

FUNDHOLDER REPORT

HELLRIGG WIND FARM COMMUNITY BENEFIT FUND

This report illustrates the impact that the fund has made to support your philanthropic giving through Cumbria Community Foundation. The purpose of the Hellrigg Wind Farm Community Benefit Fund is to support charitable or community activities which are environmental or educational, and benefit Silloth or the parishes of Holme St Cuthbert, Holme Low and Holme Abbey.



GRANT MAKING

APPLICANT	AMOUNT	PROJECT
Abbeytown Assembly Rooms	£3,000	Re-felting of flat roof
Abbeytown Community Fund	£10,000	Fencing, gates and equipment
Abbeytown Pre-School/Playgroup	£1,000	Outdoor learning improvements
Abbeytown Youth Group	£3,000	Activity costs
Culterham Hall	£3,300	Refurbish electrics and stage lighting
Mawbray Play Park	£1,000	Mawbray Play Park Improvements
Silloth Association Football Club	£1,000	New equipment
Silloth Netball Club	£1,500	Running of club 2017/2018
Solway Community School PTA	£2,000	Outdoor Gym
TOTAL GRANTS AWARDED	£25,800	

GRANT STORIES

Abbeytown Assembly Room is currently used by a range of groups such as the bowling, badminton and youth clubs and the Guides and Brownies, as well as for parish meetings.

Heavy rain caused the roof to leak and the hall became dangerous to use. The grant was used to pay for a professional felter to repair the roof.



Carole Satterthwaite, Chairman, said: "There are very limited events for young people in Abbeytown and the elderly find it hard to use public transport so events in the hall are an essential part of village life.

"We have a wide and varied usage of the hall: there is something on almost every night,. The grant has meant we can continue to have a safe, functional building for everyone to use."

Abbeytown Community Fund was set up in 2012 to raise funds for the development of a community playpark. Apart from a new football field, there were no other outdoor, active play areas for children, who had to travel a minimum of 7 miles to the nearest park.

Phase one of the play park is now complete and the grant was awarded to put up a gated fence around the play park and lay a suitable flooring.



Emma Bennett, Treasurer, said: "With the grant we were able to make the play park safe and provide an area for the children to get more active and improve their health."

Holme St Cuthbert is a very rural parish with an ageing population. There is no public transport in the evening, so those who do not have access to a car find it difficult to get out and enjoy entertainments such as concerts and theatre performances.



Culterham Hall supports a wide range of activities and groups, including the bowling club, play group and after school group, crafts sales and concerts. It received the grant to replace the existing wiring and lighting in the main hall and stage to make it more efficient.

Trustee, Barbara Hepburn, said: "It was noted by the management health and safety officer at his last inspection that the wiring needed replacing, and better stage lighting was requested by some groups. The upgrades mean we can now offer better facilities to organisations and groups using the hall."

Silloth is a rurally isolated community, and although there are many activities around it often involves a lot of travel and money, which is not affordable for many families.

Silloth Netball Club offers training to adults and children and coaches two teams that take part in

the West Cumbria League.

The grant was awarded to help towards the 2017/2018 club costs, including bringing in an outside coach, league fees, hall costs, affiliation fees to All England Netball, and kit and equipment.

Lindsey Whitham, Chair, said: "The club will need financial help on a yearly basis. This grant will enable us to make a start in regards to some equipment being replaced and also help us to look into other ways of improving our sessions with the hope of encouraging new members."



Over a third of the students of Solway Community School are classed disadvantaged and have little access to paid-for exercise opportunities outside school.



Solway Community School Parent Teacher Association (PTA) received the grant towards outdoor cardiovascular gym equipment for both students and the general public to use.

Jennifer Rowlands, Treasurer, said: "Keeping fit and leading healthy active lives has a wide range of benefits and exercise can improve mental focus, improve self esteem and have a positive impact on social interaction.

"Having this equipment will encourage students to get involved and keep fit outside of school, but will also tie in to the school's BTEC P.E. modules too. Having a range of cardio vascular and resistance equipment will provide variety for students when designing their own personal fitness programmes."

FUND OVERVIEW

Projects supported	34
Total grants awarded	£100,317
Largest grant	£10,000
Smallest grant	£500
Average grant	£2,951

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