

## Ventient Energy Glenkerie Wind Farm Community Fund

Benefitting residents living within 15km of the wind farm, including those in the Upper Tweed and Tweedsmuir Community Council areas and in Biggar, Symington, Stobo, Skirling, Coulter, Roberton, Wiston and Lamington.

### Fund update

The Glenkerie Wind Farm Community Fund is provided by Ventient Energy, the owner and operator of Glenkerie Wind Farm. Decisions on grant awards are made by the Community Fund Panel, whose membership is drawn from the Upper Tweed and Tweedsmuir Community Councils and the wider community.

The Fund will support activity that will help to provide access to services for all community members; improve local transport; grow the local economy; and develop or maintain community assets. It began to make awards in 2014. Since then, the Fund has...



Awarded eighty-nine grants ranging from £250 to £62,500...



Totalling... £471,717 (including micro grants distributed directly by Community Councils) ...



Including support for community buildings, festivals, youth projects, sports clubs and many more...

### Projects in focus

#### Biggar Rugby Football Club

In 2018 Biggar Rugby Football Club (RFC) was awarded a grant of £8,244 as a contribution towards implementing the club's communication plan and to employ a communications co-ordinator, with match funding coming from the club's own funds.



The project enabled the creation of a new website and significantly improved the club's use of social media, providing an ability to easily communicate via a range of mediums, linking them together and sharing information with the club's 400+ members.

During the pandemic, when activities were shut down, the communications co-ordinator kept the club members engaged and in touch through challenges for the youth sections, quizzes, and videos etc.

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### Skirling Village Hall

Skirling Village Hall was supported with a grant of £3,414 in September 2019 to contribute to completing the improvement and modernisation of the hall through the upgrading of its lighting system.

The grant part-funded the project along with funds from SSE Clyde Borders Community Fund.

The upgrades were started in January 2020 and completed in February 2020. The new batten-type LED lighting system is more flexible and environmentally friendly than the previous overhead strip lighting.



The modernised hall is warmer and more attractive for holding a variety of activities and social events to benefit the population of Skirling and its surrounding areas, and it will be more economical to run, making it more sustainable.

### Micro-grants

If you are an individual or group looking for a grant of up to £500, you may be able to apply for a micro-grant. For more information, please directly contact your community council.

## How to apply

### Eligibility



Constituted groups and organisations working to benefit people in any of the eligible communities can apply. You do not need to be a registered charity to apply.

### Guidance and forms

For guidance and to apply online go to: <https://www.foundationscotland.org.uk/apply-for-funding/funding-available/glenkerie>



To discuss your project idea, and for further advice and information, contact Sam Bramwell, Fund Co-ordinator.

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**Application deadlines** (decisions take c. 8 weeks)

#### Deadlines in 2022 are:



- ❖ 28th January
- ❖ 28<sup>th</sup> April
- ❖ 15<sup>th</sup> July
- ❖ 7<sup>th</sup> October