



Foresight Kinegar Wind Farm Community Fund

Fund Report

March 2025 - February 2026

Highlights

Cumulative Highlights



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Annual Highlights



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Highlights

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In 2025/26, the **Fund made its largest single award to date, a flagship project in Cockburnspath & Cove receiving £36,200** to contribute to upgrading Siccar Point, an internationally significant geological visitor attraction. The project will see pathways and visitor facilities enhanced. Please refer to the **Spotlight** section for further details.

Cumulative grant-making and distribution since the Fund's inception through the end of February 2026 totalled just over £430,000. This consists of ten awards to projects in Cockburnspath & Cove, and four transfers into the Community Invested Fund for Oldhamstocks.

These investments have contributed to at least **five UN Sustainable Development Goals**, primarily SDG 11 (**Sustainable Cities & Communities**), reflecting a sustained focus on local infrastructure and social cohesion, alongside SDG 9 (Industry, Innovation & Infrastructure) and SDG 3 (**Good Health & Wellbeing**).

From early community planning work through to this year's flagship projects, the Fund has been a consistent catalyst for a community growing in ambition and capacity.

Cockburnspath & Cove

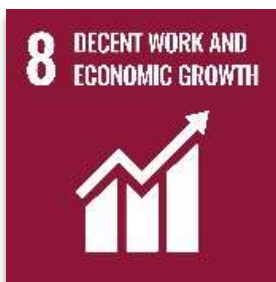
By 2025/26, a cumulative total of just over £194,000 has been awarded in grants from the Kinegar Fund in Cockburnspath & Cove since the Fund launched in 2017.

This report outlines the activities and impact from awards made both via the standalone Foresight Kinegar Community Benefit Fund (2017-2024) and latterly as part of the new pooled 'Cockburnspath & Cove Community Fund' arrangement, which combines Community Benefit Funds (CBFs) from several different wind farms in the area. The new combined **Cockburnspath & Cove Community Fund** streamlines the community benefit process for the community, reducing administration faced by applicant groups and reducing risks borne by the Community Council after they contracted Foundation Scotland to manage and administer funding it previously operated itself.

This new amalgamated Fund has provided a simple, single point of application for applicant groups, but with branding to ensure Kinegar Wind Farm's community benefit contributions remain highly visible within the overall arrangement. During the 2025/26 reporting period, the Foresight Kinegar Wind Farm Community Fund in Cockburnspath & Cove **awarded three grants totalling just under £61,000**. These awards contributed to:

- One flagship legacy project that will create long-term impact within the community: £36,200 to the Edinburgh Geological Society to upgrade a world-renowned geological site called Siccar Point.
- Two further projects have expanded successful community services and activities, increasing opening hours at the Community Café and supporting the Allotment Association in delivering gardening programmes for allotment holders, the local community, and local school pupils. Both projects have also boosted the local economy by funding part-time workers to support these posts.

These projects have primarily contributed to achieving three different Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).



The Community Action Plan (CAP) and Development Officer initiatives funded previously from the Kinegar Fund have been instrumental in launching various new community initiatives in Cockburnspath & Cove.

The combined Fund is receiving applications for these emerging projects, which will maximise the impact of both ongoing Kinegar Fund awards and those of other CBFs available to the community. This reflects the long-term impact of initial investment in supporting community capacity building, consultation and planning work.

A single Panel made up of Community Council and 'ordinary' resident representatives now guides all combined Fund distribution and decision-making (rather than the Community Council alone as has been the case historically for the Kinegar Fund). Nine Panel members were successfully recruited in 2024 and still remain active on the Panel, providing helpful insight and knowledge to help make award decisions. **The Panel model has therefore widened resident involvement in decision-making, and hence further enhanced the quality of decisions made.** The consolidated Fund arrangement offers multiple advantages, benefiting Kinegar Fund activity directly, strengthening community support, as well as enhancing the overall impact of community benefit funds in the locality:

- **Strengthened governance and transparency:** Funding decisions will be made by a broader group of community residents, expanding beyond the small number of Community Councillors previously guiding Kinegar Fund decision-making. This structure provides enhanced impartiality, independence, and due diligence in community benefit Fund decision-making, both in practice and in public perception.
- **Fund resilience and sustainability:** the Fund(s) are no longer reliant on the continued existence of the Community Council, which has sometimes struggled to have sufficient numbers. Whilst CCCC remains healthy and proactive at present, new arrangements protect against the risk of this changing in future.
- **Streamlined efficiency:** Community groups can now submit unified applications, eliminating the need to navigate multiple funds with varying deadlines, forms, and documentation requirements.
- **Enhanced strategic impact:** The consolidation of funds enables support for larger-scale projects and more strategic initiatives. This unified approach allows the Panel and stakeholders to respond to incoming grant applications and proactively commission work or award strategic grants to address community priorities.
- **Strengthened community capacity:** By reducing administrative burden, CCCC can better focus on its core planning and consultation responsibilities. This shift also facilitates stronger collaboration among community groups to advance major projects and priorities outlined in the CAP.

In the background, Foundation Scotland will continue to manage each community benefit fund separately, enabling accurate record keeping, audit and reporting for each.

Oldhamstocks

There has been solid performance and growth of OCA's investment of Kinegar funding through Hanson Wealth Management. The investments has gained just over £39,200 since OCA invested in June 2024.

As reported in 2024, a total of £200,000 was transferred to OCA and invested (see 'Fund arrangements' section, below). A Portfolio Report dated January 2026 confirmed a gain of just over £39,200, a 19.55% return. The most recent amount from the Kinegar Fund for use in Oldhamstocks, £36,276, is currently being held by OCA pending investment in 2026. Further details of this will be available in next year's report.

As mentioned in the 2024/25 report, OCA is also currently undertaking an ambitious project to design and construct a new village hall. While an initial planning application was submitted in June 2023, it was withdrawn in September 2023 to address design feedback from East Lothian Council.



A revised pre-planning application was submitted in September 2024, featuring new additions including an electric vehicle charging station and an extended reconstruction of the western stone wall. As previously reported, this project will unlock sources of community benefit funding available to the Oldhamstocks community that have tighter constraints than the Kinegar Fund and would otherwise have proven difficult for the community to draw down. This continues to justify the community's decision to instead invest Kinegar funding for the longer-term.

The current build is now underway, with the original hall demolished and the site cleared. As of February 2026, the project is now laying the concrete foundations for the hall.

As this village hall project is not expected to require Kinegar Fund support, comprehensive details are not included in this report, but additional information is available through the organisation's [website](#).

Introduction Background & Context

This report outlines how the Kinegar Fund operates across the communities involved, and details the progress and impacts achieved across Cockburnspath & Cove and Oldhamstocks communities cumulatively and particularly during Year 9 of the Kinegar Fund.

Foresight Kinegar Community Fund is provided by Foresight Group, owner of Kinegar Wind Farm located in the Scottish Borders. The Fund benefits residents of Cockburnspath & Cove Community Council area in Scottish Borders, and the village of Oldhamstocks and surrounds within East Lothian.

Cockburnspath & Cove

Cockburnspath & Cove has a population of circa 1100 (2019 estimate). The area has been described as a “community on the edge” in terms of provision by the local authority, being at the northern edge of the Scottish Borders, and is frequently more aligned to East Lothian, with Dunbar and Eyemouth the nearest service centres. Within the Scottish Index of Multiple-Deprivation (SIMD), the population is categorised as deprived in terms of geographical access to services. Moreover, circa 40% of children attending the local primary school are typically in receipt of free school meals. At the time of Fund launch, no Community Action Plan (CAP) existed, and it was acknowledged that a substantial proportion of the population were not typically interested in, or felt able to participate in, community plans and ideas.

However, this changed in 2019 when the Community Council commissioned a Community Development Facilitator to develop a CAP, with support from funding from the Kinegar Fund. A CAP was developed and presented to the community in 2022. The CCCC has estimated that around 80% of the CAP’s outlined projects have now been completed. The CCCC is currently reviewing the prospect of updating the CAP to ensure it remains in line with the community aspirations.

Oldhamstocks

Oldhamstocks is a small village in the east of East Lothian, with the parish boundary to the east forming that with the Scottish Borders. It has a population of circa 200. Nestled in the foothills of the Lammermuir Hills, it is also an isolated community suffering from poor geographical access to services and heavily reliant on the town of Dunbar, approximately 10 km southeast. The role of the village is primarily residential, and community facilities are fragile and limited to a part-time shop / Post Office, church and village hall.

Foundation Scotland was approached by Foresight to set-up the Kinegar Wind Farm Community Fund, and following a proposal in December 2017, began work on this in 2018. The set-up phase involved a series of meetings, negotiations and correspondence with a range of stakeholders from both localities to establish Fund area of benefit parameters, Fund governance arrangements and Fund objectives.

Fund Arrangements

Annual payments of £50,000, linked to the Retail Price Index, are made to the Kinegar Fund throughout the wind farm's estimated 25-year lifespan. These payments began in March 2017 when the wind farm became operational and are paid in arrears. The Fund receives contributions from Foresight and the Neuk Farm landlords, Arnot and Steven.

Foundation Scotland provides governance and administrative support to the Fund, under contract to Foresight Group. The Foundation's costs for this service are paid within the annual Fund payment amount. It was agreed during set-up work that the Fund be split equally into two sub-Funds:

- Foresight Kinegar (Cockburnspath & Cove) Community Fund
- Foresight Kinegar (Oldhamstocks) Community Fund

The Fund became operational for grant-making in summer 2019. A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) was established between Foundation Scotland and CCCC, with CCCC acting as the local body working with Foundation Scotland to guide grant award decisions, Fund strategy, and publicity. However, since the Kinegar Fund has now been amalgamated into the newly launched combined Co'path & Cove Community Fund, an updated MOU has been developed to support the new Fund arrangements.

The proportion of Kinegar Wind Farm Funding for Cockburnspath and Cove will now be managed within a new pooled arrangement with those from Crystal Rig I and II, The Fisherman Three, Ferneylea and Penmanshiel wind farms. An annual amount of approximately £69,000, inflation adjusted, will be paid into the Co'path & Cove Community Fund each year for the operating life of the wind farms.

The Kinegar Fund can provide grants to support charitable activities that:

- Enhance the quality of life for the local residents.
- Contribute to vibrant, healthy, successful and sustainable communities.
- Promote community spirit and encourage community activity.
- Preserve, enhance or give better access to culture, heritage and the environment.

Grants can support diverse community needs, including equipment purchases, staffing costs, community consultations, operational expenses for local groups, facility maintenance and refurbishment, and capital projects.

Grant Size:

- Small grants between £500 and £20,000
- Large grants over £20,001 (Undertake a two-stage application process).

Foundation Scotland's responsibilities include:

- administering and accounting for Kinegar Fund finances within the amalgamated Fund arrangement
- developing (and revising) Fund criteria and objectives in association with the new Co'path & Cove Community Fund Panel and CCCC
- promoting the pooled Fund widely in the Cockburnspath & Cove area
- administering Fund distribution and grant-making (including applicant support application processing; due diligence; assessment; recommendations; conditions; processing & payments; amendments; monitoring & reporting)
- monitoring and supporting decision-making by the new Cockburnspath & Cove Community Fund Panel and managing any conflict-of-interest issues
- monitoring impact
- carrying out a range of marketing and publicity work in association with all stakeholders

With regard to Oldhamstocks, it was previously agreed that the Oldhamstocks Community Association (OCA) will represent the local community in Fund arrangements. This was confirmed in 2022 by a formal letter from East Lammermuir Community Council, within which the village of Oldhamstocks is situated.

Fund arrangements were delayed by OCA's plan to transition its constitutional form from a Trust registered with OSCR to a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation (SCIO) also registered with OSCR.

Having established SCIO status in September 2021, OCA was able to carry out additional functions including entering into contracts, employing staff, taking on loans, and owning property directly (rather than by its charity trustees on its behalf) thereby, generally protecting charity trustees from incurring personal liability in such matters.

It also established a two-tier structure within its constitution, comprising membership (made up of residents) and charity trustees, promoting accountability and a sense of community ownership. From 2022/23 onwards, OCA has managed all Kinegar Funds for the area on a devolved basis and is specifically investing them with Hanson Wealth Management (HWM) through a Quilter investment vehicle called a Collective/General Investment Account.

HWM and Quilter have confirmed that the proposed fund complies with OSCR's Charity Investment guidelines and OCA's own constitutional responsibilities and permitted charitable purposes.

Financial Overview

The following table summarises Fund financial activity from 1st March 2025 to 28th February 2026.

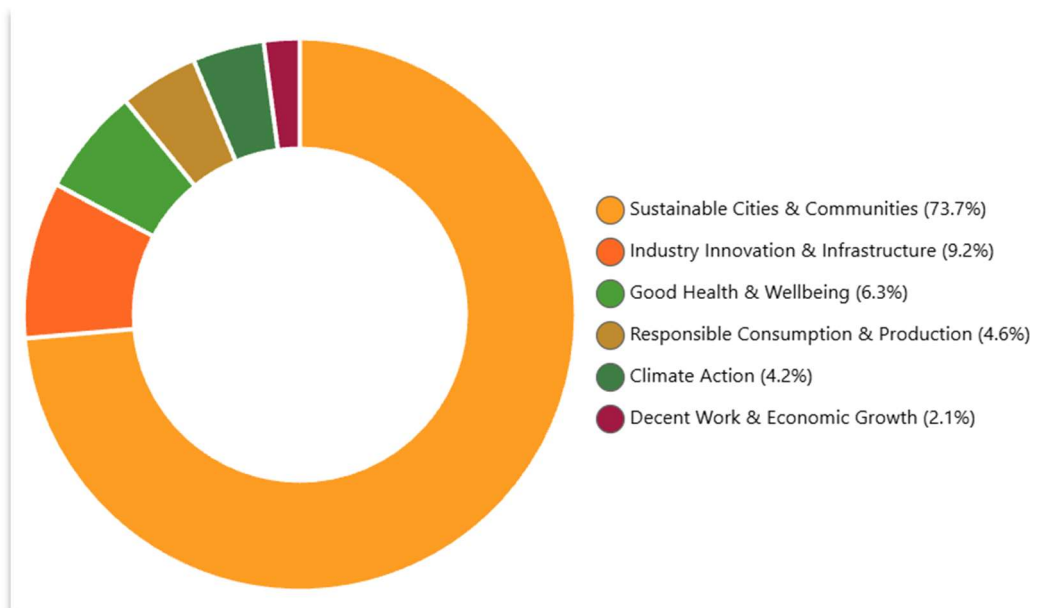
1 st March 2025 to 28 th February 2026	Cockburnspath & Cove	Oldhamstocks	Total
Opening balance	£48,534.54	0.00	£48,534.54
<u>Income</u>			
Foresight Group LLP	£36,576.31	£36,576.31	£73,152.62
Total income	£36,576.31	£36,576.31	£73,152.62
<u>Expenditure</u>			
Grants awarded – to community development planning	£-	£-	£0.00
Grants awarded – to projects	£60,988.50	£-	£60,988.50
Grants returned	£-	£-	£0.00
Transfer to OCA for investment (held by OCA for investment in 2026)	£-	£36,326.31	£35,119.47
<i>Net expenditure – grants & transfers</i>	<i>£60,988.50</i>	<i>£36,326.31</i>	<i>£97,314.81</i>
Other Fund expenses	£-	£-	£0.00
Total expenditure	£60,988.50	£36,326.31	£97,314.81
Closing balances available	£24,122.35	£0.00	£24,122.35

Impact

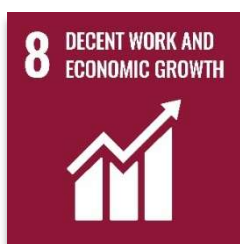
Foundation Scotland has evolved its reporting systems to better align project activities with the internationally recognised Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Since launch, the Fund has contributed to achieving at least five of the SDGs, particularly supporting projects contributing to SDG11 (Sustainable Cities & Communities, 74% of funds awarded), projects contributing to SDG9 (Industry, Innovation & Infrastructure, 9% of funds awarded) and towards SDG3 (Good Health & Wellbeing, 6% of funds).



All time SDG Funding Distribution



The funded projects this year have primarily contributed to achieving three different Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs):



Activity and Impact – Cockburnspath & Cove

The following table outlines grants awarded to date from the Fund:

Year	Funding Request	Offer Statement	Awarded Amount
2019	Cockburnspath and Cove Community Council (CAP project)	To contribute to the cost of employing a community development worker to create a community action plan under the Planning for Real model.	£8,000.00
2020	Cockburnspath and Cove Community Council (CDF extension & CAP)	To cover the costs of a community development worker and administrative support for 12 months to complete a community action plan under the Planning for Real model, progress community shop development and assist in the local Covid-19 response and its aftermath	£16,170.00
2020	Cockburnspath Community Enterprise Limited (site levelling)	To fund groundworks for a temporary new community-owned not-for-profit shop, thereby creating a vital community asset which enhances village life, helps retain and engage residents, provides local employment and attract tourists to the area.	£5,000.00
2021	Cockburnspath and Cove Community Council (CDF extension & CAP, II)	To cover the costs of a Community Development Facilitator, administrative and digital engagement support for 18 months to: complete a living Community Action Plan (CAP) incorporating digital engagement approaches; launch a community website; and develop institutional arrangements to manage wind farms and/or take forward the emerging community development initiatives.	£46,722.00
2022	Cockburnspath and Cove Community Council (CDW extension, III)	To cover the costs of a Community Development Worker & administrative support for a further 12 months, to support key community capacity building and development priorities emerging from the recently published Community Action Plan.	£14,250.00
2024	Cockburnspath Playground Association	To contribute to the purchase and installation of new playground equipment, thereby, bringing the dilapidated Cockburnspath playground back to life, which will improve the health and well-being and amongst local families and children.	£25,000.00
2024	Cockburnspath Allotment Association SCIO	To fund an additional polytunnel which will provide access to more indoor growing space and meet the growing needs of the community which will benefit their health and well-being.	£18,075.80

Year	Funding Request	Offer Statement	Awarded Amount
2025	Cockburnspath Village Hall SCIO	To contribute towards the costs of employing a part-time chef for the community Café, enabling extended opening hours & consistent, varied food offering that will enhance community cohesion, reduce social isolation, and improve wellbeing.	£8,198.00
2025	Cockburnspath Allotment Association SCIO	To contribute to the cost of running the allotments and community gardens, including the Community Gardener, Green Waste Scheme, community activities, and insurance, promoting sustainability, food security, and community engagement.	£16,514.00
2025	Edinburgh Geological Society	To contribute to the cost of improving access to Siccar Point by enhancing a walking route, adding interpretation boards, signposts, benches, and promoting its significance to boost local engagement and tourism.	£36,276.50
TOTAL AWARDED			£194,206.30

The 'Spotlight' section below describes the impact of specific projects in more depth.

Spotlight: Cockburnspath Allotment Association

Following two awards totalling £34,500, the Cockburnspath Allotment Association has completed work on its first project and has started the second. The projects are supporting a community place that's more than just a growing space - it's a hub helping to grow community pride and a sense of place.



The Allotment Association was initially awarded £18,000, to install a second Polycrub polytunnel, as detailed in [this case study](#) in November 2024. The project has neared completion, and it's clear that it has created much more than just a growing space, it has become a warm, welcoming community hub that brings people together and helps the community flourish. **A second grant was awarded in late 2025 for just over £16,500** to support salary costs for a paid Community Gardener position, core running costs, and events.

Background and Project Overview

The Cockburnspath Allotment Association has transformed what began as a standard allotment into a vibrant, multi-purpose community hub. Understanding that modern community spaces work best when they serve multiple purposes, the second Polycrub Polytunnel expanded its welcoming environment where people naturally feel comfortable joining growing activities and connecting with neighbours. The enhanced environment naturally invites people to explore and consider participating, fostering a friendly space where everyone feels comfortable.

Growing Together, All Year Round

The latest polytunnel has enhanced the existing infrastructure, enabling year-round cultivation despite Scotland's variable weather, and widened access to indoor growing. It has increased growing capacity whilst also establishing dedicated educational spaces for local schools.

A Place for Everyone

A small seating area with tea and coffee-making facilities creates a relaxed social gathering space. Enhanced accessibility features include raised beds and widened pathways to accommodate wheelchairs and mobility aids, ensuring equitable access throughout the site. Members travel from Cockburnspath, Cove, Dunbar, and Oldhamstocks to participate. Notably, some gardeners maintain their own home gardens yet still tend allotment plots, valuing the social interaction and wellbeing benefits the allotment provides.



Multi-Purpose Community Facility

The polytunnel serves as a versatile venue for cultivation, community gatherings, educational workshops, and food preservation activities. During inclement weather, it provides sheltered space where members continue horticultural activities whilst enjoying informal social interaction, maintaining year-round community connections.

Wider Impact and Community Growth

The initial £18,000 Foresight Kinegar investment has created interconnected benefits that strengthen the entire community. The project's success demonstrates how thoughtful community investment creates thriving spaces that positively impact both the environment and wellbeing. The second award in late November 2025 has ensured continued growth and sustainability for the allotment and the community.

Further details will be available in the 2026/27 Kinegar annual report, following completion of the project.

Spotlight: Cockburnspath Community Cafe

Cockburnspath Village Hall received an award of £8,100 to contribute towards the costs of employing a part-time chef for the community Café, enabling extended opening hours & consistent, quality food offering that will enhance community cohesion and improve wellbeing.

The Cockburnspath Community Café is a community gathering space located in and operated by the Cockburnspath Village Hall group, it offers locals a place to meet, socialise, and enjoy freshly prepared food and drink. It opened in 2023 and quickly became an important part of village life.



The Café has been operating on an entirely volunteer basis since its inception, but growing pressure on volunteers led to a reduction in opening hours, from three hours to just one and a half. This limited menu variety and consistency, affecting customer confidence and attendance, and putting at risk the social benefits the Café provided, particularly for older residents most vulnerable to isolation and loneliness.

In 2025, Cockburnspath Village Hall applied for funding to employ a local chef or cook for six hours per week, to deliver a fresh weekly menu with volunteer support and restore the Café's role at the heart of the community.

The need for professional staffing was clearly evidenced through strong community demand for Café presence, documented social isolation issues, and the operational challenges of the volunteer-only model. Community consultation conducted during the Covid pandemic in 2020 produced the area's Community Action Plan that identified restarting the café as a high priority, with specific recommendations to employ staff to run it.

A February 2024 evaluation confirmed this need, finding an "overwhelming desire for the café to continue" with 91% of respondents stating it had successfully brought the community back together and reduced social isolation.

In response, a plan was developed to employ a chef who would plan menus, source ingredients locally (including from the nearby [Community-owned Shop](#), towards which Kinegar funding had previously contributed), prepare and serve food, and coordinate volunteers. This would allow the café to extend back to its full three-hour weekly operation. The project budget included hygiene training if needed, mileage allowance for grocery shopping, and payroll services. Volunteers would continue to provide baking and cover during the chef's short absences, and the pilot would be evaluated for future sustainability.

The project is anticipated to benefit approximately 80 to 100 community residents per month. Following a recruitment process in November 2025, the Village Hall Committee appointed a chef from the village who had originally volunteered with the café, a significant milestone for the community facility.

The project budget included additional training where needed, mileage allowance for grocery shopping and payroll services. It was agreed that volunteers would continue to provide baking and cover for the chef during short absences. This pilot will build on the café's previous volunteer-run model and be evaluated for future sustainability, with the aspiration that that the Café will become self-sustaining to allow this post to continue.

A committee member of the Village Hall reflected on the progress:

"Our Tuesday café is bedding in well as it starts its new phase with the support of Foresight Kinegar. It took us a little longer than we expected to find a service provider as we moved away from the volunteer-only model. We're at the initial review stage and gathering feedback on the transition, but in short – so far so good!"

Spotlight: Edinburgh Geological Society, Sicca Point

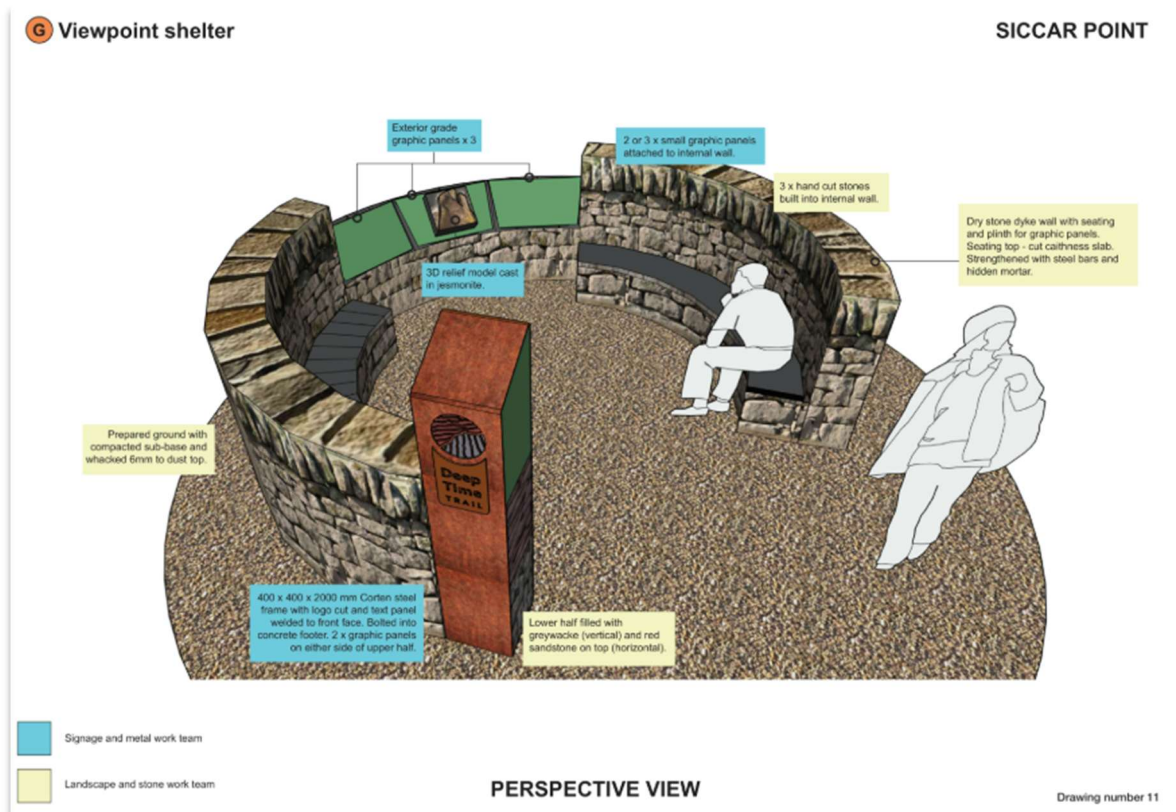
£36,200 was awarded to the Edinburgh Geological Society (Siccar Point) to contribute towards the costs of improving access to the geologically significant local landmark known as Siccar Point. Planned activities include enhancing a walking route, adding interpretation boards, signposts, and benches, and promoting the significance of the 'Deep Time Trail' to boost local engagement and tourism, and celebrate a world-renowned geologically significant destination.

The Deep Time Trail project aimed to raise circa £145k to enhance the access and interpretation signage of Siccar Point, one of the most significant geological locations in the history of science. It was at this location that James Hutton predicted and discovered an important geological junction in 1788, verifying his 'Theory of the Earth and Deep Time'. In essence, he discovered that the earth was not 10,000s of years old as originally suspected at that time, but was in fact millions of years old.

This groundbreaking discovery fundamentally changed scientists' understanding of geological processes and the immense timescales over which the Earth has evolved. The unconformity at Siccar Point - where near-vertical layers of grey slate (around 435 million years old) meet the overlying horizontal layers of red sandstone (around 345 million years old) - provided physical evidence that vast periods of time had elapsed between the formation of different rock layers.



The Deep Time Trail aims to make this historic site more accessible to visitors while preserving its natural character, allowing people to experience firsthand the location where modern geology was born and to appreciate the concept of "deep time" that continues to shape our understanding of Earth's history today.



The project aims to improve the existing 1.3-kilometre walking route from the nearest road with new interpretation boards and contemplative viewing points, a new stone shelter structure at the viewpoint above the rocks, signposts, gates and benches. The on-site interpretation will link to online resources providing further information about James Hutton and the significance of Siccar Point.

The project is timed to celebrate the tercentenary of James Hutton's birth on 3 June 2026, with a formal launch scheduled for 29 May 2026. The project is expected to benefit an estimated 2,000–5,000 visitors per year, including local residents, walkers diverting from the Southern Upland Way and Berwickshire Coastal Path, and international visitors who recognise James Hutton's contributions and wish to experience this site of global geological importance. Indirectly, the project will increase tourism and visitor numbers to the local area, which is anticipated to support local accommodation providers and services in the surrounding area.

Local residents will gain an accessible, safe and engaging place of which to be proud, which they can use for recreation, exercise and welcoming visitors. The project will result in improved infrastructure, including benches, clear signposting and bilingual interpretation, making the site welcoming for all ages and abilities. Community engagement through the celebration weekend, time capsule contributions and ongoing involvement with Cockburnspath Primary School will foster local ownership and pride in this internationally significant heritage asset.

Spotlight: Cockburnspath Playground Association

The Cockburnspath Playground Association officially completed its brand-new community playground in the summer of 2025, marking the successful completion of a grassroots fundraising effort that began in 2021. Further details about the project [can be found here](#).



The £115,000 project transformed a deteriorating play park into a vibrant community hub designed by local young people through extensive community consultations and alignment with the local Community Action Plan.



The Cockburnspath Playground Association secured strong partnerships with Scottish Borders Council and funding from multiple sources, including £25,000 secured from the Foresight Kinegar Fund.

The new playground serves as an important social hub in an area where access to organised activities can be limited, expected to serve approximately 100 local children while boosting footfall to the community-owned shop. The facility is now open and stands as a strong example of successful community-led development.

Conclusions

The Kinegar Community Fund continues to play a pivotal role in driving forward community development plans in Cockburnspath & Cove and preparing for future community impact in Oldhamstocks.

In Co'path & Cove, the effects of the previously Kinegar-funded Community Action Plan are now becoming increasingly visible, such as through the new Kinegar grant award for playpark refurbishment, investment in the Siccar Point pathway and visitor project, and re-energisation of the Community Café in the Village Hall.

The integration of Kinegar funding alongside other local wind farm community benefit funds has further complemented this work. and the new pooled Fund arrangement is enabling a range and scale of community-prioritised projects and groups to benefit from funding, which is easier to access, and benefits from appropriate due diligence, advice and support from Foundation Scotland. This is especially evident for the Cockburnspath Allotment Association Group, as a repeat applicant to the Kinegar Fund.

In 2026/27, the Fund will continue its promotional activities and see the completion of the Siccar Point project and roll-out of the new Community Café operating model. Foundation Scotland will maintain ongoing engagement with local groups by providing proactive, hands-on support throughout their funding application and grant management processes.

Contact and information

For further information about the Fund you can visit the [Cockburnspath & Cove Community Fund | Foundation Scotland](#)

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