



RWE Innogy Limited Middlemoor Wind Farm Community Fund

Annual Review

Year 1

October 2013 to September 2014



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Fund Overview

Fund Name

RWE Innogy Limited Middlemoor Wind Farm Community Fund

Aims

To support community projects within the boundary of the Parish of Eglingham. Projects should tie into one of the twelve aims of the Parish Strategic Plan.

Fund Policy & Procedures

Applications are considered by a Community Grants Panel three times a year. Membership of the Panel during Year 1 was:

Carol Meredith (Chairperson), Penny Garrod (Vice-Chair), David Alston, Malcolm Angus, Alison Gostkowski, Ian Grant, John Rutherford, Shirley Wright.

Fund Manager

Karen Daghish (Community Programmes Manager)

Summary of Fund Activity Year 1 (October 2013 to September 2014)

Grants

11 grants awarded totalling £73,944

Fund Balance

Closing balance £ 7,056



Community Programmes Manager's Report

This report presents the first full year of grant making from the Fund, and aims to give a flavour of the impact that the Fund has had in Eglington Parish through the feedback and photographs from the funded organisations.

In Year 1 there were 11 grants awarded totalling £73,944. The Community Panel met twice during the year to consider grant applications, bringing their local knowledge and expertise to advise the Community Foundation on applications to the Fund.

Grants from the Fund are recommended by a panel of local people, including representatives from Eglington Parish Council. The Panel brings a wealth of local knowledge to the process, and I would like to thank each and every one of them for their support and input over the year.

All grant applications were assessed against Fund criteria and how the project contributes towards Eglington Parish Council's Strategic Plan (2013). They were also referenced against the report written by Community Action Northumberland (CAN) following community consultation events in Eglington and South Charlton prior to the Fund being set up.

The following summarises grants made under the relevant strategic aims of Eglington Parish Plan (2013):

Strategic Aim 1 - Community Facilities: 7 grants totalling £55,029

'The community will seek to establish, improve and maintain community resources which meet the needs of all sections in our community'.

It is not surprising that the majority of the grants made in Year 1 were under this aim; it fits very well with criteria of the Fund which includes improvements to community buildings. It also covers several of the priorities identified in the consultation document produced by CAN under 'Community Facilities', and 'Community Activities'.

The four main community buildings in the Parish (South Charlton Village Hall, Eglington Village Hall, St Maurice's Church and St James' Church) have all benefitted from grants for improvements, including repairs to Eglington Village Hall roof, levelling off the hard standing at South Charlton Village Hall, and carrying out a roof condition survey at St Maurice's so that the Church is in a better position to fundraise for the essential work needed. Roof repairs and guttering work at St James' has made the building more structurally sound.



Strategic Aim 7 - Environment: 1 grant totalling £5,532

‘The community will support initiatives and developments designed to enhance the appearance and sustainability whilst seeking to protect the traditional, environmentally sensitive, cultural and historic elements of our area.’

The trees planted in North Charlton will enhance the natural environment of the Parish. The improvements made to the fabric of the Church buildings may also fall under this aim as it will protect the traditional appearance of the area.

Strategic Aim 9 – Education and Training: 2 grants totalling £2,887

‘The community will support initiatives which assist learners and help remove barriers which restrict their opportunities due to our rural environment’.

Whilst this aim is largely focused on access to education and training for young people in the Parish, two grants have been made which support learning activities. Little Acorns Pre-School received a grant for outdoor learning equipment, which as you can see below in their feedback, added much value to the quality of provision for young children.

The grant to Craftworks helped sustain a new group for adults keen to learn craft related skills. It is led by volunteers who share their knowledge and experience with the rest of the group. The group also provides opportunities for members to learn from ‘experts’ through visits to exhibitions and places of interest.

Strategic Aim 10 – Communications: 1 grant totalling £10,496

‘The community will support initiatives designed to keep people informed and to communicate’.

Hear Abouts is a free monthly Parish magazine, with contributions from the community and edited by a team of volunteers. It has been supported with a five year grant to secure production costs, with additional funds in Year 1 towards essential production equipment. The magazine is also an essential way to circulate information about the Fund.

The second year of the Fund saw the continued support of key community facilities and infrastructure, and the addition of grants for individuals. I look forward to reporting on grants made in Year 2, and strategic developments for Year 3 and beyond, next year.

For further information about the Fund please contact me at the Community Foundation on (0191) 222 0945 or at krd@communityfoundation.org.uk

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Community Programmes Manager



Grants Awarded – RWE Innogy Limited Middlemoor Wind Farm Community Fund

Craftworks Craft Equipment	£1,000
Eglingham Village Hall Roof repairs and replacement guttering, bat survey	£32,200
Little Acorns Pre-School Learning resources and equipment for outdoor activities	£1,887
South Charlton Village Hall Level hard standing around the building	£11,820
St James' Church PCC Roof repairs and guttering work	£8,500
Eglingham Parish Council Tree planting	£5,532
Eglingham Community Association Public address system, tennis net and winder handle, CD player	£915
St Maurice's PCC Eglingham Roof survey and report	£1,200
Brownieside and South Charlton Leek Club Leek club running costs	£1,500
Hear Abouts Magazine Printing equipment and production costs for 5 years	£10,496
Eglingham Parish Council Improvements to the village field	£4,320
Less grant refund Eglingham Village Hall	(£5,426)
TOTAL	£73,944



Feedback and thank you letters from some funded groups

Little Acorns Pre School

Replace children's suits and boots and purchase additional equipment to Facilitate learning outdoors

Grant amount: £1887

Grant date: 22/03/2014

Number of beneficiaries: 60+

Area of benefit: South Charlton

How the grant has made a difference:

The children had so much fun and really developed their ICT skills using the digital cameras and microscope. They have captured many images and we have been able to print and share these with their families and through displays in the village hall and church have been able to share their experiences and adventures with the local community too.

The microscope has opened up a whole new world to the children as we are now able to view living creatures safely outside in their natural environment and the learning experience can be immediate, rather than waiting to take the worm indoors we can study and observe it for a short period of time before returning it safely and more quickly to its natural environment.

This equipment will be available to children for the next 6-10 years so we can continue to provide excellent opportunities for many more children in years to come.







Eglingham Community Association

Public address system, tennis net and winder handle, CD player

Grant amount: £915

Grant date: 28/07/2014

Area of benefit: Eglingham

Number of benefits: The whole community and wider area

How the grant has made a difference:

The PA system, speakers and CD deck have been used every week since purchase, enabling a swing dance group to use the village hall in Eglingham for practice nights and to hold a successful first dance night. It is envisaged that as the hall sees increased usage following the improvements then the equipment will be used for a wider range of events.

We have also been contacted by South Charlton Village Hall to use the equipment there. Contact with other organisations, particularly the church should lead to more community use.

The new tennis yet was erected in Spring 2015.

The equipment has had an immediate effect on the community and the knock on effects should be noted. Just to enable the dance group to use the hall will bring £500 of income to the hall over a one year period (40 weeks at £12 week). Hopefully other organisations can get similarly organised and benefit as well.



St James's Church PCC

Roof repairs and guttering work

Grant amount: £8500

Grant date: 28/07/2014

Number of beneficiaries: 75

Area of benefit: South Charlton

How the grant has made a difference:

The gutters below the roofing tiles were entirely filled with rooks nesting materials and, for much of the year, nesting birds. Their noise and “mess” was a considerable nuisance, particularly during services when the noise of feeding chicks and squawking parent-birds was particularly invasive. This noise was commented on most recently by a visiting clergy-man from Newcastle Cathedral (Rev John Sinclair) who noted from the pulpit that he would have to speak up just to be heard above the outside avian cacophony!

Please see below a photograph of the scaffolding erected to clean and repair the roof and gutters.



New soffit boards were installed and the area under the eaves was painted.





Tree planting in the village of South Charlton

Grant amount: £5532

Grant date: 28/07/2014

Number of beneficiaries: the village **Area of benefit: South Charlton**

How the grant has made a difference:

The tree planting has gone ahead as planned and villagers are pleased with the initial results. In particular they are pleased with the decision taken to plant trees of a significant size which are already making an impression on the landscape. Smaller trees would have been lost behind the hedge line and not made the immediate impact that villagers wanted. The team involved in planting the trees have done a great job and the decision to delay the final tree protection until the spring has been seen to be a sensible decision given the state of the ground and the potential damage that could have been done to the land and to the landowners crops. Villagers will monitor the development of the trees and will monitor their development with particular reference to water supply in hot weather during their early years of development.



Brownieside & South Charlton Leek club

Leek Club running costs

Grant amount: £1500

Grant date: 27/07/2014

Number of beneficiaries: 50

Area of benefit: South Charlton

How the grant has made a difference:

The grant has enabled the club to put on more and better entertainment which was enjoyed by all, members and general public alike.

An increase in membership of 10% was achieved due in part to the fact that no increases in fees were made.

The grant money has benefitted both the Leek Cub by the increase in membership and the local community by more social events.

HI BOB

HERE IS THE COMMENTS ON THE ENTERTAINERS NIGHT WE HAD LAST WEEK, IT WAS VERY GOOD IS THERE MORE IN THE OFFING, IF WE COULD GET A COPY OF THE POSTER FOR THE NEXT EVENING MY BROTHER AND HIS WIFE WOULD LIKE TO GO.MAYBE ON A SATURDAY EVENING WOULD BE BETTER FOR US.
HOPE TO SEE YOU BOTH AT THE QUIZ ON WEDNESDAY NIGHT.

TONY

BOB AND COMMITTEE

MANY THANKS FOR PUTTING ON THE VILLAGE SOCIAL NIGHTS ON IN THE HALL. WE DO APPRECIATE ALL YOU AND YOUR COMMITTEE DO FOR THE LEEK CLUB AND THE VILLAGE HALL

ONCE AGAIN MANY THANKS PETER.

THE EVENING WAS A RESOUNDING SUCCESS HOPE FOR MORE SOON, CAN WE GET A IRISH NIGHT. MY WIFE IS IRISH AND IT IS HER BIRTHDAY IN APRIL, MANY THANKS FOR ARRANGING THEM, WITHOUT THE ENTERTAINMENT IN THE VILLAGE THERE WOULD BE NOTHING ON , FOR THAT WE THANK YOU AND YOUR COMMITTEE.

SEE YOU SOON

BILL AND KATH





South Charlton Village Hall

Program name

Grant amount: £11,280

Grant date: 22/03/2014

Number of beneficiaries: Parish

Area of benefit: South Charlton

How the grant has made a difference:

With the work happening over the winter we have yet to make use of the space, but intend to make full use as the weather improves and we get into our full range of summer activities/events (BBQ's etc.).

The fenced level area looks great and will be a huge benefit to the hall.



Hear Abouts Magazine

Equipment and one years running costs

Grant amount: £4739

Grant date: 28/07/2014

Number of beneficiaries: all residents

Area of benefit: Eglingham

How the grant has made a difference:

The grant from RWE Innogy has been of immense benefit to our group. The most obvious is that it has removed the financial uncertainty. We had no income streams and wanted to remain advert free but the original printer and booklet maker were worn out and nearly unusable. We now have machinery fit for purpose and with the running costs grant we are able to look forward to continuing to provide the well-received community magazine. There are a large number of volunteers both on the editorial team and the distribution group and so the grant has directly affected these people who give so much time to what we all consider an invaluable resource in a wide spread rural community.

By ensuring the running costs we have been able to extend the distribution to include the small hamlets on the edge of the parish whose residents use Eglingham as a community base and to church parishioners living outside the civil parish but participating in the life of the parish.

By having the printing and finishing machinery we have been able to offer printing services to not for profit organisations in the parish such as the Church Heritage Fund, the Cricket Club, and supported local initiatives with publicity material e.g. The Annual Parish Walk, The Village Show and the Church Fete. We have been able to continue to print the information leaflets for the churches of the Parish.

As well as providing a vehicle for information and entertainment across the parish and helping to cement a sense of community, we have realised that the actual producing of the magazine can have incidental benefit. We learned recently that a young girl in the parish who we encouraged to contribute articles to the magazine has now gone to university to study journalism. We would like to think that we had a small part in that process!



Craftworks

Equipment and activities

Grant amount: £1000

Grant date: 22/03/2014

Number of beneficiaries: Parish

Area of benefit: Eglingham

How the grant has made a difference:

Craftworks Evaluation 2013-2014

The purpose of Craftworks is to educate individuals in Eglingham Parish and the surrounding area by encouraging creativity, innovation and expression through crafts.

Criteria

Carrying out the purposes was agreed by the group through the following avenues:

- a) Carry on activity considered by the members to be in furtherance of the Groups' purpose;
- b) Seek and receive such funds as are appropriate for the running of the Group and handle such monies as are owned by the Group;
- c) Take any appropriate steps for the purposes of raising funds;
- d) Accept grants, donations and legacies of all kinds;
- e) Borrow money and give security in support of any such borrowings;
- f) Engage and pay fees to professional and technical advisors to assist in the work of the Group;
- g) Bring together in conference and liaise with Government, statutory and voluntary organisations, authorities or individuals;
- h) Take out membership of any such organisation(s) as are considered to be in the interests of and compatible with the objectives of the Group;
- i) Nominate its members to serve on other bodies whose functions may in any way have effect on or be related to the functions of the Group;
- j) Make such rules as they deem necessary for the satisfactory running of the Group;
- k) Alter, amend or add to the rules at any general meeting.

Judgement

The ways in which this has been carried out over the past year has been ensuring the group has access to a structured programme of activities, demonstrations and workshops of various crafts. The diary of activities included felting, mat making, patchworking/quilting, Christmas gifts, finishing



techniques – mitring corners, removal of bulk, salt dough, crochet, tatting, upholstery, felt making, and mending techniques.

Although regular Wednesday meetings were suspended during the summer months the group had outings to Quilting Heaven at Longframlington, Gallery 45 at Felton and the craft shop at Kelso. These were well attended by members and valuable inspiration and ideas for future projects were formulated.

The group also applied for a grant from the RWE Innogy UK Middlemoor Community Benefit Fund and was successfully awarded £1,000 to establish itself with resources and enrich its programme of activities. This is being used to assist with renting the hall. Equipment funded: storage cupboard for security, two sewing machines and accessories, and basic sewing equipment. The grant is also helping by funding two workshops on Felt Making and Natural Dyes and Weaving which have been planned for September and brings professional and technical advice from Eve Studd of Cornhill Crafts.

The Treasurer is also a member of the Eglington Village Hall Committee, and this enables the group to have representation and a voice and liaison on developments with the venue for meetings.

This is the inaugural year of Craftworks and it has established a sound membership with a proactive approach to meeting the criteria. Initially this was hampered by lack of resources and the group has relied on in house loans from other members and improvisation. However, due to the award of the grant from the RWE Innogy UK Middlemoor Fund, the group is able to use on site new equipment and learn and develop new skills more easily. Funds are also available to help with our venue and bringing an expert to the group to work with members in their own environment.

As yet the group has not taken part in fund raising events and this is an area for development in the coming year which will be made more viable with sewing machines and equipment available to set up a production line.

This has been a very successful year but the group needs to:

- Widen its membership;
- Encourage a wider range of activities;
- Raise funds;
- Explore new avenues to link with other groups and organisations in the community.

Evidence and Conclusions

Craftworks has a strong membership of 15 regular members, which needs to be maintained with a lively programme of events.

The year has been successful with a wide variety of crafts experienced. This now enables members to focus on particular crafts and develop expertise in



the coming year. The summer outings and visiting experts added enrichment and stimulated ideas for projects. This momentum needs to be maintained and further activities need to be organised.



Eglingham Village Hall

Roof repairs and replacement guttering

Grant amount: £32,200(£5,426 returned)

Grant date: 22/03/2014

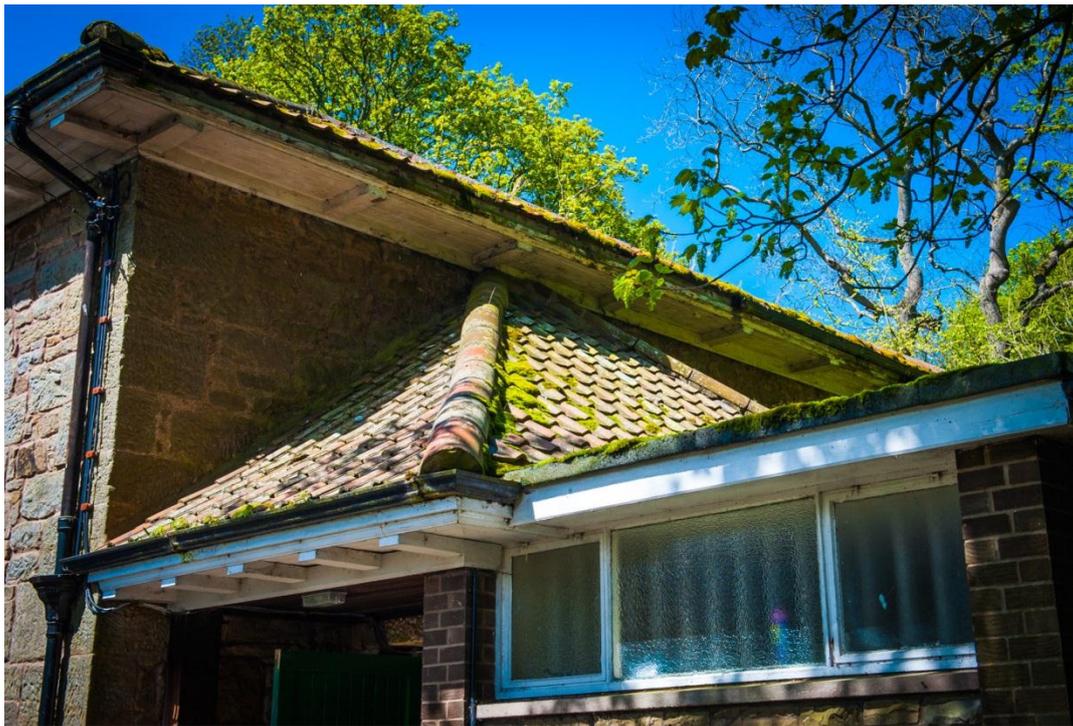
Number of beneficiaries: Parish

Area of benefit: Eglingham

How the grant has made a difference:

The roof of the hall had become in a very poor state as use of the hall dwindled. The new committee has regenerated enthusiasm and use for the hall and demonstrated the value of the hall to the community. The committee drew up a plan of refurbishment for the hall and the roof was considered the crucial first priority. Having it renewed has had two major effects. Firstly it guarantees the potential future for the hall making it weather proof and more fit for purpose, and allows us to expand the use and benefit to the community. Secondly, and more intangibly, it has signalled to the residents that the hall has a future. It has generated extra enthusiasm and a belief that it is worth people contributing to their community. As a result we have had two new groups booking the hall on a regular basis.





Roof survey and report

Grant amount: £1200

Grant date: 28/07/2014

Number of beneficiaries: Parish

Area of benefit: Eglington

How the grant has made a difference:

The grant funded a roof survey to inform the PCC on repair essential work that needed carrying out to the roof of St Maurice's. The results of the survey are below. The grant also funded a schedule of works and the tender process to appoint a suitable contractor to carry out the work. This formed the basis of a successful grant application to the Fund in July 2015 for roof repairs.

Extract from the roof survey August 2014

Following recommendations in the 2009 Quinquennial Inspection Report, repairs were carried out to the Nave North Slope and South Transept East Slope in 2010. Localised repairs to the Nave South Slope and South Transept West Slope were suggested in 2009 but because defects were still noted in the 2013 Quinquennial Inspection, this survey has been undertaken to help inform a schedule of full roofing repairs to these slopes to now start.

1. Tower

This could not be inspected.

2. Nave: South Slope

New pointing under ridge since last inspection. Cast-iron square gutter needs painting and realigning. Several slates not lying tight below the ridge with some missing. Broken slates in the gutter and three on the ground below.

3. South Transept: West Slope

One slate slipped next to valley gutter and eaves slates uneven. Half-round cast-iron gutter needs painting. Fixings for downpipe insecure, lower short section over plinth is cracked and possibly blocked and fixings to masonry loose. Gully is blocked with vegetation. Some silting to West end of gutter.

4. South Transept: East Slope

Extensive repair work was undertaken in 2009/10.

5. Chancel: South Slope

In poor condition with some slipped slates. Gutter rusting and needs painting. Vegetation in gully.

6. Chancel: North Slope



Roof could not be inspected. Gutter needs painting and is silted at West end. Downpipe blocked solid at bottom and gulley blocked with vegetation. Rusting gutter fixings towards East end all causing spalling to stone. East water-tabling has open joints.

7. Boiler House Slope

Cross joints of tabling open. Gutter has some broken slates and silting. Downpipe needs re-fixing.

8. Vestry Slope

Generally sound slating, but gutter rusting. Some vegetation and leaves in gutter. Fillet to West end breaking up at foot.

9. North Transept: East Slope

Roof slates in good condition: open joint between apex of tabling and the stone ridge perhaps admitting rainwater to the wall head (otherwise difficult to see from the ground the source of damp staining referred to in 3 above). Other open joints to tabling. Gutter needs realignment jointing and painting.

10. North Transept: West Slope

Roof slates in good condition: gutter joints to be checked and repainted. Lead valley gutter very mossy and runs into bottom of slope against Nave wall which looks unprotected. Suggest lead flashing and soakers about 1.2 metres.

11. Nave: North Slope

New slating and lead flashings to Tower done in 2009/10. Gutter needs realigning to fall to downpipe and there is no stop-end at the East. Some silting to gutter. All of these factors could account for the damp patches to the interior.

12. Porch

Slating in good condition: gutters leaking and miss-aligned, East hopper loose. Outlet into hopper not formed but broken. Gutter should be cleared, cleaned and repainted. Northwest lead valley cracked and thin, slipped slate. Open cross joints to tabling and open joints in stone ridges. Vegetation in short length south of doorway.

13. North West Buttress to Nave

Vegetation on stone roof and gutter blocked, with open end to North.



