



**Community
Foundation**

**Innogy Renewables UK Kiln Pit Hill Wind Farm
Community Fund
Impact Report 2019**



Your Year's 2017/18 and 2018/19

Welcome to the 2019 Impact Report for the Innogy Renewables Kiln Pit Hill Wind Farm Community Benefit Fund. This my fourth Impact Report since taking over responsibility for managing the Fund at the Community Foundation, and it also represents a departure from previous reports, which have focused on monitoring for grants made in the preceeding year, for which monitoring was received at the end of the grant period. However, during 2020, the Community Foundation will be reviewing how it reports on grant impact, including how we set out information within these reports, therefore it is an appropriate time to update the Impact Report to cover grants made during the current year, together with monitoring received to date.

This Impact Report covers grant awards made from November to October 2017/18 and November to October 2018/2019, donations received from Innogy Renewables £16,894 and £17,350 respectively.

The two-year period covered has been an interesting time, with the Advisory Panel considering and supporting applications from outside of the immediate Fund area, but supporting those residing within. The Advisory Panel has also widened the scope of coverage, from capital expenditure and community social activities to support for environmental activities and services for older people living with dementia.

Making the community a stonger and safer place to live has been at the forefront of the grant making, with awards for three defibrillators at well-used community venues and on major routes throughout the Parish, coupled with training in their use and first aid courses for residents. The Advisory Panel have been happy to support the annual maintenance of community assets, for example to increase the cultural offer for residents in the Parish an award was made for the purchase of cinema equipment and continued support for Whittonstall Community Band.

Moving into 2020, and welcoming the new decade, the community is reviewing the long-term viability of community assets, exploring how these can be future-proofed, ensuring they are fit for purpose facilities and available for generations to come. We expect to see further developments in this area, which may result in extensive community consultation and concrete plans for the future.

I would like to offer my gratitude on behalf of the Community Foundation to the Advisory Panel members who have shown great enthusiam and responsibility in ensuring the funds are used as effectively and efficiently as possible, continuing to deliver positive outcomes for the local community.

This report includes a complete list of all the grant awards made (pg. 9), followed by thank you letters received from grant recipients, and the final section 'News from the people you have supported' (pg. 13), includes monitoring reports received during 2018/19 for those grants awarded during the two year period 2017 to 2019. All feedback comes from the organisations and is in their own words, we hope that this gives an overview of the impact of the grants on the communities.

On pages three and four you will find an overview of our Vital Signs report on Food Poverty, which highlights how philanthropy can make a difference in this area; we hope that this will spark debate and opportunities for future grant making.

I hope that you will enjoy reading this report on the positive impact the Fund has already made and its potential for the coming years.



Pete Barrett

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Vital Signs 2019: Food poverty: how philanthropy can make a difference

Vital Signs is our flagship initiative to guide effective giving. It is based on national and local statistics and research; learning from our grant making and the views of our partners across the North East. This year we have been concentrating on the growing problem of food poverty in the region, and below we share headlines from our new report on this subject. As always, we have tried to identify ways that philanthropists can best help to address local needs.

People in food poverty are unable to afford to eat properly. There is no definitive measure of the scale of this problem in the North East, but foodbanks run by the national Trussell Trust distributed over 64,000 emergency food packs here in 2018. This is likely to represent the tip of the iceberg since access to such provision is generally by referral only and short-term in nature, and many vulnerable people are put off by the stigma of using such services.

Food poverty facts

The poorest 10% of UK households spend 5x more of their available income on feeding themselves than the most affluent.

1.2 million people in deprived areas now live in food deserts.

The major cause of food poverty is that income from low-paid work or benefits is simply not enough to meet the rising cost of food and fuel. In many poorer or more isolated areas – termed “food deserts” – the problem is made worse by problems with the local availability of good quality, affordable food. The North East is therefore particularly vulnerable. It has a relatively weak regional economy characterised by a predominance of low paid employment. Levels of benefit dependency are high, partially as a result of high unemployment but also reflecting an ageing population and high rates of disability.

In a range of our communities – from deprived urban neighbourhoods to isolated rural settlements – local food shops are becoming few and far between. Getting access to good quality, affordable food is therefore a challenge for residents.

Some groups are at particular risk of falling into food poverty. Often it is just the loss of a few day’s wages, a benefit stoppage or broken washing machine that can tip the balance. For 132,000 children living in poor households in our region the school holidays create problems. It is estimated that one in 6 parents in poverty now skip meals to ensure their children are fed. The amount and quality of food available to their children is dramatically reduced with the loss of breakfast clubs and free school meals. The resulting “holiday hunger” contributes to the educational attainment gap between poor children and their more affluent peers with long term effects on life chances. There is also compelling evidence of food poverty affecting older, vulnerable and disabled people: in Gateshead during 2015 over a third of older people admitted to hospital were malnourished.

The good news is that community and voluntary organisations – often working in partnership with local government and the food industry – have mobilised to tackle the problem of food poverty. The growing visibility of foodbanks is symptomatic of this, but there are also many other types of service here in the North East that are working to address the problem. These range from schemes that ensure surplus food is redistributed through community cafes and shops, rather than going to landfill, to services that work to maximise family income by advising on issues like benefits and debt.

As always with Vital Signs our aim is to shine a light on where the generosity of North East philanthropists can have the greatest impact. We have published a detailed research report "[Food Poverty: how philanthropy can make a difference](#)" that recommends the use of charitable funding for three purposes:

Living in food poverty

"...in the face of having little to spend, households prioritise purchasing foods that will not go to waste and that are most filling. Often this means a reliance on cheap foods that are nutrient-poor but calorie-rich."

- End Hunger UK

"When my mum's got the money then we can get snacks. Its 25 pence per item. We don't get snacks if it's a bad week. Sometimes we're hungry."

- Young person interviewed by the Children's Commission on Poverty

1. To support the costs of service delivery, and in particular those associated with coordinating provision and covering projects' core expenditure which are harder to get funded.

2. To increase provision to help children at risk of "holiday hunger", particularly over the Summer. We recommend funding schemes that combine the minimum "4 hours a day, 4 days per week, 4 weeks per holiday" level of educational, physical activity and food provision that is proven to have maximum benefit to poorer children.

3. To address the causes of the problem by using evidence to influence policy-makers locally and nationally and promoting good practice and partnership working between agencies. We see this as the best way to ensure that food poverty does not become entrenched in our region.

It is anticipated that the publication of our report will spark an interest in securing funding through the Community Foundation for projects that address food poverty. We hope that if these match your philanthropic interests that you will help us to support the important work of local civil society organisations in this area.

Mark Pierce

Director of Community Knowledge and Funding

Grants awarded

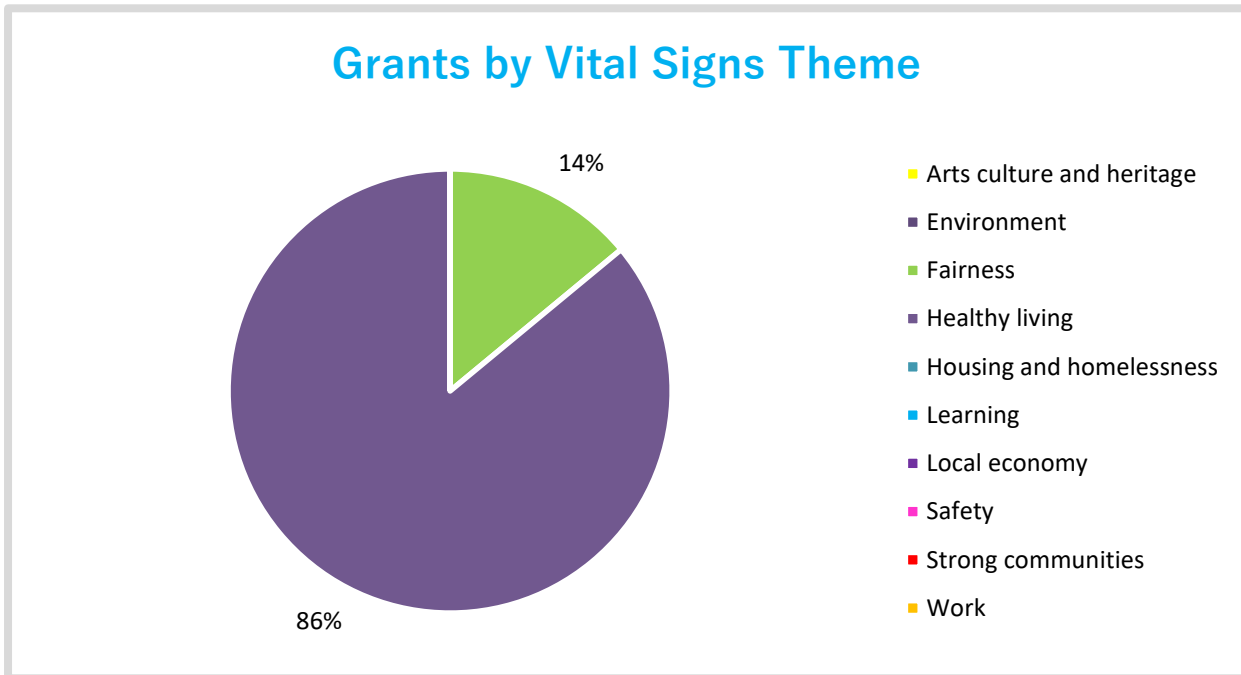
Grants awarded – November 2017 (Fund year donation 2017/18)	
Shotley Low Quarter Parish Council 2018 maintenance/safety schedule for public seating programme	520
Shotley Low Quarter Parish Council Installation of 2 defibrillation units	4,174
Shotley Low Quarter Parish Council First aid courses for parish residents	2,130
St John's Church Hall Trustees Snods Edge community cinema	4,596
Whittonstall Community Band Whittonstall Community Band	3,494
Fine Studios CIC Sustainable heating for the Studio and accessible toilet	1,980
6 Grants	16,894

Grants awarded – January and May 2019 (Fund year donation 2018/2019) monitoring due January / May 2020	
Groundwork NE & Cumbria Restoring the River Derwent	3,207
Whittonstall Community Band Bandmaster Fees	1,560
St John's Church Hall Trustees Repairs and maintenance	5,441
Shotley Low Quarter Parish Council 2019 safety/maintenance schedule of public assets programme	600
Shotley Low Quarter Parish Council Defibrillator at Shotleyfield	1,695
5 Grants	12,503

Grants breakdown

The following graph shows the breakdown of your grants across our Vital Signs themes.

Vital Signs



Thank you letters from some funded groups



Tyne and Wear Community Foundation

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27/2/2019

Dear Community Foundation and funders,

Once again we have been fortunate enough to be granted funds to carry on our activities.

From the outset we set ourselves up to be an open and easily accessible group that freely welcomed players of all ages and ability to join in the fun! As our members have grown in confidence and skill we, as a band, have done likewise, which naturally means we can start to look at more sophisticated music. The conflicting pulls of becoming more accomplished whilst still being accessible to anyone has produced some problems for us, as naturally members and band leaders strive for more improved performance levels.

However, we now have a band leader who has embraced our open door philosophy and we are looking forward to another successful year enjoying making music together. Your continued support has meant that we can provide our community with an avenue into (or back into) an activity they may not otherwise have had. This year we have a young lad (playing flute) join us whose father was encouraged to re-engage with music and now plays flugelhorn; a grade 1 trumpet player who plays very joyfully (and loudly!) every Thursday; an experienced musician who is learning how to play the alto sax but didn't want the pressurised conditions of completion playing and we also have 2 other parents who are starting to learn instruments we have provided for them.

This grant allows us to carry on encouraging people to engage with music, have fun and provide a space for community interaction.

Our warmest thanks.

Andy Spencer

WCB

**ST. JOHN'S CHURCH HALL
SNODS EDGE, SHOTLEY BRIDGE
*Registered Charity No. 1067239***

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1 February 2019

To whom it may concern

On behalf of St. John's Church Hall [Committee](#) we acknowledge and thank the Community Foundation for administering the Community Fund on behalf of the donor.

This grant will allow us to continue to maintain the Hall so that it remains in a good state of repair, therefore, allowing the local community to use the Hall and its facilities

With good wishes,

Gordon Mitchell
Chair



3rd June 2019

Innogy Renewables UK
Kiln Pit Hill Wind Farm
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Application for Grant Funding

We wish to express our grateful thanks for the generous funding, of £2,039 for work to help with eliminating the problem with damp and mould in Pasture House, Whittonstall.

This is an old building with solid stone walls with a part flat roof, in which we have been battling this growing problem over the years.

As the house is residential, and used by groups of young persons, we have been concerned about possible health issues and now are seeking a final solution to the problem.

Your donation will help us to overcome this eternal problem and allow us to have a building that is fit for purpose.

Thank you so much.

Yours faithfully

Douglas Mitchley
(Chairman of property management committee)

~~County Commissioner: Mrs A Graydon~~
~~President: Mrs P Brown~~
County Secretary: Mrs P Mitchley
~~County H.Q. St Oswald's House, Dorford Place, Crawlington NE23 6DY~~
Girl Guiding Northumberland is the operating name of the Northumberland Guide Association
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8/12/2019

Dear Community Foundation and funders,

Thank you for your continued support for our group. It is a great to know that we can continue to come together every week to enjoy each other's company and make music.

We are busy with our round of Christmas events at the moment (I am just warming up after having played outside at Prudhoe Riverside Café) but we're already making plans for next year, with the residential and joint concert with Prudhoe and Ponteland to look forward to.

We've been joined recently by a lovely French horn player and a couple of saxophones too and we're very much enjoying their experience and musicality, whilst other younger members continue to grow in confidence and ability.

I will send in some pictures to keep you up to date when I send in the monitoring form. Once again many thanks.

Yours gratefully

Andy Spencer

Whittonstall Community Band

News from the people you have supported in 2017/18

St John's Church Hall (Shotley)	
Project:	Snods Edge community cinema
Grant amount:	£4,596
Area of benefit:	Northumberland

Cinema projection equipment was purchased and fitted in the hall in February 2018, cinema shows have taken place on a regular basis on the third Friday in the month. In total nine films have already been shown this year. Attendances have varied with the popular children's showings attracting 70 plus including quite a few people who do not normally use the Hall.

The new equipment has given us an opportunity to show a broad range of films to a wide audience who might not otherwise have ventured out to the cinema. Family involvement has been high with many new faces appearing at the Hall. The equipment has also been utilised by a number of other Hall users at birthday celebrations, weddings and workshops. The sound system can also be adapted for music and other related activities [with the right instruction!] Prospective Hall hirers get quite excited about the opportunities created, especially organised seminars and workshops which often revolve around high quality visual presentation.



Fine Studios CIC	
Project:	Sustainable heating for the Studio and accessible toilet
Grant amount:	£740
Area of benefit:	North East

A stove was purchased and installed in January 2018, with the toilet converted by February 2018.

The stove makes an enormous difference to the studio. Not only does it provide warmth, but also a focal point. people gather round, warm their hands and bottoms, drink tea and chat. It can be sometimes be hard to drag them away to make art. It is loved and admired, and coveted by all.

The converted loo made Fine Studios accessible to all. We have a number of visiting artists with limited mobility, and also some who require help. The extra space has made such a difference.

The costs were quite a lot more than originally estimated, and were covered by the landlord/owner of Fine Studios.



Update: Pete Barrett (PB) visited Fine Studios CIC (the Studio) in the summer of 2018 to carry out a monitoring visit; all the work had been carried out and a wood burning stove had been purchased and installed. The Studio had been delivering art sessions for people with dementia and learning disabilities and an exhibition of the artwork was being planned. Since PB’s visit, Fine House Farm was put up for sale.

November 2018: PB contacted the Manager of Fine House CIC and was informed that sessions were continuing and would do so up until the date of sale, which could take up to a year.

January 2019, Advisory Panel members informed PB that Fine House Farm had been sold and was occupied by the new owners. PB informed the Advisory Panel

that the Community Foundation would investigate, as a grant review visit was planned in January 2019.

November 2019, PB informed the Advisory Panel that the Community Foundation undertook a grant review (Jan 2019) of the grant awarded to Fine Studios CIC. The Studio was found to be in breach of its grant conditions, which resulted in the return of £1,240 to the Fund.

This is an example of how grant awards may not always go to plan, and highlights on rare occasions organisations do not comply with grant award conditions. On this occasion, through rigorous grant management protocols and action by the Community Foundation, a substantial part of the original grant award (£1,980) has been recovered, which will be allocated to future applications in the Fund area. This also highlights the value of the Advisory Panel and the members local knowledge.

Whittonstall Community Band	
Project:	Purchase branded jackets for performances and support for ongoing activities
Grant amount:	£3,494
Area of benefit:	Northumberland

Due to a slight change in cost from the supplier we were able to buy 43 jackets, three more than expected.

During the year we played at 9, we had expected to play at 11 but circumstances beyond our control: the Tynedale Music Festival was held on the same day as our joint concert with Prudhoe and Ponteland Community bands; Corbridge Middle School moved their Christmas Fayre from Saturday to a midweek afternoon and Shotley Bridge Eisteddfod was moved a week into the school summer holidays, so we were unable to attend these.

Early in the year we started to focus on the annual joint concert which was at Highfield Middle School in March. This is a fantastic opportunity for the younger members of the band to perform in front of an audience and for all members to share expertise, ideas and sometimes musicians! It is also a great time to showcase our new material. Our residential was held in April at the Emmaus Youth Village at Allensford. We spent a great weekend together rehearsing 2 new pieces of music which we performed to an audience on the Sunday afternoon and enjoying the open spaces of the Derwent Valley - we had another clear night for toasting marshmallows over the fire pit! The weather was glorious for the Bee Fest at Cherryburn in June this year and it stayed warm for the Wood Fest at Chopwell Woods in July. The new band jackets came in very useful though into the winter season with outdoor performances at the Sill Discovery Centre in November and at Hedley-on-the-Hill in December. We continued to maintain good links (and obtain new ones) with local peripatetic music teachers, who often recommend us to their students to allow them the experience of playing in an organised band.

Due to a slight change in the price from the suppliers, we have been able to buy 43 band jacket, they have been invaluable during the winter months!

We had intended to purchase five new pieces of music for the band, in fact we were able to buy 11 new pieces. We have actually spent £575 on new music scores. Some great new pieces for Christmas: Let it Snow!, All I want for Christmas, My Favourite Things (from Sound of Music), It's beginning to Look a Lot Like Christmas and a lovely version of Prokofiev's Troika. We also purchased a great medley of Glenn Miller tunes and the stirring Dambusters March. Other new music we've been able to buy: How do you like your Eggs in the Morning, and some more contemporary scores - Crazy in Love, Havana and Papa Was a Rolling Stone.

Our new bandmaster has now been with us for over a year and the band is gaining in confidence and still enjoying the great experience of having fun playing music together.

Hedley on the Hill Christmas Carols



Christmas performance

The Sill Discovery Centre



Residential April 2018

Cherryburn Beefest June 18



Woodfest Chopwell Woods July 2018

Shotley Low Quarter Parish Council	
Project:	2018 maintenance/safety schedule for public seating programme
Grant amount:	£520
Area of benefit:	Northumberland

As initially stated in our application, the importance of gaining funding to carry out maintenance over the past 3 years on our fixed assets and other street furniture, has only been made possible by the assistance of the KPH Wind Farm/Community Foundation Panel awards. These services, carried out by a local tradesman has enabled the Parish Council to achieve a safe environment for both local residents and many visitors traveling within our parish in all seasons of the year, (which is a vital part of bringing additional income to our rural business community).

Last year - (Project 160972) we attached photographs of all the street furniture which has been treated to better explain how much difference this maintenance programme has made to the local environment, and we are enclosing an up to date list of fixed asset items and details of their location for reference. - It is evident that this will extend the useful life of all the items located in our community for many years to come. (not to mention local residents who previously struggled to sit down by the roadside without being nettled, or needing wellies to find a way to a safe haven to absorb our beautiful parish area.)

For the record each summer our area hosts the "Derwent Reservoir Cycle Tour" and there's always a "race" for the best place to view various parts of the course, particularly the timber bench outside the Manor House Inn at Carterway Heads, where one of our sturdy timber seats has a "ringside view" of the Special Section on the U8087 killer uphill trial -- but just the place for spectator refreshment !!

We are also enclosing pictures of additional items of street furniture - belonging to our neighbours St. John's P.C.C. which are sited close to SLQPC-owned items and as they are considered of equal importance to the community it was felt logical to include this maintenance inspection/service, (at no additional cost this season), and in addition important to award this work to a trusted local tradesman. We again send our sincere appreciation to the Panel for funding this multi-aspect community grant.



Shotley Low Quarter Parish Council (SLQPC)	
Project:	Installation of 2 defibrillation units
Grant amount:	£4,174
Area of benefit:	Northumberland

Both installations were completed by September 2018 & the total costs involved from the manufacturers and the local electrical contractors providing the connection to the units were settled the same month.

Training for hotel staff at both locations was carried out, and in addition, the North East Ambulance Service has organised a free "public awareness training" for interested parish residents to take place this month - (May 2019) at both Hotels.

Since this SLQPC application was made and the 2 units installed in September 2018 - staff training was carried out at both licenced premises, and in addition the free "public awareness training for 1st week in May was cancelled by N.E.Ambulance organisation due to staff problems and a new date was organised.

It is understood access to defibrillation units in rural areas is severely limited and providing more of these units accessible to the rural population, which tends to include high-risk category residents, (elderly and living remotely from emergency assistance), may provide the opportunity to save a life should the need arise. Residents and visiting members of the public who visit the two locations amount to a wide cross-section of society living in the parish and from further afield who we consider could benefit greatly in an emergency situation. The two locations are considered geographically appropriate and will be made known to the Ambulance Service and the local community.

The installation is particularly useful for the village school just across the road from the Anchor Inn, at Whittonstall where the children are actively introduced to the equipment and its community use.



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