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Community Fund Unveils £115,000 Wind Fall for Local Projects

- **12 projects share first round of awards from £1.5million fund**
- **Decisions made by local panel to maximise benefits for nearby communities**
- **Strong interest “demonstrates local need” for targeted grant support.**

Twelve key projects at the heart of their communities will share an almost £115,000 windfall, thanks to the first ever grants made by the Triton Knoll Community Fund.

A volunteer-led First Responders charity along with projects to provide safe community play areas and the refurbishment of a key church hall, are among the recipients of the new, locally-targeted fund.

The first Triton Knoll awards are from the £500,000 “Construction Fund” which operates during the two years of construction of our onshore electrical system. The fund officially opened in August 2018 and aims to support locally important projects. It is part of the wider Triton Knoll Community Fund which will deliver a total of £1.5m into communities closest to the project’s onshore construction works and infrastructure.

Triton Knoll project director Julian Garnsey said he was delighted to see the range and diversity of projects that were successful in the first round: *“I am so pleased to see such important local projects at the heart of this first round of funding awards. We always aimed to ensure the fund delivered maximum benefit to our closest neighbouring communities, and that’s exactly what this first round has done. A huge ‘congratulations’ to all those successful projects and we look forward to a second bumper round of applications in the next round.”*

Communities across the area of Triton Knoll’s onshore electrical system are now beginning to benefit from the first awards, from Hogsthorpe, Anderby and Brothertoft to Swineshead, Great Hale and Donington. All applications are reviewed and determined by a panel of local people to ensure the best decisions are made for nearby communities.

Sue Fortune, of Lincolnshire Community Foundation, which administers the fund, said she was encouraged by the response from local groups: *“The level of interest we received demonstrates that there is definitely a strong local need for this type and level of local grant support, especially where groups find it difficult to access appropriate and flexible support elsewhere.”*

“It’s been great to see such a range of really impactful projects coming forward during this first round and which can make a real difference right across our local communities. We’re already talking with other groups about the next round of funding, and we’d really like to encourage even more communities to think about how this flexible funding can be best used to support them.”

The next closing date for new applications is 1 May 2019, with the panel meeting on 19 June 2019.

For more information about the Triton Knoll Community Fund, visit the Lincolnshire Community Foundation website www.lincolnshirecf.co.uk or the Community Fund section of the Triton Knoll website www.tritonknoll.co.uk

FIRST ROUND AWARDS

- Improving Donington's Environment for All (IDEA) £5,940.00
- LIVES (Lincolnshire Integrated Voluntary Emergency Service) £15,000.00
- Anderby Village Hall £2,081.22
- Hogsthorpe Parish Council £4,310.00
- Swineshead Village Hall £10,000.00
- Great Hale Newsletter £1,200.00
- Hogsthorpe Memorial Recreation & PFA £19,755.00
- Anderby Rocks £6,596.49
- Brothertoft Village Hall £10,000.00
- 7th Boston (Swineshead) Scout Group £6,317.95
- Parochial Church Council of St Mary's at Swineshead £30,000.00
- Swineshead Bowls Club Storage container for equipment £3,300.00

TOTAL AWARDS £114,500.66

FUNDING AWARDS SPOTLIGHT:

(WITH IMAGES)

SPOTLIGHT ON 'LIVES' (Lincolnshire Integrated Voluntary Emergency Service)

LIVES (Lincolnshire Integrated Voluntary Emergency Service) is a volunteer-led charity that sends community-based First Responders and Medics to the scene of medical emergencies across Lincolnshire. Their Triton Knoll Community Fund award will recruit, train and equip 25 new volunteer Community First Responders in 2019, from local people in communities from Anderby Creek to Bicker Fen. These new volunteers will attend local medical emergencies at the request of the ambulance service and, over five years, would likely benefit some 3,420 local people, according to the charity.

Lincolnshire has some of England's most dangerous roads, above average heart disease and no major trauma centre. LIVES has, since 1970, provided a direct response to these unique circumstances working with the ambulance service. In 2017, its 823 community-based volunteers attended 20,936 medical emergencies and were first to the scene in 80% of cases.

Chief Executive Nikki Silver said: *"Every year, we're able to meet the running costs of our Community First Responders through the support of the local NHS, community fundraising, and local trusts and foundations. But this doesn't cover the costs of recruiting, training and equipping new volunteers. The generous support of innogy Renewables is of vital importance and will increase the number of people we can support."*

"Getting to the scene of an emergency is vitally important - minutes really do matter. That's why we're enormously grateful for the support of the Triton Knoll Community Fund in increasing our ability to support people in communities from Anderby Creek to Bicker Fen – thank you!"

SPOTLIGHT ON Improving the Donington Environment for All (IDEA)

(WITH IMAGE)



IDEA was set up in 2003 by the then Local Government minister Nick Rainsford to support the local area, under the umbrella of the local parish council.

At the heart of its work has been the establishment of Flinders Park, a key community facility and play area named in memory of 18th century explorer Captain Matthew Flinders, who hailed from Donington. The project is run entirely by local volunteers and has been developed over three phases, the first being to fund raise and purchase the land. Phase two has been to build a hugely successful play area for children up to nine years, and which has long been a haven for local people and parents.

Gill Lunn, a committee member of IDEA, said the specialist play area is looked after by volunteers but in recent years has fallen into disrepair as a result of wear and tear.

She said: "Adults and children alike enjoy this space throughout the whole year; it's a real community facility and has been very well used. People really do appreciate this facility, but don't always understand the amount of hard work that needs to go into finding the right funding. This process has been much more straight forward and easy to access.

"We're so pleased to have receive this funding which will help fund the repairs necessary to inject new life back into our great community facility for many more years to come."

The park includes a sensory garden and volunteers are now looking towards the future and Phase 3, including the possibility of establishing an outdoor gymnasium.

SPOTLIGHT ON 7th Boston Scout Group (WITH IMAGE)

The group was set up five years ago in response to a desperate need for something meaningful to engage the community's young people, who were at risk of becoming isolated and unsupported.

The group was set up by Alan Blackhorse-Hull and a team of volunteers, who have used their own equipment to help build a successful scouting group now totalling over 60 young people, from Beavers and Cubs to Scouts, and counts 12 adult leaders.

Outdoor pursuits and team-building have been critical to helping embed the group's main values. But these have been constrained by the extent of the equipment that could be begged, borrowed or paid for from the leaders' own pockets.

Group Scout Leader Alan Blackhorse-Hull said: *"We have an annual camp in Norfolk which is the highlight of the calendar for the kids – they take part in some really valuable activities which are really helping build a stronger cohesion throughout the whole group, and teaching some really positive values among our young people. But transporting everyone and their kit is always a struggle. We have to use our own vehicles and trailers and, with the best will in the world, we can't always take everything we need, nor all the groups together."*

The Triton Knoll Community Fund award will fund a brand new, purpose built trailer, which will greatly improve the group's ability to transport larger quantities of kit, support joint activities and enhancing the experience for the young people. It will also help buy new tents so that the entire group can camp together for the first time ever.

Alan said: *"The news from Triton Knoll is absolutely amazing, we are over the moon. I'm always being amazed by these kids. They have responded incredibly well to the activities and focus we've been able to provide for them. They have really helped them to bond together as a team; they now working together on lots of things both within the scout group and outside of it and it helps build values and skills amongst our young people."*

SPOTLIGHT ON Refurbishment of St Mary's Church Hall, Swineshead (WITH IMAGE)

St Mary's Village Hall, in Market place, Swineshead, is a true community facility, hosting many local groups and organisations representing all ages and interests. It hosts everything from the local dance and

toddlers groups, walking and youth groups, as well as the British Legion, Parish and Parochial Church councils, plus coffee mornings which engage the community’s older residents and Macmillan nurses. It’s popularity is such that the Parochial Church Council (PCC), whose volunteers run the hall, estimates that the venue typically welcomes in the region of 8,000 to 12,000 people through its doors every year. However, the old building is now in desperate need of refurbishment to preserve the long term future of the facility and protect its pivotal role in the community.

Brian Skinner, of the PCC, said: *“At the moment the Hall and the back yard are in dire need of decorating and restoration. The project will not only make it a safer place for the groups who use it now and in the future, it will also help improve the local environment and surrounding area.*

“This kind of funding is vital to us as we couldn’t possibly raise the sort of money needed to carry the project through.”

**SPOTLIGHT ON Anderby Village Hall
(WITH IMAGE)**

The hall is set up for, and run by members of the community, providing various forms of entertainment and events from bowls, bingo and crafts, to playing a pivotal role in the support of AVERT emergency management group, and as the Lincolnshire Resilience Forum (LRF) command centre.

Village Hall Committee secretary, Jenny Hayes, explained: *“We are replacing our tables which are old, damaged, not safely stored, heavy and cumbersome with modern light tables. We’re also purchasing a manoeuvrable storage trolley to assist those who are setting up events, especially all are getting older with associated health issues. It will be safer for those using the hall as heavy tables are not leant against the wall with opportunity for falling & injuries.*

“We would be unable to raise that amount of money easily to enable this without help such as yours. Many thanks for this.”

For more information about the project, please visit: www.tritonknoll.co.uk

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(1) Energy Generation

It is estimated that the average annual generation expected at the site could be equivalent to the approximate domestic needs of an expected minimum of 800,000 average UK households.

Energy predicted to be generated by the proposal is derived using wind speeds monitored in the local area and correlated with long term reference data. The energy capture predicted and hence derived homes equivalent figure may change as further data are gathered.

Equivalent homes supplied is based on an annual electricity consumption per home of 4100 kWh. This figure is supported by recent domestic electricity consumption data available from The Digest of UK Energy Statistics and household figures from the UK National Statistics Authority."

About innogy SE

innogy SE is a leading German energy company, with revenue of around €43 billion (2017), more than 42,000 employees and activities in 16 countries across Europe. With its three business segments Renewables, Grid & Infrastructure and Retail, innogy addresses the requirements of a modern, decarbonised, decentralised and digital energy world. Its activities focus on its about 22 million customers, and on offering them innovative and sustainable products and services which enable them to use energy more efficiently and improve their quality of life. The key markets are Germany, the United Kingdom, the Netherlands and Belgium, as well as several countries in Central Eastern and South Eastern Europe, especially the Czech Republic, Hungary and Poland. In renewable power generation, the company is also active in other regions, e.g. Spain, Italy and the USA, with a total capacity of 3.9 gigawatts. As a leader of innovation in future-oriented fields like eMobility, we are represented in the international hot-spots of the technology industry such as Silicon Valley, Tel Aviv and Berlin. We combine the extensive expertise of our energy technicians and engineers with digital technology partners, from start-ups to major corporates.



Renewables

We plan, build and operate plants to generate power and extract energy from renewable sources. Part of our portfolio are wind and hydro power plants as well as solar and biomass plants. Currently, we are particularly strongly represented in our home market, Germany, followed by the United Kingdom, Spain, the Netherlands, Poland and Italy. Our aim is to expand renewables in Europe further, both on our own and working with partners. We believe that working together in this way is the key to making the energy transition a success. With an installed capacity of more than 925 megawatts in offshore wind and with over 2100 megawatts in onshore wind, innogy is one of the major operators in Europe. At the moment we are focusing on continuing to expand our activities in wind power. That's why, in addition to our core markets, we are already active in new markets such as the USA and Ireland. Another growth technology is the construction of utility-scale photovoltaic power plants - for example in Australia.