

**Innogy Renewables UK Ltd  
Middlemoor Wind Farm Community Benefit Fund  
Impact Report 2018**





## Your Year

This report presents the fourth full year of grant making from the Innogy Renewables UK Ltd Middlemoor Wind Farm Community Benefit Fund covering the period from October 2016 to September 2017, together with monitoring reports received in 2018. The Impact Report aims to give a flavour of the impact that the Fund has had in Eglington Parish through feedback and photographs from the funded organisations.

Grants from the Fund are recommended by an Advisory Panel of local people, including a representative from Eglington Parish Council. The Advisory Panel met three times during the year to consider grant applications, using their local knowledge to advise the Community Foundation on applications to the Fund. In Year 4, 18 grants were awarded totalling £89,806.

All grant applications were assessed against Fund criteria and how the project contributes towards Eglington Parish Council's Strategic Plan (2013). The following report summarises grants made under the relevant strategic aims of the plan.

It is not surprising that the majority of the grants made in Year 4 continue to be for repairs and refurbishment to community facilities, as these fit very well with the criteria of the Fund, which includes improvements to community buildings. Three of the four main community buildings in the Parish (South Charlton Village Hall, St Maurice's Church and St James' Church) have all benefited from grants for improvements, totalling £56,095. In year three, South Charlton Village Hall produced a building survey with a schedule of works; this resulted in three grants being awarded in year four, two towards the kitchen refurbishment and one to replace the pitched roof.

Of the two Churches in the Parish, St James' received an award for repairs to the external mortar in the Church and the resetting of the haunching stones, whilst St Maurice's received an award to automate the Church clock, which has removed the need for parishioners to climb ladders on a semi-regular basis to wind the clock.

The Fund awarded seven grants to individuals to support education and training, totalling £7,526; this included funding to support young people in their university studies, towards the cost of a canoeing expedition and for a young woman to continue with her cricketing endeavours. The Fund, with the agreement of Innogy Renewables, increased the maximum amount of support for individuals from £1,000 to £2,000 during the Fund year, in recognition that the young people needed a higher level of support to continue to achieve academically or continue in their sporting activities.

The Fund has supported Eglington Community Association in its aim of increasing the cultural footprint in the Parish, with an award for water colour classes, which has resulted in an exhibition and plans to offer more activities and partnership work with other organisations.

As I am sure we are all aware, rural communities often suffer with poor broadband connectivity speeds, which can affect people's everyday lives, including those wanting to access online services, children trying to complete homework and businesses based in rural areas. To address this, two grants were awarded to Eglington Parish Council to work with partner organisations to survey

and secure high-speed broadband extensions in the more rural areas of the Parish, around South Charlton and North Charlton, areas not covered by the BT Openreach rural broadband roll-out. There are still areas of the Parish that have very poor broadband coverage and we expect further applications to address this issue in the coming years.

The first grant from the Fund awarded to a non-Parish based organisation was made to William Robertson Homes Association (WRHA), which received an award to refurbish two kitchens in properties based outside of Eglington Parish, it should be noted that over 70% of WRHA's residents are former agricultural workers that lived and worked within the Parish and, on retirement, had to move out. The Advisory Panel recognised the need to support former residents, ensuring that agricultural workers who have added to the life of the Parish will be supported with good quality accommodation at affordable rent now and in the future.

I would like to thank the Advisory Panel for their input to the Fund in this year, they continue to bring local knowledge and experience that is invaluable in the grant making process. I look forward to working with them all in the coming year

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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 forthcoming 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. In mid-2019 we will be publishing 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

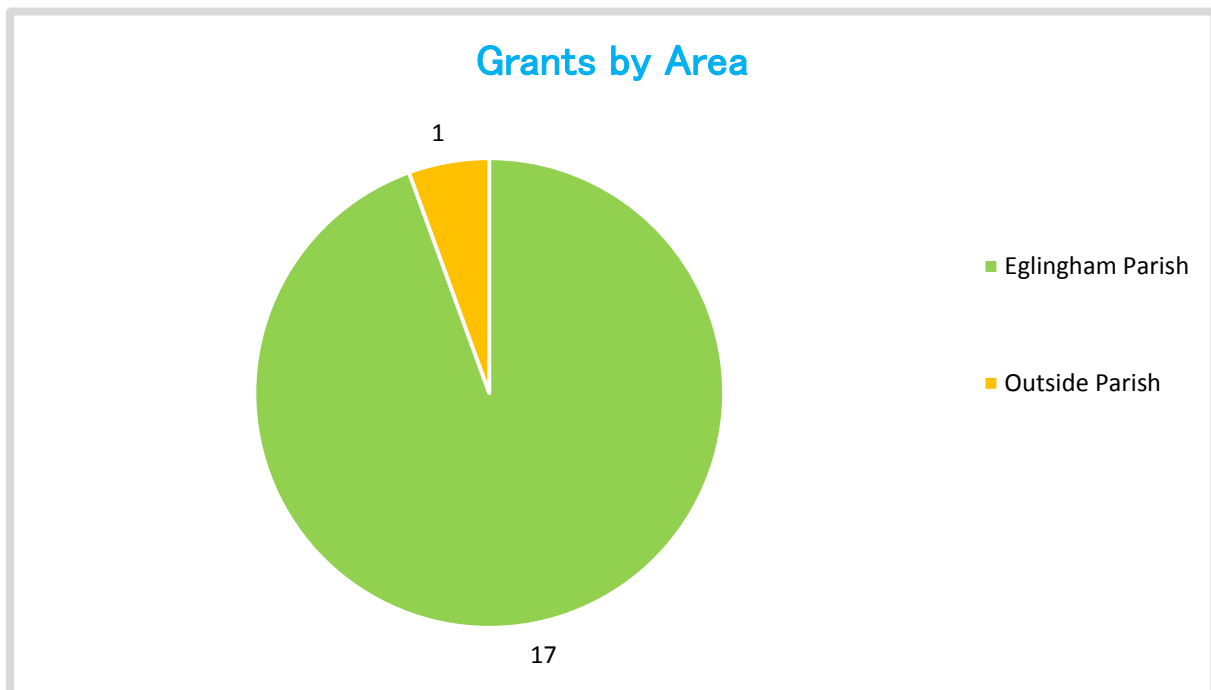
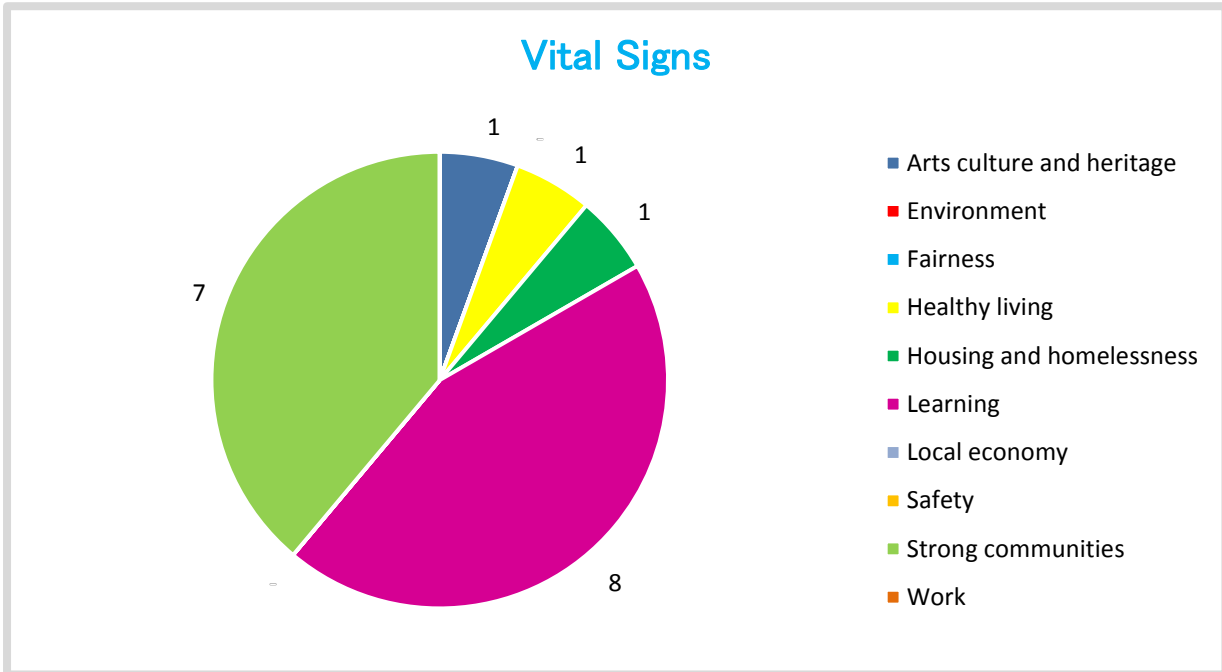
**Director of Community Knowledge and Funding**

## Grants awarded

Grants awarded	
<b>Ella Scott</b> Travel and costs	1,000
<b>Rhona Forrest-Warren</b> Purchase of equipment and travel costs to support study	1,000
<b>Lauren Blackmore</b> Towards the daily return fare to college	1,000
<b>St James' Church PCC</b> Repair and replace external mortar to haunching stones	2,000
<b>South Charlton Village Hall</b> Improve assets to increase opportunity and invest in our community	23,040
<b>The William Robertson Homes Association</b> William Robertson Homes	10,000
<b>Little Acorns Pre-School</b> Provide resources and support to enhance the children's learning experiences	3,841
<b>St Maurice's PCC Eglington</b> Automation of St Maurice's clock winding	8,204
<b>Robert Turner</b> Canoeing expedition	460
<b>Eglington Parish Council</b> South Charlton Fibre Broadband Extension	2,000
<b>South Charlton Village Hall</b> Kitchen refurbishment, plumbing alterations, electrical work and storage boxes	21,871
<b>South Charlton Village Hall</b> Kitchen refurbishment, plumbing alterations, electrical work and storage boxes	980
<b>Harriet Robson</b> Towards cricket kit, coaching, courses, accommodation and travel	2,000
<b>Eglington Parish Council</b> North Charlton Fibre Broadband Extension	6,094
<b>Brownieside and South Charlton Leek Club</b> Leek club running costs	2,250
<b>Eglington Community Association</b> Night class for Landscapes in watercolour	2,000
<b>Patrick Turner</b> To purchase IT equipment for university study	916
<b>Charis Buckingham</b> Purchase of a laptop and to support University study	1,150
<b>18 Grants</b>	<b>89,806</b>

## Grants breakdown

The following two graphs show the breakdown of your grants across our Vital Signs themes and by area.





## News from the people you have supported

Ella Scott	
Project:	Travel and costs
Grant amount:	£1,000
Area of benefit:	Northumberland

The first objective of being given the grant courtesy of the Middlemoor Windfarm was travel, specifically travel from university in Manchester to home, which is in Eglington. Still being part of the family and not losing touch with your relatives is an integral part of university life as well as not allowing homesickness to plague university studies. Going home for important events such as Birthdays, Christmas and Weddings is also essential - although I do live in Manchester, Eglington and surrounding areas are still my home. Living 3.5 hours away and returning home as frequently as I needed to would have been almost impossible without the wind farm grant. Thankfully, I have been able to travel from my flat in Castlefield to my home in Eglington via train as frequently as I needed to over the past year. My total amount of the grant spent on train tickets this year has been £553.30 and were all bought via Trainline.

The second objective for me receiving the Middlemoor Windfarm Grant was to cover the costs of university. Initially, I purchased my printer, which is an absolute essential when it comes to printing and physically handing in work. Alongside this, accessories such as printer paper and cartridges were purchased. The costs of university covered by the wind farm grant include Stationary - notebooks for every subject, 2016/17 diaries, pens and revision materials such as stickers. Due to studying English and Journalism, two academic subjects, I had a large variety of books that must be studied, including the works of Shakespeare and Austen. Each of the core texts was purchased using the wind farm grant, meaning I could complete my first year of university to the best of my ability. Also, my laptop charger broke half way between assignments being due, which meant it needed to be replaced. Thankfully, the grant allowed me to replace the charger and complete my assignments on time. The costs of materials to complete my course were higher than expected, however, without all of them, I would not have passed my first year with flying colours, like I did.

This year has been brilliant for me regarding forwarding my career as a music journalist. Thanks to my newly-found ability to balance time and become dedicated and focused, I have been given the position of Assistant Editor at Gigslutz.co.uk. With Gigslutz this year, I attended a variety of festivals including Isle of Wight Festival and Liverpool Sound City as press.

As well as this, I have very recently landed my first paid writing job for Skiddle.com.

Rona Forrest Warren	
Project:	Purchase of equipment and travel costs to support study
Grant amount:	£1,000
Area of benefit:	Northumberland

I completed the first year of my BSC Nursing (CYP) securing a mark of 70% in first year. I have now started second year and hope to finish this year with a similar result.

Having little money to live off after I have paid rent, this grant has allowed me to buy things that I would have otherwise not been able to afford. Having things like a printer and ink and nursing textbooks, I have been able to study as effectively as possible to achieve 70% in my first year.

Being able to afford uniforms/shoes has meant that I have been able to attend placement looking smart, with comfortable and appropriate footwear to make shifts that can last up to 13 hour as pain-free as possible.

Affording my travel to placement with this grant has meant I have had more money of my own to spend on day-to-day living as well as little perks like a cup of coffee to keep me going through the long shifts.

This grant to me has most importantly meant I have been able to afford to come home to see my friends, family, pets and the lovely Northumberland countryside. Having only ever lived on a farm in the same house my whole life, moving to Manchester was a huge change. I got very homesick during the year but having this grant meant I could come home and then go back to university and placement feeling refreshed and in a better head space which I believe definitely played a big part in helping me to achieve a first and carry on with second year.

Lauren Blackmore	
Project:	Towards the daily return fare to college
Grant amount:	£1,000
Area of benefit:	Northumberland

It enabled Lauren to attend Newcastle College, complete her course, which resulted in Lauren receiving an a distinction her work distinction, leading to Lauren being offered an unconditional place at Northumbria University to study on a Fashion BA course.

South Charlton Village Hall	
Project:	Improve assets to increase opportunity and invest in our community
Grant amount:	£23,040
Area of benefit:	Northumberland

The new roof will now allow us to strive to fulfil our initial grant objectives, to combat loneliness, extend educational activities and increase the usage of a valuable village asset, which have been carried forward to new applications. The Village Hall refurbishment project is ongoing and already receiving positive feedback from the community.





The William Robertson Homes Association	
Project:	William Robertson Homes
Grant amount:	£10,000
Area of benefit:	Northumberland

The objective of refurbishing two kitchens at William Robertson Homes Association was partially achieved as when the work was started on number 31 it was found necessary to upgrade the fuse board and rewire the property. The decision was then taken to provide the walk in shower simultaneously when the property was being modernised to avoid further inconvenience to future tenants.

The future use of the cottage was widened in its potential by not only upgrading the kitchen but also safeguarding the electrical supply and providing a walk in shower for the tenants to use when they get older. It is emphasised that these cottages are not meant to be fully geriatric conversant (i.e able to be used by those of nursing home status) but are meant to be able to be used as long as possible before this status (hence the walk in shower installation).

A sheet with information relating to the turnover, current assets and property costs has been provided to the Foundation to show the dramatic fall in Current Assets as a result of the call upon Reserves in recent years. I think it is fair to say that the present work would not have been deemed appropriate without this grant. As it is this position has now been stabilised.

One of the difficulties facing the Robertson Homes is to decide when to do renovation and when to repair. As a rule we generally only carry out major refurbishment upon change of tenants. However at certain times essential repair/modernisation work is necessary and when this is undertaken any other work requiring done that is discovered at this time, we try to complete also. Many of these tenants are extremely elderly and vulnerable and we must stress that their health and comfort is paramount.

One of the evolving features of the cottages is the move away from electricity to gas heating where possible, on a cost basis, and from baths to walk in showers on a physical capability basis. As disclosed in a previous monitoring form, the cycle from the initial build of the cottage, to the period where extensive modernisation is essential means that the resources must be found as and when required.

The grants have meant that we can achieve all our above objectives when the cottages become vacant, and hopefully reduce the requirement for repairs in the following years.

As all the tenants lived in tied Agricultural cottages previously, in an industry that has had fairly poor cash recompense (the cottage valued at nil rent to the Worker), the Association is endeavouring to keep rents as low as possible for the same people in their retirement.

Ironically whilst trying to achieve the best possible living standard for our tenants, further unlikely costs can be incurred. For example whilst ensuring all cottages were insulated and double glazed

to the highest standard the level of condensation caused was so bad that we have had to install fans in the cottages to alleviate damp!

A salutary lesson that this is merely an on-going learning process.









Little Acorns Pre-School	
Project:	Provide resources and support to enhance the children's learning experiences
Grant amount:	£3,841
Area of benefit:	Northumberland

We are continuously observing the children as they play and engage in activities and together we discuss their learning, progress and development. So we know that the children display all the characteristics of effective learning, they are excited and motivated to learn, the new resources have enabled us to plan and provide activities that interest the children and meet their individual needs. We use cameras constantly, to reflect and observe, to enhance our knowledge of the children's development, as well as utilising this information to reflect and review our individual practice the new IT equipment has enabled the children to view both their photographs and the those taken by us to reflect upon their own learning journey. We have been able to talk with the children about what they were doing, what worked well and what they might change next time. The iPads have been used as a tool to support their learning interests and explorations. We have received positive feed back from the parents too and our waiting list continues to flourish.

The children have grown a variety of vegetables, herbs and flowers. We embraced the spring produce by creating and sharing a tasty Spring Feast with members of the community. The children prepared and cooked up home-grown wild garlic and potato soup followed by rhubarb crumble and rhubarb and custard ice cream. The parents have been very keen to support us in this particular area of learning and produced a fundraising cookbook, which embraces and depicts our outdoor learning ethos. Our gardeners have worked with the children to clear weeds, identify flowers and shrubs and poisonous plants, grow record breaking sunflowers and have kindly sponsored our very own 'potato in a bucket competition' The learning opportunities have been infinite.

The gardening project continues to be particularly special, with community interest growing all the time. Dog walkers and passers by chat to the children as they plant, dig and water their special piece of ground. The residents from the old peoples home come to the village garden, share the same beautiful space, allowing young and old engage in common conversation. We knew that the children would learn new skills, have fun, play and develop self-confidence by spending time in the garden tending plants and growing their own food, but we are actually nurturing so much more.

These extra special connections we have witnessed between our young children and the older members of the community have already inspired us to further develop our links with Grovewood House Residential Carehome and find new opportunities to promote the interaction and engagement of young with old.

**St Maurice's PCC Eglington**

Project:	Automation of St Maurice's clock winding
Grant amount:	£8,204
Area of benefit:	Northumberland

The clock now keeps good time and its chimes can be heard throughout the village, night and day, without the need for the (aging) clockwinder or his (even more aging) deputy to make the hazardous climb to the clock chamber.





Eglington Parish Council	
Project:	South Charlton Fibre Broadband Extension
Grant amount:	£2,000
Area of benefit:	Northumberland

The purpose of the grant was to fund a design survey to understand the feasibility of bringing a community fibre broadband service to some of the more remote properties in the South Charlton/ Shipley Hill area. The following has now been undertaken:

Design meeting with Openreach engineers and NE England managers on 17/01/2018 to look in detail at the route. Agreement that this is feasible. Openreach to liaise with NCC regarding use of the bridge to get the cable over the burn. 23 properties will benefit from the scheme, including Shipley Lane and probably Shipley Moor.

David Gilroy, landowner has given permission to mole-plough the cable over his land. This is the preferred option. However, he does not want to take part in the scheme. Fibre capacity will be left in situ so that White House, White House Folly etc can access superfast in the future if they wish.

The project will include bringing superfast broadband to South Charlton Village Hall. As this hosts Little Acorns who will directly benefit, Openreach will reduce the cost of the project by £30,000.

We are awaiting final costings based on the design and survey works from Openreach, but total project cost can now be estimated at around £91k. Northumberland will in principle agree to contribute to the funding. Estimated funding gap after Northumberland contribution is £15k plus cost of mole-ploughing in the cable.

We are arranging a meeting in the next couple of weeks between the three farmers (landowners) involved to get more exact distances to mole-plough so we can source proper quotes for the mole-ploughing / digging. We would prefer to outsource this to a contractor due to machinery requirements, skills and time.

Please see note above in relation to progress. One of the benefits which was not considered at the time of the application was the benefit of including South Charlton Village hall in the scheme. This will benefit the wider community, users of the Hall and in particular the Little Acorns group who will be able to access superfast broadband.

Harriet Robson	
Project:	Towards cricket kit, coaching, courses, accommodation and travel
Grant amount:	£2,000
Area of benefit:	Northumberland

Harriet was required to buy new kit for training and playing as the county kit changed in 2017. Girls matches are now played in colours for Northumberland, black playing trousers and green tops and green sweater - not the most flattering!

Harriet has grown and the new bat was excellent - it was replaced for free as a split did occur in it - a manufacturing fault. The new bat has improved her game her first big match out after her elbow break scoring 65 not out!! New gloves and thigh pads for protection were required and are essential and the kit bag also carried all of Harriets kit to Barbados.

Sedbergh was again very good developing Harriet's bowling. As Harriet's hands are growing the technique for bowling changes as does the weight and size of the ball used.

The fitness tests are always very interesting looking at core strength , speed, jumping etc Most of Harriet's training occurred in the gap between grant applications but summer training did fall into this. She attended two sessions at Stocksfield with the Women these were paid for in cash and therefore not claimed. Playing with the older age group has definitely improved her game. Jets training is very intense 2 to 3 hours - core strength training, bowling and batting training. In the summer the girls did fielding training in the main stadium!.

Some examples of bills and routes with miles have been copied as added documents. Obviously travel is essential to get to training and matches. Accommodation is frequently required depending on times of matches so travel may be the day before or if there are two consecutive days away there again is overnight travel.

I have prepared a review for the Grant panel along with some receipts press cuttings etc these will need to be forwarded as attachments- Harriet did break her elbow a few weeks into the season but her guts and determination got her back fighting fit after 6 weeks.

During her 6 weeks none play period she trialled and again got into the National Under 13 squad. Having missed 6 weeks of cricket she took 20 county wickets (4th highest wicket taker from all squads), was 4th highest run scorer (65 not out being her highest score), took 10 fielding catches the most in the junior county excluding wicket keepers, and started playing for the Womens senior team taking 4wickets for them.

Through the National Festivals she played for the National Counties under 14 cricket team in Barbados and also was part of the Corbridge Girls Under 13 Hardball National Champions Team - Harriet bowled a maiden triple wicket over the last over of the game to take the win.

The Grant has helped enormously in enabling Harriet to travel to training, get coaching and take part in county, National and International games. Eglington is not positioned well for training facilities and so travel is essential with most winter training being at Ashington, Walbottle, Gosforth or Durham Emirates. Sharing lifts is rarely an option due to our location compared to others.

Harriet has just re trialled for the Durham Jets having 4 x 3 hour training sessions at Durham she is very relieved to have been selected as some girls who made it last year have not made it through this year. The Durham County facilities at the Emirates are excellent and the coaching staff made available again provide excellent support and guidance. We do not know what the forth coming season will bring but we believe there will be more game opportunities this year. Fortunately the ECB appear to be funding the Durham sessions so transport and accommodation are our only costs to date with them. (Unless there is foreign tours etc)

**Grant Fund Harriet Robson Ref: 171976  
(From Parent)**

As in previous years the RWE Middle Moor Grant Fund has been incredibly beneficial and helped towards funding the costs incurred in Harriet's cricketing with transport, coaching, purchasing kit and taking part in county matches, festivals and beyond.

The Year has been hectic, it started well with good performances in pre-season matches for both the boys under 13's, girls under 13's and girls under 15's. The Sedbergh course went well and again the coaches were able to add to her spinning quality. Just before the season commenced Harriet was selected for the "Durham Jets" (this is a Women's team aiming to be an amalgamation of the best of under 19s from Northumberland, Durham and Cumbria to eventually take part in the new Women's format T 20's - during one of the Women's matches on 21<sup>st</sup> May Harriet broke her elbow - having a direct hit on the corner of her elbow she missed the following 6 weeks whilst in plaster but very quickly got back into the thick of it. We have not claimed for all coaching sessions and accommodation as I have misplaced some of the receipts but I attach a list of mileage incurred for all matches and training attended along with the Sedbergh cricket course in April.

Due to Harriet's broken elbow she had to forgo her captaincy of the Girls under 13 squad only reclaiming it when the squad went on tour to Malvern in August, once her arm had mended she played in all of the girls, matches available for both under 13 and 15's as well as debuting in the women's matches for the county she only managed to be available for one boys game.

In early summer Harriet was trialled to play in a National Festivals Girls under 13 team again complete with arm in cast and was selected to play in 2 games at Malvern in the National Team she also spent two weeks at Malvern playing for the under 13 and under 15 county teams. This has meant driving long distances and additional accommodation costs.

Some Highlights:

**Sedbergh:** Again this course was fantastic and proved that Harriet is a good Spin bowler – the



bowling continued to develop through the season along with her batting and fielding skills. Feedback was taken on board and developed

**County under 13's boys** – Harriet after pre-season matches only managed to play in one game for the boys, partly as so many matches were missed due to her broken elbow but also due to two other games which she was selected for being called off due to rain. She missed the boy's tours due to the commitment to the two girl's tours and later National under 14 tour to Barbados. She did bowl very well in her one game taking the excellent wicket of one of Durham under 13's leading lights.

**Under 13's Girls** :- Harriet captained the touring squad exceptionally well – other counties commented on her standard of play, batting bowling and ability to set the field and adjust it for bowlers and batters a like. Harriet just missed out on a 50 against Nottingham in the last game of the tour and received the Champaign moment award for her bowl and catch taking out Leicestershire best player – it changed the game and ended in a previously unlikely victory.

**Under 15 Girls:** Having missed 6 weeks of matches Harriet came on in Leicestershire and saved the day following a batting collapse she dug in and came out 65 not out winning the game for the team. Her bowling was very good and her fielding as ever reliable

Northumberland won the under15's league – a second time achievement taking them up a league for this next season.

**Northumberland Women:** - We didn't know if this was a step too far, in Harriet's first match we were happy for her to field for the 50 overs she had to bat and was 7 not out against Durham.

Her next matches were in T 20's and she stepped up taking 4 wickets over the two T 20's.

### **Malvern National Counties under 13's Team**

Following on from her selection last year and this Harriet was given the opportunity to play in the National under 14's touring team to Barbados in August / September. It was an amazing opportunity – training on the beach just after 6 am to avoid the heat of the day and playing as part of a squad – The girls were to play in 3 out of 4 matches but due to heavy rain on one day Harriet missed one of her 3 matches.

That a side, Harriet played well she top scored on one day and took two catches and on the only day she bowled she took two wickets for 3 runs off 4 overs. There was also a run out in those overs - she took out the Barbados opening batsmen which was some achievement.

### **More Locally:**

With Alnmouth and Lesbury Harriet contributed towards the under 15 team winning the County Cup, she then went on with the team to play Scotland's winners. She took part in the Under 13 games when available and captaining frequently. Harriet also started playing for the Alnmouth and Lesbury Seniors 3<sup>rd</sup> Team - Howick towards the end of the season.

She was awarded with the best female junior. (And was the Alnmouth District Junior Female Sports person of the year)

With Corbridge Girls , the under 13 team won the National final and are National under 13 hardball champions – I have attached some press cuttings which give an idea of how tense the matches were - she was continuously described as having nerves of steel. (The team have just won the Tynedale Junior Team of the Year)

So despite 6 weeks out Harriet was the 4<sup>th</sup> highest wicket taker in the county from all teams boys and girls and seniors, she was the highest fielding catcher in the junior county excluding wicket keepers with 10 catches and was also 4<sup>th</sup> highest run scorer out of all the categories.

So what's coming up – Harriet has already been selected for the Boys under 13 squad who will be training once a week from January down in Newcastle, She has also been selected for the Girls under 15's who will be training from January once a week in Ashington and I believe will also be playing in the women's games. Training again is Monday nights.

We also just heard before Christmas that Harriet following 3 or 4 3hour training sessions down at Durham Emirates has been selected for the Durham Jets for 2018 so from January 2017 she will be training every two weeks down at Durham.

I hope the Community Foundation and the awards panel agree that the Grant has been put to good use. We would like to thank the Grant Panel and RWE Innogy Middlemoor Community Benefit for their continued support of Harriet and hope that they will continue to help Harriet to develop as a player with the challengers a head.





St James' Church South Charlton PCC	
Project:	Repair and replace external mortar to haunching stones
Grant amount:	£ 2,000
Area of benefit:	Northumberland

The old water-resistant cement render was removed and replaced with appropriate moisture-breathing Lime plaster to match the original mid 19th Century colour. Since this work was completed pre-Christmas we have experienced all the usual range of northern-England winter weather and the new plaster has remained entirely damp-proof. Then the broken roof edging (haunching stone) was removed and replaced safely, and no water ingress has been discovered subsequently. Ultimately we expect this improvement work to be favourably recognised in our next Quinquennial Survey, due in 2020.

The new plaster has remained dry throughout the winter, including some extremely windy periods with driven rain which previously would have shown as damp, wet patches on the old plaster

The entire church now is simply a more pleasant and welcoming place to be, and we look forward to a big Village-Wedding after Easter to really show off the church to full effect with an overflowing congregation.

Robert Turner	
Project:	Canoeing expedition
Grant amount:	£460
Area of benefit:	Northumberland

I really enjoyed canoeing the River Tyne with my Uniformed Services group.

As we set off I was excited but also nervous, as I wasn't sure if I would be able to do it. I lack confidence in myself after being bullied at school and the trip was going to take me completely out of my comfort zone.

However, once we got going, the thrill of the rapids and the massive sense of pride I felt in myself for completing each day's challenges were amazing.

I managed to do things that I never thought I'd be able to and in the process, gained my one star canoeing award. I have continued to enjoy canoeing; I have taken part in a weekly class at the local swimming pool and earned my two-star award on the River Coquet in October 2017.

The trip definitely helped me – at times it was mentally and physically exhausting but was worth every second. I had a real adventure!

Thank you.

South Charlton Village Hall	
Project:	Kitchen refurbishment, plumbing alterations, electrical work and storage boxes
Grant amount:	£22,851
Area of benefit:	Northumberland

Participation in our food and drink events has increased. Numbers continue to grow for the monthly lunch club an occasion where those elderly people who were once associated with the village are able to come back to enjoy lunch and a chat with friends. Our additional events aimed at this particular group of the community have also been very successful like Tea @3 and our 'Royal Wedding lunch and afternoon tea.'

The pre-school and other regular users can now use the kitchen facilities with the knowledge that the rodents have vanished and all health and safety and hygiene regulations are operational. The toilets and hall are still unattractive, but once refurbished we hope to extend the opportunities.

We have received some very positive feedback and enquiries about hiring the kitchen facilities for catering purposes, so we hope that when the toilets and main hall have been refurbished those enquiries will come to fruition.

The kitchen is now a safe and hygienic place to prepare, cook and serve food. We can feel confident that (rodent and bug free) our facility meets all the Health, Safety and Hygiene regulations and we can prepare food in one place which enables us to create food which is safe to eat. We can store food safely in the freezer and fridges and offer a wider range of foods for those with specific dietary requirements.

The new kitchen facilities also allow us to cater for much larger numbers of people. We welcomed 60 pensioners to our Christmas Dinner, we were able to roast 3 turkeys with all the trimmings and keep everything hot ready for service. Our themed food and drinks nights are again attracting more guests, because we have the capacity to cope with the increased numbers. Interest and participation is definitely growing.

The unexpected bonus of the new kitchen has arisen during the preparation process of our events. Our volunteers get together to order the food online, have it delivered to the village hall ready for the prep and instead of cooking the food in separate homes we all get together to do it. It has become a social event in itself and we have attracted new volunteers as a result of it.

Brownieside and South Charlton Leek Club	
Project:	Leek club running costs
Grant amount:	£ 2,250
Area of benefit:	Northumberland

The club increased the membership by 10% and we were able to attract better judges from the national pot leek society giving the members a better of understanding about the growing of show leeks.

Providing the entertainment for social events, so that the elderly from the village can benefit from the entertainment

As we already stated the club increased by 10% and is still able to continue as a good club when most other clubs are very hard to both get members and continue in small villages. The grant has helped the club achieve the aims without which we would struggle like other clubs which we know are suffering.







Eglington Community Association	
Project:	Night class for Landscapes in watercolour
Grant amount:	£ 2,000
Area of benefit:	Northumberland

This is the first time evening classes have been held in the Parish and the first time art classes have been held as far as I am aware. Those who attended learnt a huge amount over the period and really enjoyed their time. That they felt confident enough to exhibit their work at the Church Flower Festival is testament to the quality of the teaching and the skill of the participants. A mention must go to Frances Buckingham, the tutor who was excellent to work with throughout.

There were 11 classes before Christmas, with one class being cancelled due to a faulty boiler in the Village Hall. The Spring Term consisted of 13 classes, so all 24 were held. Over the 24 classes, there were 86 attendees, with the most on any one night being 8 and the lowest being 1. The weather seemed to play a big part in attendance. The average across the classes was 3.6.

These classes were important in that they were the first time that Middlemoor Wind Farm Benefit money has been used to directly provide choices to improve the lives of Parishioners, by the provision of extra facilities, amenities or events. It opened the way to new thinking on how to improve community within the parish. From this thinking, the improvements to the Craft Groups came. Then the plays and musical events from the 'Cultural Events grant', through to the recent 'Trips for the elderly'. All unique ways to improve life and community in the parish.

In order to fully utilise the grant and finish the classes with a flourish, some of the paintings were displayed at a flower festival held in Eglington Church in September 18. The tutor, Frances painted three watercolour paintings of the displays and they were the prizes in a raffle that the Church held, giving an unexpected boost to this most traditional of community events. The whole event was held over the weekend 22nd - 23rd September, 2018. It was very well attended, with many comments as to the quality of the paintings. Raffle winners were delighted with their prizes and the whole weekend raised over £1,500 for Church Funds.



Charis Buckingham	
Project:	Purchase of a laptop and to support University study
Grant amount:	£ 1,150
Area of benefit:	Northumberland

I was able to afford the laptop of my choice, which contained everything I'd need to finish my Masters and pursue a career in creative writing.

With the help of the laptop I received, I was able to complete my Masters degree, the final assignment to be submitted next week. I also completed the first draft of my young adult novel, the beginning of which I used for my dissertation. I intend to finish the final draft of this novel, using the laptop, over the course of the next year.

With the help of the grant, I've been able to work efficiently work with a functioning laptop, and through this course I've been able to support my peers, providing feedback on their work and continued support as we graduate together. The year has been stress-free with technology that works, meaning I've been able to meet all my deadlines without worry, and haven't been forced to spend money on repairs - leaving me without a laptop for my university work. I hope to have this machine for many years to come and I'm extremely pleased with how fast, convenient and reliable it's been.

Patrick Turner	
Project:	To purchase IT equipment for university study
Grant amount:	£916
Area of benefit:	Northumberland

I have purchased IT equipment, although some items previously specified in my original application have changed. For example, a newer version of the laptop I had selected was released with a much inflated price tag of over £1000, so I had to find a similar but cheaper alternative. Also when I went to purchase my other items, some were cheaper than expected and others were not available or more expensive. I had requested funding for McAfee Antivirus but a free download version was included with my university IT set-up, therefore I didn't need to buy this. Instead I put this money towards the cost of purchasing some printer ink.

Having a modern, efficient laptop has enabled me to get the most from my course during the last year. I take my laptop to lectures, knowing that I can easily access the power points and additional resources. I have used Microsoft Office extensively, completing essays and reports on my laptop and have backed them up on the external hard drive. I did have a problem with my computer losing some of my work but had the hard drive, so retrieving them was relatively easy. The hardware purchased has allowed me to adopt a flexible, independent and proactive approach to study, as well as helping me with time management, eliminating the need to find and use uni computers and printers. As a result, I have passed all my end of year exams and am looking forward to entering my second year.

## Thank you letters from some funded groups



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4th October 17

The Community Foundation Tyne and Wear  
Philanthropy House  
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Dear Members of the Innogy Renewables UK Middlemoor Wind Farm Community Benefit Fund Grant Panel.

I would hereby like to thank you for supporting Eglington Community Association's application for funding to support the creation of an Evening Class in Landscape Watercolour in Eglington.

Yours faithfully

Malcolm Angus  
Chair  
Eglington Community Association

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Chair: Malcolm Angus

Secretary: Bill Penfold

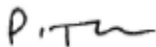
Dear Community Foundation Donor

I am hugely grateful for your donations towards Innogy Renewables UK Middlemoor wind farm community fund. I have been granted a sum of money to purchase new IT equipment of my own to assist me in my studies at the University of Nottingham. I will be enrolling onto the Agricultural & Livestock degree here and I feel that the new IT equipment will allow me to become more independent and proactive with my research and studies.

Without donation from yourself, possibilities like this would not be open to the people of the community, like myself, and it does make a huge difference.

Many Thanks

Patrick Turner



Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to offer my sincerest thanks for the award of a grant to purchase a new laptop. Without the Innogy Renewables UK Middlemoor Wind Farm Community Fund and the money that has been made available to me, I would not have been able to afford an adequate laptop that properly suited my needs. I will now be able to purchase a machine that will not only see me through the rest of my Masters degree, but will also propel me significantly into what will (hopefully) be my writing career.

The importance of the Wind Farm Community Fund cannot be understated, and I think it is vital towards the prosperity and longevity of the village. It is an amazing opportunity that helps both the village and individuals within the village accomplish something they would not otherwise be able to. I really am so very grateful to be a part of this, and offer once again my thanks to every person who helped make this happen.

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Yours sincerely,

Charis Buckingham

21/12/17

To the advisors for the Innogy Renewables UK Middlemoor Wind Farm Community Foundation,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for making this grant possible and for awarding it to me. Not only has it helped me to buy much needed equipment and train tickets home, but it has given me confidence that I will be able to pass my degree without worrying unduly about money.

Coming from a lower-income home means that unlike some students I can not rely on my family to fully support me throughout the three years at university. Without this grant I would be struggling a lot more and I would not be in a position where I can confidently buy things like textbooks and a laptop.

I am extremely grateful for your generosity and the time and effort that you have put in to my grant application.

I hope you have a merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

Yours sincerely,

Rona Forrest-Warren

Eglington Community Association  
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4<sup>th</sup> January 2018

Innogy Renewables UK Middlemoor Wind Farm Community  
Fund Grant Panel.

Dear members of the Panel.

I would like to thank you for awarding the grant of £2,000  
to help improve the Craft Groups in the Parish of  
Eglington.

The purpose of the grant is to improve the ability of the  
groups to bring in tutors, assist with the provision of  
materials and help out with the cost of travel to craft  
fairs and festivals.

Hopefully this should lead to much more vibrant groups, new  
members and assist in their long term viability.

Thanks once again  
Malcolm Jones



**The Advisors to  
The Innogy Renewables UK Middlemoor Wind Farm Community Fund**

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6<sup>th</sup> April 2018

Dear Advisors,

**Innogy Renewables UK Middlemoor Wind Farm Community Fund - Community Foundation Grant to Individual  
Ref 182104 Harriet Robson**

On behalf of Harriet I wanted to write to thank the Advisors to the RWE Innogy UK Middlemoor Community Benefit Fund for their continued support of Harriet and agreeing to award her a grant of £2,000 to assist with her cricket training, travel and kit

As you know – Harriet has been playing a lot of cricket and this year will be playing under 15's boys, (under 13's boys if no clashes with County matches ) and senior matches for Alnmouth and Lesbury Cricket Club and Senior Women's games for Corbridge First Team.

Harriet has trained all winter with the county boys under 13 squad and this year will be playing for Northumberland County Girls under 15 team, Northumberland County Women's Team and if time permits and there are no match clashes the Boy's under 13 County Team.

Harriet also made it through to the final squad for the Northern Jets a squad of under 19 year old girls from Durham, Cumbria and Northumberland. Harriet is one of the youngest squad members so we don't know what opportunities she will have but she has continued to train every second week with them down at Durham Emirates one of four spin bowlers and two off spin bowlers to make the final cut.

To date we do not know the full extent of the coming seasons commitments but we do know the grant award offered to Harriet will help enormously and we are as ever extremely grateful to the Advisors of the Community Fund for their help.

We note the monitoring that needs to be completed and look forward to updating you as to the progress Harriet makes. The highlight of 2018 so far has been Harriet being awarded the Alnwick District Sports Council Young Female Sports Person of the Year (second year running).

Yours sincerely

 (p/ewk)

**Eglingham Parish Council**

**Clerk Amy Smith**

**Email; [amycartmell@googlemail.com](mailto:amycartmell@googlemail.com)**

April 7, 2018

Dear Mr Barrett,

I am writing on behalf of Eglingham Parish Council who would like to thank the Innogy Renewables UK Middlemoor Wind Farm Community Fund at the Community Foundation for the grant awarded to resurface Eglingham Community field tennis court. Work is set to begin immediately following receipt of the funding.

Yours Sincerely

Amy Smith

Clerk

Eglingham Parish Council

To: Advisors for the Innogy Renewables UK Middlemoor Wind Farm

Re: grant award reference 181288

Please accept my sincere thanks for the allocation of the above grant, which will enable me to embark on a new step in my career. Without the grant I would be unable to attend the course, something I have long wished to do, and something which will, I believe, make a significant difference to my future success. I look forward to sharing the results in Hear Abouts at a later date.

Thank you once again,

Frances Buckingham

Dear benefactor,

Thank you very much for this grant. It will enable me to achieve tasks which would have otherwise been impossible, as well as making others vastly easier. For example, recently I have had to write all my coursework on university computers, which have limited access, are of a poor quality, and which have exceptionally bad keyboards. I look forward to the success with my degree and in future employment which having this new laptop will help me achieve.

Thank you once again for providing funding which will allow me to buy a laptop, alleviate my current struggles and help me to be successful in the future!

Yours sincerely,

William Norwood Buckingham

**William Robertson Homes**

**Charlton House**

**South Charlton**

**Alnwick**

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8<sup>th</sup> February 2018

Innogy Renewables UK Middlemoor Wind Farm Community Fund

Dear Middlemoor Wind Farm Community Fund Committee,

I would like to write on behalf of the William Robertson Homes to thank you for your recent most generous grant award to the association to finish the second phase of kitchen upgrades in the Robertson Homes.

At a time when tied cottages are still a very real part of farming life the Association constantly seeks ways and means of facilitating a move, devoid of stress, from Farm life to a community supported by at least minimal resources on the doorstep, but in as near a rural format as we can contrive. This is all made possible by the Charity with no salaries taken, only expenses to professional bodies.

Without the help of organisations, such as yourselves, this latest modernisation would not have been possible, and should any of the Committee wish to further acquaint themselves of the concept Raymond Pringle who lived at South Charlton for over 30 years (and then moved into a William Robertson Homes cottage at Longhoughton) has kindly offered to answer any queries or questions anyone may have regarding the residences. Please contact myself if you would like to do so.

Once more many thanks for your extremely generous grant award which I hope will support a long term sustainable community within the heart of North Northumberland.

Yours Sincerely

T. J. Bell

Life Governor, William Robertson Homes

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