

Knabs Ridge Wind Farm Fund Annual Report - Spring 2016

This report details the grants made from the Knabs Ridge Wind Farm Fund during the period 1st April 2015 to 31st March 2016. The fund was set up by Innogy Renewables UK Ltd and is administered by Two Ridings Community Foundation to provide grants that enhance life for residents in the communities around the wind farm.

Grants are available of up to £2500 for a wide variety of purposes supporting charitable activity that:-

- Enhance quality of life for local residents
- Contribute to vibrant, healthy, successful and sustainable communities
- Promote community spirit and encourage community activity

During the reporting period 9 grants have been awarded, totalling £12,970.35 to a variety of projects covering a wide range of activities from sports and art, to horticulture and support for children and families in difficult circumstances.

Building a sense of community requires the constant maintenance of communal buildings and support for the various clubs and societies that use them creating better places for people to come together and do something they enjoy. The idea of community spirit is central to the fund, and with the grants for Birstwith Horticultural society and Christ Church Community Centre the fund has helped maintain space for social gatherings promoting vibrant communities where people can take part in shared activities.

Birstwith Horticultural society received £2,284.35 to purchase furniture and a gazebo to support the running of their annual show. The Birstwith show prides itself on raising money for charity with a mix of horticultural classes, flowers and children's classes all set to a brass band. The show is an important annual event within the village and also attracts many visitors from further afield.



Local residents enjoying the annual Birstwith Show

The Christ Church Community Centre was given a grant to purchase equipment to meet the requirements of the groups it hosts. Educational, recreational and social needs of the community are all catered for in the one Centre and such a hub needs to be maintained. Courses such as cookery classes, ballroom dancing, and creative writing will be held in the Centre, keeping a wide range of people interested and active and ensuring a successful and lively future for the community of Darley.

Alongside these achievements the fund also recognizes and supports members of the local community in difficult circumstances. The panel awarded a small grant of £500 to the Harrogate Child Contact Centre who work to help children maintain contact with a parent they no longer live with seeking to prevent negative effects on academic success and psychological wellbeing. The contribution was made to recognize the support extended by the project to residents in the parishes around the wind farm on the outskirts of Harrogate.

Nidderdale Art Trail benefitted from a £700 grant that they invested in hiring local venues to enhance the cultural life within the rural villages in the Nidderdale area. Hoping to offer a vehicle for more artists to showcase their work via galleries, workshops and exhibitions, the Art Trail has also expanded its publicity work attracting both local residents and visitors from outside the area. The increased publicity encouraged more local artists to be involved and that in turn brought more commercial success to Nidderdale, encouraging more artists and creating a cycle of growth maintained by a strong community spirit.



Please see below for a list of all grants awarded during the reporting period and for further information about the Knabs Ridge fund please visit our website <http://www.trcf.org.uk/grant/knabs-ridge/>

Or contact the office directly on 01904 435277 or by email grants@trcf.org.uk

Statement of Grant Payments

01 April 2015 to 31 March 2016

Date	Applicant	Amount	Note
17/06/2015	Birstwith Horticultural Society	£2,284.35	Funding to enable the group to purchase chairs, tables and a gazebo to support the running of the annual show.
17/06/2015	Christ Church Darley	£2,500.00	Funding to contribute to the cost of replacing part of the roof of the church which provides an important venue for community activity in Darley.
24/06/2015	Harrogate Child Contact Centre	£500.00	Funding to contribute to the annual running cost of the child contact centre in Harrogate which provides vital support enabling children in difficult circumstances to maintain contact with their non resident parent following family separation.
13/07/2015	Nidderdale Art Trail	£700.00	Funding to support the expansion of the Nidd Art trail including hire of local venues at Hampsthwaite, Birstwith and Darley and the production of brochures to advertise events.
13/07/2015	Norwood Social Hall Committee	£975.00	Funding to enable the installation of gates to secure the rear of the hall.
13/07/2015	Fewston Parochial Hall	£1,739.00	Funding to purchase and fit a catering dishwasher.
15/07/2015	Blubberhouses Cricket Club	£2,500.00	Funding to replace the water heater in the pavilion.
26/08/2015	Christ Church Community Centre	£1,400.00	Funding to purchase equipment for use by the various groups that operate within the community centre including a sound system, floor safety mats, exercise equipment and storage.
29/09/2015	Harrogate & Ripon Centres for Voluntary Service	£372.00	Funding to purchase the consumable equipment needed for support workers and volunteers to undertake home maintenance jobs for older & vulnerable people.

9 grants given to the value of £12,970.35