

Stroupster Wind Farm Community Benefit Fund

Fund Year 9: 1st January to 31st December 2024



Schroders Greencoat, owner the Stroupster Wind Farm, makes an annual donation to benefit the groups and organisations in the Dunnet & Canisbay Community Council area. The Fund is held and administered by Foundation Scotland who receive and process applications. Decisions on awards are made by the Stroupster Community Fund Panel. The Panel is made up of nine local people, four are nominated by the Community Council and five are self-nominated and potentially elected from the wider community.

2024 Fund activity



During 2024, the fund has awarded 60 grants totalling £289,876...



including 23 awards to community groups totalling £227,848



.. and 8 awards towards driving lessons totalling £4,000...



... and 29 awards to people doing other training courses totalling £58,028.



The fund year end balance at 31 December 2024 was £674.61

How to apply



Guidance and forms

For guidance and to apply for a **community group grant** go to: <https://www.foundationscotland.org.uk> or use the short link: <http://bit.ly/Stroupster>. There are three deadlines through the year: 15th March, 15th July, 15th November

For guidance and to apply for an **education and training grant**, or a grant towards driving lessons go to: <https://www.foundationscotland.org.uk> or use the short link: <http://bit.ly/Dunnet> There are no deadlines, you can apply any time.

Awards to community groups in 2024



During Year 9, the Panel made 23 awards totalling £227,848. Of these, 10, (£128,656) were to groups or projects based within the Dunnet & Canisbay area and the other 13 (£99,192) were to groups or projects based elsewhere in Caithness.

The Dunnet & Canisbay based projects were:

1. **Canisbay Parent Council** £15,500 - Play area
2. **Canisbay Primary Parent Council** £12,037 - Play area
3. **Canisbay Show Committee** £4,800 – wooden floor for the tea tent
4. **John O’Groats Development Trust** £2,595 - 2024 John O’Groats Book Festival
5. **Caithness Archers** £9,532 - storage and event equipment
6. **Dunnet Forestry Trust** £2,750 - Dry Stone Bench workshop
7. **Dwarwick Pier Association** £5,000 - improvements
8. **John O’Groats Development Trust** £25,000 - Village Hall renovations
9. **John O’Groats Mill Trust** £30,000 - visitor journey
10. **North Coast Entertainments** £21,442 – safety barriers and mats

The projects based elsewhere in Caithness were:

1. **Caithness KLIKS (SCIO)** £5,000 - sessional worker
2. **Centred** £17,950 - Discovery College
3. **North Shore Surf Club** £693 - rash vests
4. **Sinclair’s Bay Trust** £5,000 - creative workshops
5. **1st Caithness 1st Wick Scouts** £4,420 - camping equipment
6. **Castletown Primary School Parents Council** £6,857 – P7 trip
7. **HIE** £12,500 - Thurso Newton Room
8. **Thurso High School PTA** £900 – S3/4 trip to Rome
9. **Association of Northern Trails Scotland** £20,000 - salary
10. **Castletown Youth Club and Sharing Shed** £3,672 - salary
11. **North Shore Surf Club** £2,200 - junior series surf competition
12. **Sinclair’s Bay Community Council** £8,000 - micro grant scheme
13. **Venture North:** £12,000 - Taste North

Education and Training Bursaries in 2024

An educational grant can cover a number of costs linked to study. First time applicants can apply for up to £1,500, a second time applicant can apply for up to £1,000 and going forward a person will be able to apply for up to £750 for future courses.

The purpose of this fund is to improve local people’s opportunities for employment. You don’t have to be unemployed to apply. The process is quick with awards made usually within six weeks of receiving the application.

During 2024, 37 people received an educational grant. These were:



10 people who wanted to do a short course, online courses or qualifications to improve their career options:

1. Trainee Ambulance Technician
2. Applied Artificial Intelligence & User Experience
3. ADR Training
4. Sea Kayak Coaching
5. Powerboat Instructor (PBI)
6. OPITO BOSIET with CA-EBS, and MIST
7. Creating a Microbakery
8. Video Production Bootcamp: Videography, Cinematography+
9. D1 Minibus Training
10. IRATA Rope Access



19 people undertaking college or university courses including:

1. Primary Education Teaching (PGDE)
2. BSc (Hons) Physics with Astrophysics
3. HNC Photography
4. BA (Hons) History
5. Software Engineering Graduate Apprenticeship
6. BA (Hons) History
7. HNC Computing
8. Mechanical Engineering (H301)
9. MA Accountancy / Finance
10. International Relations BA (International Honours)
11. BSc (Hons) Applied Microbiology
12. Master of Arts in Health and Wellbeing
13. Higher Education Diploma (Physio & Sports Therapy)
14. Veterinary Care Assistant
15. BA (Hons) Media
16. DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF MUSIC
17. AAT Level 2 Certificate & Level 3 Diploma in Accounting
18. Human, Social and Political Sciences (HSPS)
19. SVQ Level 3 Business & Administration

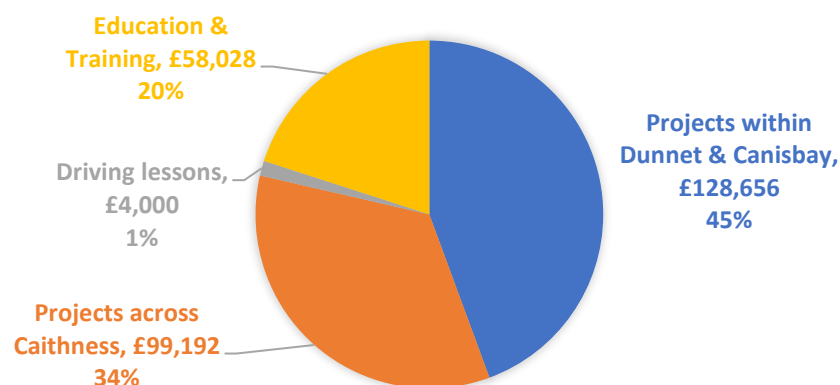


8 young people towards the cost of driving lessons and the driving tests.

Fund Impact

The Fund received its first donation from Shroders Greencoat in 2016. Annual payments are £5,000 per MW of installed capacity and are index linked. Payments will be made over the 25 years the windfarm is likely to be operational. The year 9 donation was £217,114.51.

HOW HAS THE STROUPSTER YEAR 9 DONATION BEEN USED?



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