

WESTFIELD WIND FARM CARDENDEN COMMUNITY FUND



PROJECT 8

CARDENDEN AMATEUR SWIMMING CLUB – ROOKIE LIFEGUARD TRAINING GRANT REQUEST: £1,350

Cardenden Amateur Swimming Club is seeking funding to deliver accredited water safety training to 30 children aged 8-12 from the Cardenden community and surrounding areas, with particular emphasis on reaching children from disadvantaged backgrounds who may not otherwise access potentially lifesaving skills. Running for up to 10 weeks from March 2026 at Bowhill swimming pool with a qualified instructor, this programme will build confidence, teach essential lifesaving techniques, and reduce water-related accident risks whilst simultaneously training one or two poolside volunteers in the rookie lifeguard qualification, creating lasting capacity within the community. By removing financial barriers to participation, this project ensures that water safety education is accessible to all children. The project establishes a sustainable model that equips children with lifesaving skills and embeds safety knowledge within the Cardenden Community.

Established in 1950, Cardenden Amateur Swimming Club has served the local community for over 70 years, providing swimming training, coaching, and recreational activities for all ages and abilities. Operating from the local swimming pool, the club delivers sessions on weekday evenings and weekends, creating flexible opportunities for participation. Through its comprehensive programme, the club promotes physical fitness, water safety, skill development, and community engagement, supporting around 100 people annually who benefit from accessible swimming opportunities building confidence, health, and social connections.