

NorthConnect Legacy Fund

Summary of Awards 2017-2019

Between 2017 and 2019, £50,004 has been awarded by the NorthConnect Legacy Fund to community groups benefiting the Fund area. Some examples showing the range of activities funded are shown below, followed by a full list of awards.

Aberdeenshire Sailing Trust: Rescue boat engine



In 2017, the Fund awarded Aberdeenshire Sailing Trust £1,000 towards a rescue boat engine to support activities taking place at the Trust's Peterhead centre. The cover provided by the rescue boat meant that the Trust was able to deliver taster sessions for schools, RYA courses, race training and RYA junior sailing courses. The boat supported disabled schools sailing and weekly disability club. 538 people of various ages benefited.

The vital role of the rescue boat was highlighted in an incident in September 2019, when a sudden squall caused three dinghies to capsize, throwing ten teenage sailors into the water. This prompted the emergency services to launch a large scale response, involving helicopters and lifeboats. However, the Trust's instructors were able to use the rescue boat to get everybody quickly and safely ashore without injury or the assistance of emergency services. Following the incident, the Buchan Coastguard issued a statement saying that "This incident had the potential to be far more serious in outcome except for some key factors... We would like to thank those involved for being properly equipped."

Press and Journal; 6 September 2019; Instructors praised as 10 teens rescued from North Sea in 'violent storms'.

Mintlaw Academy Therapeutic Garden



In 2017, the Fund awarded the Mintlaw Academy Therapeutic Garden £400 toward fencing and equipment. The grant partly funded the costs of the work, with the remainder coming from Tesco, Shell small grants, Buchan Development Fund, and local fundraising. The garden provides outdoor educational space, quiet space and opportunities for pupils to work on the garden. This is a particularly important resource for pupils with additional needs and mental health issues.

The garden was recently highlighted by the Aberdeenshire Council Education and Children's Services Committee as an example of best practice. Cllr Gillian

Owen, chair of the Committee explained: "Enabling pupils to learn and develop skills through planning practical projects and seeing those come to life has been shown to help engage young people in an overall positive school experience...We'd very much encourage teachers and support staff across the board to consider opportunities to harness the opportunities nature brings."

Buchan Observer; 12 September 2019; Mintlaw Academy leads the way when it comes to nature therapy.

Modo – Circus with Purpose: Doricula

In 2019, Modò, a social circus company based in Peterhead, toured a production of 'Doricular' inspired by Bram Stoker's 'Dracula' and the novel's connections with the local area, particularly Slain's Castle. £1,500 was awarded by the Fund, with other support coming from Cashback for Creativity and Aberdeenshire Youth Bank.

Doricula was performed 12 times to a total of 2,000 people. It was performed in locally and in Italy and France. Over 100 young people were involved in developing and performing the show.



Young people who performed in the show increased their knowledge of local culture and assisted in planning of additional activities for other young people. Participants reported feeling a sense of responsibility, leadership, improved communication skills and of being a valued member of their community. The extra activities run alongside the production of the main show, such as arts and crafts, meant the group were able to reach a wider range of young people, many of whom had never been involved in the arts before due to financial or other social barriers. In addition to entertainment for the local community, the performance brought new visitors to Slains Castle and exposure for other local businesses.

The Buchan Observer review noted that "Peterhead is lucky to have a performance of this quality on its doorstep."

Buchan Observer; 9 October 2019; Doricula production is a tour de force

Peterhead Area Community Trust: Barclay Park Pavilion kitchen equipment

In late 2019, the Peterhead Area Community Trust completed a major refurbishment of the pavilion at Barclay Park. The pavilion includes changing rooms, meeting space and a kitchen area. The majority of the funds for the refurbishment were provided by Aberdeenshire Council.

The NorthConnect Legacy Fund made a contribution of £1,500 to purchase kitchen equipment. In financial terms, this was a small proportion of the overall refurbishment costs. However, the kitchen equipment has been essential in making the pavilion an attractive and practical venue for community activities.



Community sports activity has not been possible during Covid – 19 restrictions. However the pavilion has hosted a number of activities central to the community response.

Buchan Observer; 19 June 2020; PACT's positive impact on Peterhead

Organisation	Amount Awarded	Project Description - Summary
2017 Awards		
Hatton Cruden School	£ 670.00	To purchase equipment in order to host a monthly Community Café at Hatton School.
Aberdeenshire Sailing Trust	£ 1,000.00	To contribute to the purchase of an outboard engine for a rescue boat.
Peterhead Sea Cadets	£ 1,000.00	To contribute to the purchase of waterproof jackets.
Boddam Recreation Trust	£ 1,255.00	To contribute to the cost of ground explorations to determine the necessary repairs and works required to improve drainage.
Crimond Community Centre	£ 500.00	To contribute to the cost of updating the kitchen facilities.
Boddam Primary School	£ 750.00	To fund health and wellbeing initiatives at the school across two years, including healthy snacks and visits from relevant experts.
Mintlaw Academy Therapeutic Garden	£ 400.00	To contribute to the cost of installing secure fencing around the therapeutic garden.
Hatton Area Residents Association	£ 500.00	To contribute to the cost of enhancing the play park with new equipment for younger children.
Cruden Bay Community Association	£ 1,100.00	To introduce secure controlled access to Mill Park through digital locks and website booking system.

St Fergus Primary School	£	575.00	To extend the community garden in order to promote a range of learning opportunities accessible to families year round.
Make It Happen	£	550.00	To contribute to tutor costs and materials to enable the group to run its language cafe for a term.
Longhaven School Parent Council	£	500.00	To support participation in the J Rock extracurricular event on 26 March 2018.
Mintlaw Public Hall	£	1,200.00	To contribute to the cost of insulation and joinery works to convert the loft into storage space for the hall.
Total 2017 Awards	£	10,000.00	
2018 Awards			
St Fergus Community Pitch	£	1,500.00	To install solar panels on the roof of the changing rooms, providing them with self-sufficient electricity.
Hatton Public Playing Field and Public Hall	£	900.00	To replace the fridge freezer and range cooker with units with better energy ratings during the upgrade of the hall's kitchen.
Hatton Amateur Theatrical Society	£	1,500.00	To contribute to the cost of a free standing overhead lighting gantry.
Peterhead Civic Pride	£	1,500.00	To create a small sensory garden in a corner of the Landale Road Gardens.
Meethill Primary School Fundraising Committee	£	207.10	To fund an outing for P1 and P2 pupils to Macduff Aquarium.
Aden Community Allotment Association	£	1,500.00	To purchase equipment to form a tool bank which allotment ploholders and volunteers can borrow from at no cost.
Modo - Circus With Purpose	£	1,500.00	To contribute to the director's fee and outreach workers involved in developing the group's touring production 'Doricula'.
Aberdeenshire Sailing Trust	£	1,000.00	To put two staff members through ASI Stand Up Paddleboarding Instructor training in order to introduce the activity locally.
Collieston Community Development Group	£	1,145.60	To contribute to the purchase of the Sunshine Gym Cardio Workout Package.
Peterhead Area Community Trust (PACT)	£	1,500.00	To contribute to the Barclay Park Pavilion refurbishment, including tables, chairs and kitchen equipment.
Rediscover Peterhead	£	1,200.00	To use local artists to create public art on approximately 10 doors/doorways in Peterhead.
Boddam Recreation Trust	£	500.00	To upgrade the lighting and security locks in the Pavilion and to carry out EICR and PAT testing.
Collieston Offshore Rowing Club	£	1,500.00	To contribute to the purchase of new oars, lifejackets, VHF radio and clubhouse electricity system.
Scottish White Fish Producers Association Ltd	£	1,275.69	To develop and test Endangered Threatened and Protected (ETP) species management systems as part of the organisation's scallop action plan.
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Anna Ritchie Parent Council	£	1,500.00	To purchase a 16-seat wheelchair accessible minibus.

2nd Battalion The Highlanders Army Cadet Force	£ 500.00	To purchase colour-coded bins to develop a recycling centre and encourage cadets and adults to learn more about waste, waste hierarchy and recycling.
Total 2018 Awards	£ 20,004.08	
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Men United	£ 1,500.00	To produce flyers and marketing materials to promote the group and contribute to other setup costs.
Port Erroll Heritage Group	£ 1,500.00	To contribute to the installation of information boards at the Trygve Gran memorial and Slains Castle Car Park.
Peterhead Academy	£ 1,500.00	To purchase equipment for the bee-keeping after school club to maintain the beehives recently installed at the school.
Aberdeenshire Sailing Trust	£ 1,000.00	To purchase wetsuits.
The Friends of Aden Country Park	£ 1,500.00	To hold a combined Scottish/Norwegian event in 2020.
Peterhead Academy	£ 900.00	To contribute to the annual S1 Community Days, including transport and materials.
Port Erroll School Parent Council	£ 1,500.00	To contribute to the purchase and installation of new playground equipment.
Apex Church Peterhead	£ 1,500.00	To contribute to the purchase of new tables, chairs, trolleys and room dividers for use in the community hall.
Crimond Community Centre	£ 1,500.00	To upgrade the community centre's lighting to a low energy system.
Aberdeen Foyer	£ 1,500.00	To support the cost of 30 financial inclusion sessions to be delivered in Peterhead Learning House by a qualified, skilled worker.
Mintlaw Public Hall	£ 1,100.00	To upgrade the toilets in the hall.
Artventure	£ 1,500.00	To contribute to the cost of establishing two cultural community engagement initiatives, being a photography competition and a yarn festival.
British Divers Marine Life Rescue	£ 1,500.00	To provide a marine mammal ambulance for the area.
Buchanhaven Harbour SCIO	£ 1,500.00	To contribute to the cost of installing solar panels on the harbour's boat shed.
Stuartfield and District Community Association	£ 500.00	To restore the local telephone box and turn it into a local information kiosk.
Total 2019 Awards	£ 20,000.00	