

>> COMMUNITY BENEFIT FUND

At Energiekontor we are committed to offering a community benefit package with each of our wind farms. If this project gets the go ahead, we would offer a community benefit package that would be delivered annually to create a valuable, long-term and reliable source of income for the local community.

We would offer a community benefit fund to be agreed after planning submission and prior to operation of the proposed wind farm.

Some of the projects that the community fund could support may also qualify for “match funding,” which could double the size of the fund available.

We are very flexible in terms of how the fund could be put to use and it is down to the community to decide what types of projects/initiatives it would like the fund to be used for. Typically our community benefits package has been used to fund:

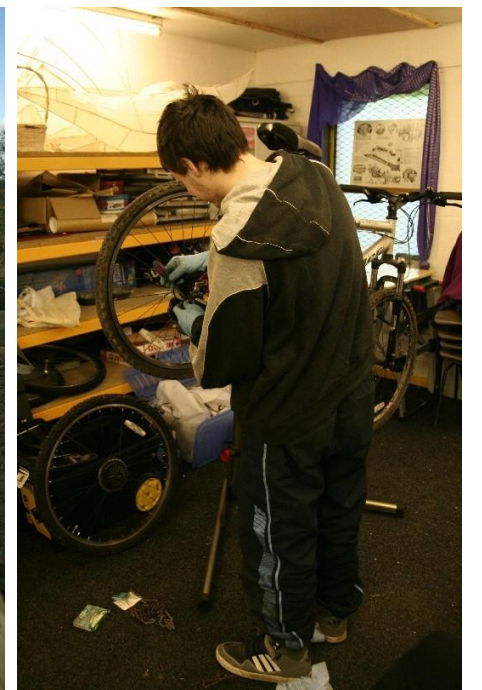
- **Educational & Skills Development** – including bursaries for students and grants for books on course reading lists and access to computers.
- **Environmental Activities** – including home and community energy efficiency initiatives; encouraging the use of sustainable transport, bicycles and walking; and improving community green space.
- **Community Facilities** – including supporting payments for upkeep/rates for village halls and community centres; and sponsorship/donations for community groups.
- **Sports/Leisure** – including children’s play areas; sports equipment; recreational areas; seating and public Internet access.
- **Community Care** – addressing the support needs of young, elderly and disabled.



EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES & COMMUNITY CARE - A community learning centre and sensory garden part funded through proceeds from Witherwick Wind Farm, East Riding of Yorkshire



COMMUNITY CARE - A community farm offering a unique learning experience and rehabilitation centre for people of all ages suffering from mental health problems and learning disabilities, funding provided through proceeds from Witherwick Wind Farm, East Riding of Yorkshire.



SUSTAINABLE TRANSPORT - Cycle maintenance classes funded through the Windfall Fund established from proceeds from Hyndburn Wind Farm, Lancashire.

LOCAL BENEFITS

Benefits from a wind farm which can potentially arise within the local community include:

- Improvements to local environment & wildlife habitats
- Involvement in the development process by local landowners, groups or individuals
- Local community facility improvements
- Use of visitor centres and tourist facilities
- Education visits & school support



BIODIVERSITY - Woodland management to improve biodiversity of a Local Nature Reserve funded through the Windfall Fund established from proceeds from Hyndburn Wind Farm, Lancashire.

The construction and operation of wind farm projects can provide direct and indirect employment to the areas in which they are located. Energiekontor has a policy of trying to ensure that local suppliers and contractors benefit from the wide range of construction related activities and associated expenditures required for such developments.

COMMUNITY FUNDS & THE PLANNING PROCESS

Whilst the provision of funding to host communities is encouraged by Government, there is a strict principle in the UK planning system that a decision about the merits of a particular proposal should be based on planning issues and should not be influenced by additional payments or contributions offered by a developer.

Community benefits are therefore considered to be not relevant to decisions on whether to approve planning permission.