Welcome to the ScottishPower Renewables Dumfries and Galloway newsletter. As the UK’s leading onshore wind developer, with windfarms in Dumfries and Galloway, we are keen to be good neighbours and maximise the local benefits that we create for those living in areas surrounding our windfarms.

ScottishPower Renewables is proud to have voluntarily contributed more than £24,100,000 in community benefit funding to those living near to our windfarms across the UK. To date we have contributed just over £3,110,000 in Dumfries and Galloway alone, enabling local communities to determine how best to spend these funds within their communities in order to deliver the greatest local benefit.

### Ewe Hill Windfarm’s £6,000,000 community benefit fund

ScottishPower Renewables’ Ewe Hill Windfarm Phase 1 and Phase 2 are expected to contribute more than £6,000,000 in community benefit to the communities across east Dumfriesshire over the lifetime of the windfarm.

Dumfriesshire East Community Benefit Group has been set up by local communities to receive and distribute the community benefit fund. The fund will be worth more than £250,000 each year with the majority of funds available for community initiatives across the communities of east Dumfriesshire. Approximately 25% will be ring fenced for community initiatives in Tundergarth; Corrie; Hutton and Boreland; Langholm; Ewes and Westerkirk; Middlebie and Waterbeck.

Dr Chris Miles, Chair of Dumfriesshire East Community Benefit Group said, ‘The group is keen to encourage large and small applications from across South Annandale and Eskdale covering a broad range of projects. These should all aim to provide benefit for local people and communities such as those aiming to deliver, local community facilities, educational or skills based programmes, or to run local events.’

Find out more about the Ewe Hill Windfarm Community Benefit Fund at [www.sup.org.uk](http://www.sup.org.uk).

### Harestanes Windfarm community benefit awards £1,000,000

Harestanes Windfarm Community Benefit Fund has now contributed over £1,330,000 to Annandale and Nithsdale Community Benefit Company which has awarded more than £1,000,000 to benefit and support community groups and charities. Annandale and Nithsdale Community Benefit Company has achieved this incredible milestone in less than 3 years by funding projects which help support the rural regeneration and sustainability of communities within the area.

This includes Hidden Histories of Dumfries and Galloway, a skills programme for disadvantaged young people, and Foodtrain’s Annadale and Eskdale Branch to replace their delivery van. They also recently contributed the last piece of funding required to make the South of Scotland Beekeepers Association’s creation of a beekeeping hub in the South of Scotland a reality. John Mellis, from the association said, “While we’ve received grant funding for the project from various other sources, the grant from ANCBC is the one that swings the project into action.”

The Harestanes Community Benefit Fund is expected to distribute over £8,000,000 across Annandale and Nithsdale over the operational lifetime of the windfarm.

### Did you know?

**During the construction of Ewe Hill Windfarm local businesses also benefited by approximately £1,493,000 through contracts placed with local firms to supply plant and operators, fencing, welding, concrete and other services for the windfarm.**

**Last year ScottishPower Renewables celebrated reaching 2GW of wind power capacity in the UK. Paul Wheelhouse, Scottish Government Minister for Business, Innovation and Energy visited Whitelee Windfarm to join the celebrations for reaching this milestone.**

**ScottishPower’s customers, suppliers and employees have helped raise more than £15,000,000 for Cancer Research UK since we began our partnership with them in 2012. This has been achieved through employee fundraising and sponsorship of Race for Life, High 5 campaign and Stand up to Cancer.**
Kilgallioch Windfarm community benefit fund open for applications

The £30,000,000 Kilgallioch Windfarm community benefit fund is now open to applications. Kilgallioch Community Benefit Company Ltd, which has been set up by local representatives to distribute funds to community initiatives across Wigtownshire and south Carrick was officially launched in February 2018. The launch, held in Stranraer, was attended by more than 60 community representatives who were keen to hear how their community can get involved.

Neale McQuistin, Chair of the Kilgallioch Community Benefit Company Ltd, said, “We are really pleased to be launching the fund and to have the opportunity to award funding to projects delivering a range of benefits that have the potential to make a positive impact for local residents and communities as a whole. I would encourage groups and organisations to visit www.kilgallioch.co.uk to find out more and apply online’.

The first round of successful applications are expected to be announced in June.

Kilgallioch Windfarm was one of eight projects built in a two year £650,000,000 investment plan by ScottishPower Renewables. The 96 turbine windfarm is able to generate up to 239MW and is capable of supplying the electricity needs of more than 237,000 homes per year*.

Health and Safety matters

At ScottishPower Renewables Health and Safety is always our priority and we encourage you to stay healthy and safe in your community too. ScottishPower has recently become the first company in Scotland to sign up to the Scottish Government’s Daily Mile challenge. ScottishPower is encouraging employees to walk at least one mile every day to reduce the risk of coronary heart disease, stroke and high cholesterol and we encourage you to join in!

Dumfries and Galloway at a glance

- £3,110,849 community benefit funding invested in Dumfries & Galloway by ScottishPower Renewables
- Four operational windfarms
- 369,790* equivalent homes powered per year
- 2 windfarms in development
- 76 community council areas eligible for community benefit funds

*Based on BEIS’s capacity factor for onshore wind in Scotland (35.2% for windfarms commissioned in or after 2017/2018 and 25.9% for those commissioned in or before 2016/2017) and Ofgem’s typical annual GB domestic electricity consumption of 3.1MWh.

We hope that you found our newsletter interesting and as always we welcome your feedback. Please let us know if you would prefer to receive your newsletter electronically. Your local Community Liaison Team Gillian Arnott and Ruth Semple.

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