

Community Funding Bulletin 2024



Watten Wind Farm Trust

In partnership with the Watten Community Council, Foundation Scotland administers five local community benefit funds from local wind farms through the Watten Wind Farm Trust. The wind farms are Gresham House Wathegar 1&2, RWE Bilbster & Bad a Cheo and ScottishPower Renewables Halsary.

Foundation Scotland is an independent charity with expertise in grant making and provides governance and administrative support to the Funds under contract to the wind farm owners. The Foundation's costs for this service are paid from the Fund.

Decisions on awards are made by a local Funding Panel, comprising up to 14 volunteers from the community.

2024 Fund activity

During 2024 the total spend was £190,067...



including 10 awards to community groups totalling £173,192



.. and 8 awards to people learning to drive totalling £4,000...



... and 11 awards to people doing other training courses or further education totalling £12,875.

Need more info?

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How to apply

Guidance and forms



For guidance and to apply online go to:
<https://www.foundationscotland.org.uk> or use
the short link: <https://bit.ly/WattenTrust>

Application Deadlines:

- ❖ 30th June &
- ❖ 31st December



For individuals, there are no deadlines, you can apply anytime.

The 12 awards made in 2024 went to....

10 Watten based projects, which were awarded £144,692:

- ❖ **Watten Shop Group Limited** £103,676 – for staff wages the running costs of the shop
- ❖ **Watten ELC Parent Council** £500 – to run the Easter Fayre
- ❖ **Watten Community Council** £1,000 – for village maintenance
- ❖ **Watten Helps Out** £39,516 – 7 separate awards for: Community health and well-being; Community Lunches; Refreshments for the monthly Whist; Community Dance Classes; Activities for Children; Community Christmas Meal; Community Meals.



2 projects based elsewhere were awarded £28,500:

- ❖ **Highlands and Islands Enterprise** £12,500 – towards the cost of the Newton Room Science Academy in Thurso
- ❖ **Caithness Broch Project** £16,000 – for site feasibility work at Flygla.



Bad á Cheò Education and Training Awards

Anyone aged over 16 who lives within the Watten area who wants to improve their employment opportunities can apply for short courses or multi-year courses. Costs might include course fees, course books, study aids or essential equipment. Driving lessons are also eligible.

19 Watten residents received an award in 2024:

- **£4,000** to 8 local people to fund driving lessons and test fees
- **£1,500** HGV Category C Licence
- **£1,000** Fusion Bonds Hair Extensions
- **£240** British Wool Advanced Shearing Course
- **£3,100** Forensic Anthropology at University of Dundee.
- **£300** Hair Extension Cutting & Blending
- **£1,500** BSc (Hons) Forensic and Analytical Science at Robert Gordon University
- **£1,500** BSc (Hons) Nursing through the Open University.
- **£235** e-File nail course
- **£1,500** Level 7 Diploma in Mechanical Engineering at UHI.
- **£1,000** SVQ Social Services Children and Young People.
- **£1,000** BSc (Hons) in User Experience (UX) Design at Napier University.