs and new buggies	£4,000
■	Sanquhar and District Silver Band Towards remedial works to the band's building and perimeter wall	£3,500
■	Thornhill Music Festival Towards costs of holding the Thornhill Music Festival in 2013	£3,000
■	Thornhill Music Festival Towards costs of holding the Thornhill Music Festival in 2014	£3,000
■	Buccleuch and Queensberry Caledonia Pipe Band To purchase new uniforms for the band	£2,880
■	Moffat Museum Trust Towards an audio visual display unit to enhance the visitor experience	£2,800
■	Sanquhar Bowling Club Funding to replace the old scarifying machine	£2,796
■	Wanlockhead Village Council To cover costs of admin and equipment for the annual village clean up	£2,660
■	Johnstonebridge Parent Council To support equipment costs for a range of extra curricular activities	£2,546
■	Carronbridge Hall Fund To cover planning application fees for replacing the asbestos roof	£2,400
■	Thornhill and District Community Transport To support the community transport service for elderly residents	£2,240
■	Johnstone Community Council To purchase a used shipping container to house village equipment	£2,000
■	Kirkmichael Hall Community Group To replace old wooden sash windows with double-glazed units	£1,896
■	Moffat Cricket Club Funds towards the purchase of a second hand ride on mower	£1,850
■	Upper Nithsdale Youth Pipe Band To cover the costs of drumming tuition for the next 12 months	£1,700
■	Moffat and District Community Initiative To cover the cost of printing the "What's On" Guide	£1,600
■	Carronbridge Community Council Funds towards holding Christmas parties and the Small Gala	£1,500
■	Sanquhar Senior Citizens Association Funding to repair the brick work at the pensioners' hall	£1,500
■	Sanquhar Cornets Club To purchase gazebos and tables for use at various community events	£1,454
■	Annan Water Hall Committee Towards the cost of replacing the hall's corrugated iron roof	£1,350
■	Royal Burgh of Sanquhar and District Community Council Towards holding an activity night at the Christmas Light Switch On	£1,250
■	Proudfoot Indoor Sports and Social Club Towards interior renovation and the refurbishment of snooker tables	£1,225
■	Thornhill Playgroup To purchase an indoor activity frame and IT equipment for group admin	£1,204
■	Royal Burgh of Sanquhar March Riding Association To cover the costs associated with the local March Riding	£1,168
■	Wanlockhead Community Resource Centre To purchase mattresses for overnight stays in the Centre by visiting groups	£1,090
■	Brighten up Kirkconnel and Kelloholm To purchase annual bedding plants for the village	£1,080
■	Thornhill Gala Committee Funds to pay for rides for next year's gala	£1,000
■	Kirkmichael Community Council For the purchase of a new community notice board	£678
■	Kirkpatrick and Juxta Community Council Funding towards repairs to the changing room roof and an over 60s party	£468
■	Beattock Hall Committee To replace lights that do not meet standards for safe public use	£300

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 **£23,428**

Value of applications £9,758

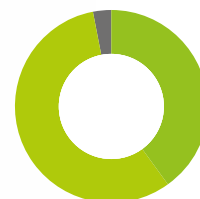
Awards Approved **£9,758**

Total Value of Projects £15,868

42% Fund demand **£1.63 per £1** Fund leverage **44%** Capital **56%** Revenue

Fund allocation by category

■ Community Facilities and Services 40%
■ Education and Youth Development 57%
■ Sport and Recreation 3%



Category	Organisation	Award
■	Glenluce Primary School Parent Council To complete the new outdoor learning space at the school	£4,000
■	Scotland's Charity Air Ambulance Funding towards the increased provision of services in the area	£2,000
■	Old Luce Guild Funds to install sound system and visual aids for Old Luce Guild Hall	£1,858
■	Glenluce Youth Club Funding for various items of equipment and a summer trip	£1,600
■	Castle Kennedy Bowling Club Funds to buy new equipment for the Bowling Club	£300

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 **£22,500**

Value of applications £11,760

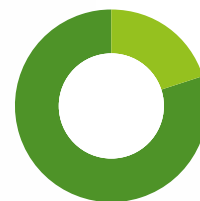
Awards Approved **£11,760**

Total Value of Projects £15,000

52% Fund demand **£1.28 per £1** Fund leverage **100%** Capital

Fund allocation by category

■ Community Facilities and Services 20%
■ Environment and conservation 80%



Category	Organisation	Award
■	Three Lochs Holiday Park To upgrade parking and picnic facilities at Loch Heron Forest Walk	£2,346
■	Kirkcowan Autumn Social Club Towards hall refurbishments, including a new efficient heating system	£9,414



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 £28 MILLION OVER ITS LIFETIME.



CLYDE SOUTH LANARKSHIRE

THE CLYDE SOUTH LANARKSHIRE COMMUNITY FUND PROVIDES OVER £820,000 PER YEAR TO INVEST IN COMMUNITY PROJECTS IN THE LOCAL AREA.

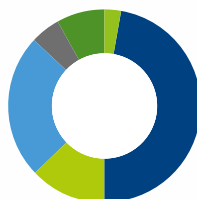
This fund is the largest of three which benefit from SSE's Clyde wind farm and serves an estimated 4,900 people in the community council areas of Biggar; Crawford; Duneaton; Leadhills; Libberton, Quothquan and Thankerton; and Symington. The fund is administered by South Lanarkshire Council on behalf of SSE.

Annual Fund Payment	£821,721
Value of applications	£1,485,299
Awards Approved	£1,438,856*
Total Value of Projects	£5,055,831
181% Fund demand	£3.51 per £1 Fund leverage
73% Capital	27% Revenue

Fund allocation by category

- Community Facilities and Services
- Culture, Heritage and Tourism
- Education and Youth Development
- Skills and Employment
- Sport and Recreation
- Environment and Conservation

3%
47%
13%
24%
5%
8%



Category	Organisation	Award
■	Biggar Museum Trust Towards the development of a new museum to house the collection	£620,000
■	Routes to Inclusion For delivery of Energy Academy training and employability initiatives	£266,902
■	Wiston Lodge To install a woodchip fuelled biomass heating system	£100,762
■	Limelight Music Funds to run a music project teaching pupils drums and percussion	£59,338
■	Leadhills Family Action Group Funds towards creating a Multi Use Games Area in Leadhills	£56,715
■	Clydesdale Community Initiatives Towards developing a training facility for those with additional needs	£50,000
■	Douglas Play Park Group Funds towards the development of a multi function play park	£46,185
■	Rigside Playparks Group Funding towards the development of an outdoor play park in Rigside	£32,402
■	Friends of Burnbraes Park To improve the quality of play equipment at Burnbraes Park	£30,000
■	The Big Red Barn Company Funds towards utility connections to develop the visitor centre	£25,000
■	Two Rivers Vet Practice To purchase equipment, developing the surgery into a training practice	£18,737
■	Biggar Community Council To upgrade the kitchen in Biggar Municipal Community Hall	£5,000
■	Biggar Little Festival To fund a major concert as part of the Biggar Little Festival	£5,000
■	Crawford WRI Funds to fit a new kitchen in the Crawford Community Hall	£5,000

*Includes use of remaining balance from previous financial year

Category	Organisation	Award
■	Roberton WRI Towards the costs of upgrading the kitchen in Roberton Hall	£5,000
■	Wiston Lodge To recruit and train 25 local youths as volunteers at the Lodge	£5,000
■	Biggar British Legion Funds to purchase uniforms for the new members of the pipe band	£4,999
■	Rigside Primary School Parent Council For equipment to improve the IT skills of pupils and the community	£4,998
■	1st Biggar Tinto Explorer Scouts Equipment to help members achieve D of E and Chief Scout Awards	£4,996
■	Covington and Thankerton Beekeepers Association Towards equipment and training to establish the Association	£4,991
■	Biggar Rugby Football Club To hold the rugby Mini Tournament for the young players	£4,950
■	Thankerton, Libberton and Quothquan Community Council Towards creating and staging a new youth street theatre production	£4,950
■	Biggar Rugby Football Club For drainage of the pitch to improve the quality of the ground	£4,914
■	Biggar Youth Project For the purchase of PCs to help young people with homework and IT skills	£4,910
■	Elvenfoot Resident Association To improve access to the Navvies Graveyard for safe maintenance	£4,900
■	Thankerton Improvement Group Funds for members to take part in the Edinburgh Festival Radio Project	£4,900
■	Crawford Primary School Parent Council Funds towards running a hands-on activity programme for the pupils	£4,814
■	Clydesdale Extended Learning Community To print a book, by children for children, whose siblings have additional needs	£4,800
■	Friends of Scots Mining House Funds towards improving disabled access for the opening of the garden	£4,742
■	Abington Primary School To create a website for the old school and the development of the new building	£4,525
■	Leadhills Gala Committee To purchase new equipment for the gala	£4,471
■	Thankerton WRI To fund a variety of outings for the group to encourage new members	£4,440
■	Thankerton Bowling Club To cover costs of lifting and levelling the bowling green	£4,095
■	Glencapel and Lowther Development Group For running a programme to develop reporting skills in local residents	£4,090
■	Biggar Theatre Workshop To replace the carpet with durable flooring and to move the fireplace	£4,052
■	Glencapel and Lowther Development Group Funds to hold events informing residents of the arrival of broadband	£3,170
■	Crawford Gala Funds to hold the week-long Crawford Gala	£3,068
■	Douglas Folk Group Towards the cost of holding a folk festival weekend in Douglas	£2,775
■	Coulter WRI Funds to hold four events and outings for members of the Institute	£2,560
■	Crawfordjohn and Leadhills Parent Council To fund a trip to the theatre and a related educational workshop	£1,942
■	Roberton WRI Towards a stained glass weekend class and a bread making class	£1,525
■	Crawford Bowling Club To fund a trip to the theatre and a related educational workshop	£1,300
■	Abington WRI To modernise the group's administration and accounting systems	£1,288
■	Glencapel and Lowther Development Group To hold an event showing parents how to keep children safe online	£650

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

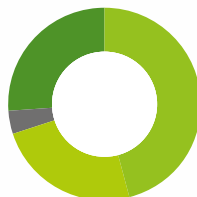
THE KEADBY COMMUNITY FUND WILL PROVIDE £170,000 PER YEAR TO INVEST IN LOCAL PROJECTS.

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
Value of applications	£256,143
Awards Approved	£92,608
Total Value of Projects	£123,246
151% Fund demand	£1.33 per £1 Fund leverage
98% Capital	2% Revenue

Fund allocation by category

Community Facilities and Services	46%
Education and Youth Development	24%
Sport and Recreation	4%
Environment and Conservation	26%



Category	Organisation	Award
■	St Oswald's Parochial Church Council, Crowle For the construction of partition walls to create a community room	£22,335
■	Friends of Ealand Park Funds to install new creative play equipment in Ealand Park	£20,000
■	St Norbets Parish Hall Committee To provide updated toilet and kitchen facilities in the hall	£11,165
■	William Stephenson Memorial Hall To install solar panels on the roof of the village hall in Althorpe	£10,229
■	Luddington Village Hall To install energy-efficient lighting and reduce ongoing running costs	£10,000
■	Crowle Lights Committee For maintenance of electrical components and improving light displays	£4,000
■	Ealand Victory Hall To purchase tables and chairs for the hall	£2,744
■	Garthorpe Village Hall To install an energy-efficient hot water and central heating system	£2,600
■	Luddington Cricket Club To improve existing facilities including purchasing a new scoring hut	£2,547
■	Luddington and Garthorpe Primary School For a playgroup to assess children's needs before they attend nursery	£2,135

Category	Organisation	Award
■	Crowle Charter Group To continue running the Crowle Market and increase stall numbers	£1,850
■	Eastoft Parish Council To restore the base and re-enamel the letters on the war memorial	£1,718
■	Crowle Bowls Club Equipment to aid the rolling up of mats after use	£784
■	Crowle and Ealand Heritage Society Funds to hold a Crowle Gala in 2014	£500

ESSEX

ESSEX IS HOME TO SSE'S THREE 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 TILBURY PORT IN ESSEX.

In 2012 the community fund awarded £12,000 each to the RNLI and Tilbury Regeneration Project to be paid over three instalments.

Annual Fund Payment	£10,000
Value of applications	n/a
Awards Approved	£8,000
Total Value of Projects	n/a

Category	Organisation	Award
■	RNLI Gravesend Station To cover annual training costs for three crew members	£4,000
■	Tilbury Riverside Project To promote economic, social and environmental regeneration in the area	£4,000



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