

1st September 2020 to 31st August 2021

# Newsletter



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# RWE

## RWE Camster Wind Farm Community Fund

RWE Renewables, the owner of the Camster Wind Farm, makes an annual donation to this community fund. The Fund is split between the Community Council areas of Latheron, Lybster and Clyth, Tannach & District and Watten. This year, each area received £57,989.59. The Fund is administered by Foundation Scotland, an independent grant-making charity. A Community Panel, made up of local residents decides how grants are awarded.

### Recent Highlights

The Fund launched in 2013 and has now completed eight years of grantmaking.

The Fund has awarded 161 grants, distributing almost £800,000 to community groups.

The annual donation this year from RWE Renewables was £175,831.

This year, £109,643 was awarded across 13 community groups.

The largest award made this year was £20,000 for the Yarrows Heritage Trust's Swartigill Dig was held in September 2021.

The smallest award made this year was £1,673 to help the Stirkoke Rifle Club upgrade the ventilation system to re-open after the covid lockdown.

### How to Apply

Full guidelines for applicants are available online at

[www.foundationscotland.org.uk/apply-for-funding/funding-available/camster](http://www.foundationscotland.org.uk/apply-for-funding/funding-available/camster)

There are two rounds per year with deadlines of **31st March** and **30th September**.

For assistance or further information about the fund please contact Eilidh Coll. If you are a group looking for support with planning your project contact Caithness Voluntary Group at [www.cvg.org.uk/](http://www.cvg.org.uk/)

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### Join the Panel

We are looking for new Panel members – particularly from the Tannach and District Community council area. Sign up today! <https://bit.ly/CamsterFund> or get in touch.

# Year 8 Awards

This year, 13 awards were made to constituted groups delivering a project which will benefit the Fund Area.

## Latheron, Lybster & Clyth Area projects:

1. **Lybster Daycare Association** £11,800 to bring in tutors to deliver a range of social activities for older residents in the village.
2. **Lybster Football Club** £23,280 to buy a new mower and a storage container.
3. **Latheron Lybster and Clyth Community Development Company** £9,201 to improve the footpath at Lybster Harbour up to Swiney Hill which is part of the John O' Groats Trail.

## Tannach and District Area projects:

4. **Friends of Newton Hill Woodland** £2,093 to buy stakes and shelters to protect the saplings at exposed sections of the woodland.
5. **Stirkoke Rifle Club** £1,673 to upgrade the ventilation system and purchase a dust extractor to enable the Club to reopen following lockdown.
6. **Yarrows Heritage Trust** £20,000 towards the 2021 archaeological excavation at Swartigill.

## Watten Area Projects:

7. **Watten Early Learning Centre Parent Council** £2,795 to buy a tipi tent to use during outdoor play.
8. **Watten Early Learning Centre Parent Council** £3,474.31 for warm waterproof outdoor wear and midge repellent clothing to increase time spent outdoors.
9. **Bower Busy Bees** £8,000 To part fund the construction of an outdoor classroom to facilitate the provision of outdoor learning opportunities.
10. **Caithness Book Club** £1,725 To fund an information panel with map showing local historical sites.

## Projects which crossed areas or benefitted the wider Caithness area:

11. **Caithness Voluntary Group** £12,938 to run Befriending Caithness.
12. **Caithness KLICS** £10,680 to resurface the outside area of the new premises.
13. **Venture North** £1,983.48 for mobile kitchen equipment for the 'Taste North' annual food festival and a storage container.

## Previous Awards:



North Lands Creative 'Community Design House' funded from 2019 to 2021. Attendees experienced a range of mediums such as glass, mosaics, ceramics and many more.



Newly refurbished MS Therapy Centre in Wick which received an award of £10,000 towards the building works.