

WESTFIELD WIND FARM CARDENDEN COMMUNITY FUND



PROJECT 9

CARDENDEN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FORUM GRANT REQUEST: £1,500

The project is seeking funding to address a shortfall for Cardenden's Christmas lights display in 2025, ensuring the continuation of this established tradition for the town's 6,297 residents and wider community. Covering the costs of installation, removal, and storage of the lights, this investment maintains the seasonal display that has become part of the community's annual calendar and shared experiences during the winter months. The Christmas lights contribute to community identity, create a welcoming atmosphere for residents and visitors, and provide a focal point for seasonal gatherings that support social connection and local wellbeing. By securing this funding, the project preserves a community tradition that enhances the character of Cardenden, ensuring that residents can continue to enjoy this seasonal feature and that this aspect of community life remains accessible for current and future generations, fostering a sense of place and collective celebration during the festive period.

Established as a registered Scottish charity in 2013, Cardenden Community Development Forum has served the local area for over a decade, providing vital social connections and support for residents of all ages. The Forum creates welcoming spaces for community members, including carers, fostering relationships and reducing isolation. Beyond regular weekly gatherings, the organisation delivers seasonal events such as a Christmas meal and coordinates Cardenden's Christmas lights display. Through its diverse activities, the Forum strengthens social bonds, provides practical support, and contributes to community wellbeing and cohesion.