

Community Funding Bulletin 2025



Tannach and District Wind Farm Trust

In partnership with the Tannach and District Community Council, Foundation Scotland administers three local community benefit funds from local wind farms through the Tannach and District Wind Farm Trust. The wind farms are Gresham House's Wathegar 1&2 and RWE's Bilbster.

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.

2025 Fund activity

During 2025 the total spend was £57,421...



including 8 awards to community groups totalling £44,692



... and 9 awards to people doing other training courses or further education totalling £12,728.

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/TannachTrust>

Application Deadlines:

- ❖ 28th February
- ❖ 30th June &
- ❖ 31st October



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

The 8 awards made in 2025 went to....

6 Tannach District based projects, awarded £24,304:

- ❖ **Bilbster and Thuster Hall SCIO** three awards
 - £1,000 To establish a pilot junior group to hold monthly meets in their local hall.
 - £251 To install a 5G wireless hub for all hall users.
 - £1,040 To organise a series of traditional annual events for the community such as a Halloween Party, Christmas Party and Easter celebrations.
- ❖ **Thrumster Community Development Association** – £3,300 To organise a series of traditional annual events such as Christmas events and summer walks.
- ❖ **Stirkoke Rifle Club** – £6,300 To purchase the Meyton System, an electronic scoring system.
- ❖ **Caithness Community Connections** – £12,412 Towards activities for under 5s, youth, teens, and older adults.



2 projects based elsewhere were awarded £20,389:

- ❖ **Wick High School Parent Council** – £15,000 To fund the Wick High School senior pupils University trip in 2025, 2026 and 2027.
- ❖ **Wick Society** – £5,389 To purchase new computing equipment for photo restoration and exhibition improvement.



Tannach and District Education and Training Awards

Anyone aged over 16 who lives within the Tannach and District area who wants to improve their employment opportunities can apply. 9 Tannach and District residents received an award in 2025:

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| ❖ £1,500 – Wella Colour Expert hairdressing | ❖ £750 – MSc Global Environment, Politics and Society |
| ❖ £750 – Visual Testing (VT) PCN Level 2 | ❖ £1,200 – Pesticide handling spraying |
| ❖ £1,278 – MOT tester qualification | ❖ £750 – CSWIP 3.1 Welding Inspection |
| ❖ £4000 – BEng Chemical Engineering | ❖ £1,000 – Acrylic nails training |
| ❖ £1,500 – various Nail technician courses | |

It is also possible for people to apply to this fund for a £500 top up towards the cost of driving lessons once the initial £500 from the Lybster & Tannach Fund has been spent. So far, nobody has requested this, but we look forward to making awards for this purpose.