

As the UK's leading onshore wind developer with windfarms in South Ayrshire, we are keen to be good neighbours in all that we do and to maximise the local benefits we create.

So far we have contributed more than £18,500,000 in community benefit funding to deliver local initiatives across the UK.

We're launching this bi-annual newsletter to bring you closer to the success stories from your communities, highlighting the fantastic projects that are making a difference every day. We believe those living locally to our windfarms are best placed to determine which projects matter to them and as such the power to make decisions is in the hands of local communities.

We also want to keep you up to date with the range of environmental enhancements and conservation work we are undertaking across this region.

We hope you find this useful and we always welcome your feedback to ensure the news you really want to hear about is featured here. This newsletter is also available electronically.



You may be familiar with the ScottishPower Renewables Community Liaison team for South Ayrshire Gillian Arnot, Siobhan McLaughlin and Tracy Kennedy.

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South Ayrshire at a glance

- £3.5M community benefit funding invested in South Ayrshire by ScottishPower Renewables
- Two operational windfarms
- 106,882* equivalent homes powered per year
- 11 community councils receiving funds
- Equivalent of 1833** football pitches of habitat improvements for wildlife

* Based on BEIS's long-term average capacity factor for onshore wind (27.3%) and an average annual domestic electricity usage of 3.938MWh

**Based on the average FIFA football pitch being 7297.5m²

Our sites: South Ayrshire



Did you know?

At the Nature of Scotland Awards in November 2015, we were delighted to win the RSPB Scotland Sustainable Development Award, recognising our pioneering role in the restoration of deforested peatland habitat in Scotland.

Did you know?

We are implementing a native woodland planting scheme at Mark Hill Windfarm which will see over 215,000 new trees planted covering 192ha. This will be a mixture of species including Birch, Sessile oak, Willow, Rowan and Juniper, all sourced from local provenance.

Did you know?

An artificial otter holt was created at Mark Hill Windfarm as mitigation during construction. Continued monitoring has shown that the otters are still using the holt and we continue to monitor and track this activity.

Local community benefit funds

Carrick Futures

Our Mark Hill and Arecleoch Windfarms in south Carrick have been operational since 2011 and have provided more than £2,800,000 in community benefit funding. These funds are administered through Carrick Futures who have helped the communities of Ballantrae, Barr, Barrhill, Colmonell and Lendalfoot, Girvan and Pinwherry & Pinmore to deliver some great initiatives such as:

- £5000 towards the Scottish Charity Air Ambulance to assist with paramedic costs to attend 282 incidents in 2014/2015.
- More than £50,000 towards local events including the Festival of Light, the Smugglers Festival, local fireworks and the

Girvan Traditional Folk Festival since 2011.

- More than £70,000 over four years towards local school pupils from across South Carrick attending outdoor learning and team building activities with the Adventure Centre for Education.
- The Girvan Youth Trust received £3,054 to carry out a programme of seaside activities over the Summer of 2014. This funded a project co-ordinator who recruited and managed 12 local young people to operate the boating pond and putting green facilities.
- The Ayrshire Rivers Trust recently received £7,998 to introduce pupils from primary schools in south Carrick to electrofishing and macroinvertebrate sampling.



North Carrick Community Benefit Company

Last year, work started to construct Dersalloch Windfarm near Straiton and Maybole. Dersalloch Windfarm will contribute more than £8,000,000 in community benefit to local communities over its operational life.

ScottishPower Renewables brought forward a percentage of the first three years of funding to make it available during the construction phase. This has enabled the communities of Crosshill, Straiton and Kirkmichael; Maybole; Kirkoswald, Maidens and Turnberry; and Dunure to start to deliver local projects.

These communities have joined together to form North Carrick Community Benefit Company which will administer the funds on behalf of all of the communities, who, along with Minishant, are eligible to apply for funding to help to deliver community initiatives across north Carrick.

The first round of applications for funding was assessed in November 2015 and as part of this each of the communities received £3,300 to award to small projects within their community.

Meeting local businesses

Our team has met with local businesses who are able to provide a wide variety of services such as plant hire, accommodation, site operatives or material suppliers.

In September last year, we invited local

businesses to meet our construction team along with our principle contractor to discuss possible employment opportunities during the construction of Dersalloch Windfarm.