

FUNDHOLDER REPORT

HELLRIGG WIND FARM COMMUNITY BENEFIT FUND

This report illustrates the impact that the fund has made to support your philanthropic giving through Cumbria Community Foundation. The purpose of the Hellrigg Wind Farm Community Benefit Fund is to support charitable or community activities which are environmental or educational, and benefit Silloth or the parishes of Holme St Cuthbert, Holme Low and Holme Abbey.



GRANT MAKING

Applicant	Amount	Project
Silloth Association Football Club	£3,000	Youth team funding for 4-7 year olds
St Paul's Church	£2,868	Repairs to the footpath entrance and surrounding churchyard
Solway Exercise and Social Group	£1,695	Poetry book
Silloth Vintage Rally Ltd	£3,000	Silloth Vintage Rally 2016
TOTAL GRANTS AWARDED	£10,563	

GRANT STORIES

Silloth Association Football Club is very active in their community with more than 80 members. Funding contributed towards the start up for a new team for youngsters aged 4-7 to give children living in a rural area access to football sessions, activities and trips.

Paul Mulgrew, Coach for Silloth Juniors FC said: The money received was used to buy new football equipment and hire of the sports hall. Volunteers were also put through their Level 1 coaching qualification, which will help the current team and hopefully future ones.”



Numbers of children attending have steadily increased as a result of the funding as children have benefited from free kit which makes them feel part of a team.

A group of over-55s started a group as a way of getting together socially and established the **Solway Exercise and Social Group**, a project which originally grew out Age UK.



About four years ago they were visited by an outreach worker from the Wordsworth Trust and a poetry workshop followed. From there, the would-be writers, some of whom had never before put pen to paper, began meeting regularly and the group began doing poetry readings to WI groups and others and that sparked the book project.

The grant helped publish the book containing poems by all 11 members of the group, along with some of their grandchildren. It is now on sale at Winters of Silloth and the town's library. Barbara Hepburn, who lives near Mawbray, said: "A lot of us didn't know each other before we met up as a group so we have made friends and it's a social thing."

The seventeenth annual **Silloth Vintage Rally** took place 11th and 12th June 2016 on Silloth Green. As it's on an open public space, they are unable to charge visitors to the event and therefore need to obtain funding. However, this also has the benefit of making the event more accessible to people who may be on a limited budget.

More than 290 exhibitors displayed their vehicles, such as cars, vans, tractors and motorcycles. Entertainment included pig racing, music, comedy and magic.



Wendy Jameson, Treasurer, said: "A family got in touch to ask if we could organise a treat for an elderly relative who was going to be celebrating his 80th birthday over the weekend of the rally. He loves the old steam engines and after talking to one of the exhibitors we organised for him to have a ride on a big steam engine which he thoroughly enjoyed and made his birthday extra special."

FUND OVERVIEW

Projects supported	18
Total grants awarded	£58,341
Largest grant	£7,500
Smallest grant	£700
Average grant	£3,241