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**MIDDLEMOOR WIND FARM
COMMUNITY INVESTMENT PACKAGE**

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Introduction

RWE npower renewables offers a range of community benefit packages at our operating onshore and offshore wind farms, these usually benefit those communities living closest to the site.

We have over 15 years experience of delivering funding to communities. In 2012, community investment funds in association with projects we operate invested £912,051 into communities across the UK.

Community benefit funding provides a valuable long term, sustainable and reliable source of income for the local community. It is flexible funding that can address what is really important to communities. It has the potential to fund large and small projects, as well as capital and revenue activities and it enables us to build positive relationships with communities.

Where annual funds are offered they are index linked each year in line with the retail price index. The funding becomes available when the site starts generating electricity and is payable throughout the operational life of the site. RWE npower renewables prides itself on ensuring decisions about the allocation of funding are made by local people for the benefit of their own community, where ever possible.

These packages have been used to fund a wide variety of activities including community building refurbishments, environmental education programmes, energy efficiency schemes and supporting local groups and organisations.

Please read on to find out what we're proposing for the Middlemoor Community Fund, and then let us have your views.

To find out more about the Middlemoor Wind Farm project please visit:

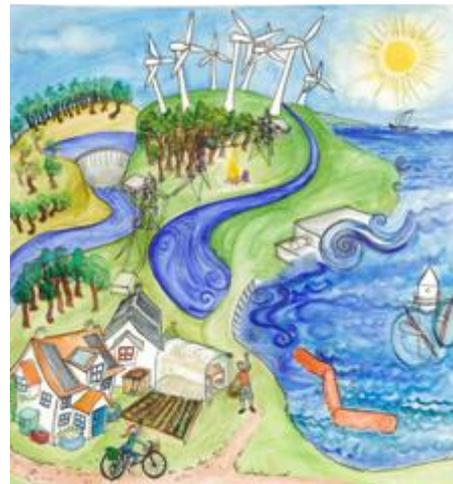
www.npower-renewables.com/middlemoor

Environmental Education Activity

We are committed to educating people of all age groups about renewable energy. Our aim is to help people understand more about how renewable energy technologies work, why we need them and how they can contribute to the UK's future energy needs.

One way we do this is through our educational materials which are available free of charge to download from our website:

www.npower-renewables.com/educationresources



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General principles

- A community benefits fund is being offered voluntarily by RWE npower renewables in association with Middlemoor Wind Farm;
- The fund will be worth £81,000 per year, index linked in line with inflation, over the operational life of the wind farm (usually around 20 years).
- This means a total fund in the region of £1,600,00 over the operational life time of the wind farm;
- The first fund payment will be made available once the wind farm is fully operational which is likely to be the end of August 2013;
- Secured for the future through a legal agreement with the administering body;
- Administered by independent local charity the Community Foundation serving Tyne & Wear and Northumberland;
- A transparent administration process with local people making the final decision on grants awarded;
- Simple, straightforward application process;
- Supporting environmental, educational, community and charitable activities.

Geographical boundaries of the fund

- When defining the geographical area to benefit from our community funds we consider: proximity of communities to the development, visual impact of the development, level of disruption during construction period, how the location is used for work or recreation by the wider community and the density of the population in an area.

Taking all these factors into consideration, the area of benefit for the fund will initially be limited to Eglington Parish, for the first three years of the funds operation. At the end of this period the area of benefit will be reviewed. However, this does not preclude the grants panel (consisting of local representatives) from making awards to groups/charities based outside of this defined area, if they feel their work significantly benefits the communities within Eglington Parish.

Introducing the Community Foundation

- The Fund will be held and administered by independent third party the Community Foundation serving Tyne & Wear and Northumberland (The CF): <http://www.communityfoundation.org.uk/>
- The CF is a properly constituted charity, registered with, and regulated by. the Charity Commission;
 - The CF will advertise the availability of funds and manage the administration of the whole application process including distributing funding;
 - The CF will be responsible for the monitoring process for individual grants and for reporting to RWE npower renewables;
 - All decisions about allocation of funding will be made by a grants panel of local representatives, recruited, trained and managed by the CF. Read on to find out how to nominate yourself to join the panel;
 - The CF's services attract a management fee (10% of the fund's value) which RWE npower renewables will pay in addition to the fund.
- The CF also hold a number of other funds which groups in Tyne & Wear and Northumberland are able to apply for, therefore there may be opportunities for applicants to the Middlemoor Community Benefit Fund to apply for other funds using the same simple application form. For more information on the other grant schemes they manage please visit the CF's website.

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Local decision making

We are looking for representatives from the communities within Eglington Parish to nominate themselves to join the grants panel. We hope the panel members will represent a good cross section of the community, including young people. If you are interested in nominating yourself to join the panel, and you live, work or volunteer within Eglington Parish please contact Lisa Cappleman at the Community Foundation:

Email: lc@communityfoundation.org.uk
Tel: 0191 222 0945.

Consulting with the Community

To help us shape the structure of the Middlemoor Wind Farm Community Benefit Package, and make sure it really meets the needs of local communities, together with Community Action Northumberland (CAN), we held consultation events in the Village Halls of Eglington and South Charlton in May 2013.

These events were extremely well attended by local people with a wealth of suggestions for how the fund could be spent. The results of this consultation have been circulated via Eglington Parish Council and are available on our website:

www.npower-renewables.com/Middlemoor-local-benefits

They will also be passed on to the grants panel, once elected, to inform them of the communities views on priorities for the Fund.

Feedback and Nominations to join the Grants Panel :

For nominations to join the grants panel, or to find out more about what's involved, please contact:

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