

Record breaking year for Lairg Wind Farm Community Fund

Year 11, 1 January 2021 to 31 December 2021



About the Fund

- During 2021, 12 awards were made totalling over £32,000.
- The Fund has made 98 awards since it began, allocating around £176,500.
- During 2021 the fund received £28,380.00 from Lairg Windfarm Ltd – operator of the three-turbine wind farm at Cnoc Na Inghinnin.
- Vital support was provided to local organisations to adapt to Covid 19 restrictions and continue delivering for the community.
- The Fund supports charitable activities which benefit people living within the Lairg Community Council area.

How To Apply: Main Fund

Constituted groups can apply online for up to £5,000. Detail on how to apply is on Foundation Scotland's website. There are no deadlines – you can apply any time.

<https://www.foundationscotland.org.uk/apply-for-funding/funding-available/lairg> Grant applications are considered at monthly meetings of Lairg Community Council.

How To Apply: Microgrants

Individuals or smaller groups can apply for up to £250 towards a community project.

Apply by letter to Lairg Community Council.

Year 11 Awards

- 1) **Light Up Lairg £1,500** Towards ongoing costs of erecting and maintaining Lairg Christmas lights.
- 2) **Lairg Crofters Show £3,186.88** To purchase equipment to support the show including new tables, sheep hurdles and cattle pens.
- 3) **Lairg and District Community Initiatives £2,586** To replace signs at Church Hill Woods with aluminium and polycarbonate signs to benefit local people and visitors.
- 4) **Lairg Gala Week £2,000** To fund the groups lockup rental costs and insurance for the remaining months of 2021.
- 5) **Lairg and District Community Initiatives £4,897** To contribute to office rental, bookkeeping costs, and accountancy fees April 2021 to March 2022.
- 6) **Lairg Community Association Children's party £1,500** Towards the annual Lairg Christmas party for the children of Lairg between 0 and 12.
- 7) **Lairg In Bloom £1,500** To fund floral displays in the village during the summer months.
- 8) **Lochview Rural Training £5,000** To fund two sessional part time staff to run rural youth crofting programmes through the summer and to purchase educational resources.
- 9) **East Sutherland Citizens Advice Bureau £4,517** To extend the 'Rural Recovery' project by one extra day per week to include the Lairg Community Council area.
- 10) **Lairg Gala Week £1,700** To fund the 2021 pre-Christmas community activities including a Nursery trip, Panto trip and over 60s party.
- 11) **Lairg Crofters Show £2,800** To cover the cost of storage containers for a crofters show.
- 12) **Lairg Gala Week £1,700** fund purchase of silent disco equipment and laptop.

Year 11 Finances

| Financial transactions (01/01/2021 - 31/12/2021) | |
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| OPENING BALANCE | £35,279.51 |
| FUND INCOME: | |
| Year 11 Lairg Wind Farm Ltd donation | £27,763.12 |
| Grant returned | £1,143.00 |
| TOTAL INCOME | £28,906.12 |
| FUND EXPENDITURE: | |
| Grants awarded | £32,886.88 |
| Foundation Scotland fee | £2,776.32 |
| Community Council Secretariat fee | £616.96 |
| TOTAL EXPENDITURE | £34,776.16 |
| CLOSING BALANCE | £27,901.81 |

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