

Helrigg Wind Farm Community

Benefit Fund

Fund Report 2021-22



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 **420**
group
applications
funded

 **112** grant
making
funds

£4,441,322
awarded in grants 

£10,351
average
group
grant 

 **9** new funds
established

 **578** total
applications received

536
successful
applications 

99 projects
received a grant
from multiple
funds 

The largest grant was
£209,380
and the
smallest **£96**


 **93%**
application
success
rate

116
people
received
individual
grants 

£808
average
grant to
individuals 

48 applications received
multi-year funding 

UNITED NATIONS SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

Cumbria Community Foundation is committed to supporting the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

Developed in 2015, the 17 SDGs tackle root causes of poverty and unite us together to make a positive difference to both people and planet.

The goals are based on five pillars for sustainable development: people, planet, prosperity, peace and partnership and focus on actions such as ending poverty, fighting inequality and addressing the urgency of climate change.

Through our grant making and your donations, we have been able to help address these global challenges at a local community level. Projects funded during 2021/22 have contributed to these nine SDGs.

Our vision is to create a culture of giving that strengthens and supports the local community in a global context. Cumbria Community Foundation works alongside partners, collaborators, voluntary community groups, charities and donors, inspiring others to take on the challenge of building a better and more sustainable world locally.

To find out more, visit: www.sdg.un.org/goals



£313,702 to 41 projects



£9,285 to 3 projects



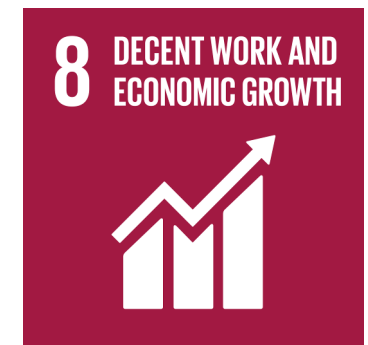
£1,973,626 to 224 projects



£702,517 to 237 projects



£58,333 to 9 projects



£582,546 to 19 projects



£223,979 to 38 projects



£553,257 to 148 projects



£24,079 to 10 projects

HELLRIGG WIND FARM COMMUNITY BENEFIT FUND — GRANT MAKING

This report illustrates the impact the fund has made to support your philanthropic giving through Cumbria Community Foundation. The aim 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.

The Hellrigg Wind Farm Community Benefit Fund awarded four grants totalling £18,300 to the following applicants between April 2021 and March 2022:

APPLICANT	AMOUNT	PROJECT
Holme Low Parish Projects Group	£10,000	Causewayhead Cemetery building renovation
Holme St Cuthbert Community Group	£300	Newtown Pond
Silloth Youth Group	£3,000	Activities and equipment
Silloth-on-Solway Town Council	£5,000	Silloth Green Changing Places

HOLME LOW PARISH PROJECTS GROUP

Holme Low secured funding towards the renovation of the former waiting room building located at the entrance to the cemetery at Causewayhead, near Silloth.

There have been complaints from members of the public about the poor condition of the building which has been allowed to fall into disrepair in recent years and about the lack of any toilet facilities and adequate water supply. The Parish Council negotiated and secured a lease of the building from Allerdale Borough Council.

The project will restore the former waiting room building which has a certain character which should be preserved and put to better use. The project will provide accessible toilet facilities for visitors to the cemetery and a water supply for people putting flowers on the graves of their loved ones. Visitors have had to bring their own water in recent years. The building will provide shelter and a resting place for visitors to the cemetery. There are also plans to include interpretative panels about the history of the airfield and the Commonwealth war graves, with details of where to obtain further information.



The project cost £35,000 and the group also secured £10,000 from Awards for All and are now in a position to start renovating the building. They aim to complete this within the next 12 months.

HOLME ST CUTHBERT COMMUNITY GROUP

In the centre of the hamlet of Newtown there is a pond that has been left to grow over and generally become very neglected. It had almost disappeared and become a muddy patch.



In 2017, it was restored and involved the local primary school in designing an information board.

Four years later, the group received a grant to undertake some additional landscaping with wooden planters and improvements to the pond by deepening and creating an earth bund to stop rapid outflow of water to a local watering hole.

The installation of planters was undertaken by the community group, with members of the local community being involved in the construction.

SILLOTH YOUTH GROUP

Silloth is isolated and many young people who attend its youth club live in rural and isolated locations with the youth club being one of the only venues that they can meet up with friends outside of school.

Silloth Youth Group runs club nights for young people aged 11-18. Based in Petteiril Street, the club offers a range of activities including pool, computer games and is run entirely by volunteers.

Some of the young people who attend youth club do not have access to trips away and there are little amenities for young people apart from the youth club in the town. If it wasn't for the club, young people would



be left walking the streets with not much to do, which leads to boredom and in some cases anti social behaviour .

Melanie Irving, Treasurer, said: *“Covid had a detrimental effect on the youth club as it relies on subs paid for the upkeep. Due to this, there was little or no funds left for anything else and the effect of the closures have ensured there have been no income at all.”*

The grant contributed towards a youth club trip to Blackpool, and to replace and purchase additional equipment for the youth club such as games consoles.

SILLOTH ON SOLWAY TOWN COUNCIL

Silloth Green will have new accessible toilets for the local community and visitors, thanks to a grant to provide a Changing Places facility.

Changing Places is more than a standard accessible toilet, it offers additional specialist equipment that meets the needs of people with profound and complex disabilities who cannot use the toilet independently.



A Changing Places toilet can give new-found freedom as those with disabilities can stay away from home longer, knowing that they can visit a safe, hygienic bathroom.

Cllr Carol Doran, Chair of the Accessibility Committee, said: *“This is brilliant news for Silloth and shows how important this facility is, offering those with disabilities the opportunity to enjoy with confidence the town and indeed the Green. The Accessibility Committee is delighted to know that they are supported in this endeavour by the fund.”*

FUND OVERVIEW

The map shows the distribution of grants made throughout the county since the fund was established.

Projects supported	61
Total grants awarded	£181,228
Largest grant	£10,000
Smallest grant	£300
Average grant	£2,971

FUND STATEMENT

Funds at 31 March 2022

	£
Balance B/Fwd	2,379
Donations	21,238
Grants paid in the year	(18,300)
Fund management costs	(1,931)
Balance C/Fwd	3,386

Cumbria Community Foundation

We are one of 47 community foundations across the UK, and over 1,700 similar foundations around the world. We work with fundholders to provide a permanent, flexible and growing source of local charitable funding that will directly address the needs of Cumbria's most vulnerable.

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