

RWE Camster Wind Farm Community Fund

Year 10: 2022/23



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 £68,081. 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.



Year 10 Highlights

- The Year 10 donation from Fund RWE Renewables for grant making was £204,245.
- £266,906 was awarded in grants, through 26 awards to community groups – the highest number awarded in a single year so far.
- The Fund is assisting a new group with a proposal to purchase and run a community shop.
- 131% of the annual donation was awarded in grants.


Year 1-10 Milestones

The fund launched in 2013 and has now completed ten years of grant making.

The Fund has awarded 199 grants, distributing just over £1 million to community groups.

Fund Highlights:	Year 10	Years 1-10
Applications received	26	224
Awards made	26	199
Conversion rate	100%	89%
Total amount Awarded	£266,906.28	£1,214,607.04
Average award value	£10,266	£6,103.55

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The 26 Year 10 awards:

Four in the Latheron, Lybster & Clyth area totalling £34,530 (13% of Y10 spend):

1. **Latheron, Lybster and Clyth Community Council** £2,500 to fund a micro grant scheme.
2. **Lybster Heritage Trust** £2,300 to paint the externals at the Waterlines Centre.
3. **Lybster Parent Council** £2,730 to fund transport for swimming lessons.
4. **Rumster Outdoor Centre Management Group** £27,000 an outdoor classroom for forest activities.

Four in the Tannach and District Area totalling £46,500 (17% of Y10 spend):

5. **Tannach and District Community Council** £2,500 to provide a micro grant scheme.
6. **Thrumster Game Fair** £15,000 to contribute to the Fair in 2023, 2024 and 2025.
7. **Thrumster Primary Parent Council** £7,000 to purchase a storage container.
8. **Yarrows Heritage Trust** £22,000 towards the 2023 archaeological excavation at Swartigill.

Eight in the Watten area totalling £40,305 (15% of Y10 spend):

9. **Watten Hall** £31,897.58 to replace the old inefficient heating system in the main hall.
10. **Watten Community Shop** £1,080 to fund a valuation of Woodside Stores and house.
11. **Watten Community Shop** £720 to fund an engineer's report on Woodside Stores.
12. **Watten Community Shop** £1,440 for business strategy development.

13. **Watten Community Shop** £330 to fund re-valuation of Woodside Stores.
14. **Watten Early Learning Centre** £560.91 for shelving and storage boxes for the new container.
15. **Watten Parent Council** £1,800 to fund the P7 residential trip.
16. **Caithness Association of Young Farmers Clubs** £2,476.80 for a commemorative stone at the site of the first Young Farmers Club to celebrate 100 years of the Young Farmers movement.

Ten awards were projects which crossed areas or benefitted the wider Caithness area totalling £145,570 (55% of Y10 spend):

17. **Wick Society** £3,000 to treat woodworm.
18. **Thurso Players** £13,000 towards the stabilisation phase in the Foundry Building Restoration project.
19. **Sidh Chailleann Art** £6,000 to run the "Legends of Caithness" artists exhibition.
20. **Northstone58 Stonefest** £1,200 for Stonefest 2024 in Thurso.
21. **Lyth Arts Centre** £5,877 for 10 events in community halls, schools and nurseries.
22. **Caithness Voluntary Group** £30,000 for a new minibus for Caithness Rural Transport.
23. **Caithness Voluntary Group** £30,000 to support the delivery of CVG's Befriending service for three years.
24. **Caithness Voluntary Group** £30,000 to fund HERE for Caithness and Caithness Poverty Action Group to employ a poverty officer and to deliver and publicise a series of training events.
25. **Caithness KLICS (SCIO)** £3,000 staff salaries.
26. **UHI North highland** £1,950 to establish a breakfast and lunch club to help vulnerable students through the cost-of-living crisis.

GEOGRAPHICAL SPREAD OF CAMSTER Y10 AWARDS

