

Vattenfall Clashindarroch Wind Farm Community Fund

**Year 11 Fund Report
1st June 2025 - 31st May 2026**

Introduction

This report for the Vattenfall Clashindarroch Wind Farm Community Fund, covers the period from 1st June 2025 to 31st May 2026, which is the eleventh year of the Fund.

The fund has continued to successfully create community benefit, distributing a total of £383,849.15 this year. Distribution is explored fully in the report below.

Significant time was invested in this fund year in revising the fund's governance documents, including the Terms of Reference for the panel, the Panel Member Agreement (formerly the Code of Conduct), the Memoranda of Understanding with Community Councils, the Cabrach Trust and the Cabrach Community Association, along with the Fund Framework (strategy) which sets out how the fund will be distributed, implementing the final outstanding actions from the Fund Review that was completed in 2024.

Background of the Fund

The Clashindarroch Wind Farm Community Fund is provided by Vattenfall AB, the owner of the Clashindarroch Wind Farm in Aberdeenshire. The Clashindarroch Wind Farm Community Fund serves four distinct community areas in Aberdeenshire and Moray. The fund supports charitable projects benefiting those living in the areas served by the community councils of Huntly, Strathbogie, and Tap o'Noth, and the area served by Cabrach Community Association.

The four areas cover a largely rural part of north-east Scotland, characterised by small villages, dispersed populations, and limited access to services — factors that shape the types of projects the fund supports. Together, Huntly, Strathbogie, Tap o' Noth, and the Cabrach span a significant geographic area, with Huntly serving as the main town and commercial centre with a population of c4,400, while the other three areas are more remote and rural in character, with a population within the area of benefit of approximately 16,000 in total.

Grants can support a range of costs, including equipment, running local groups, consultations, staff salaries that are directly related to project delivery, and maintenance and/or refurbishment of community facilities.

Each year for the twenty-five-year life of the Fund, Vattenfall provides a donation based on a calculation of £5,000 per MW that increases in relation to the Retail Price Index each year. For the year 2025 to 2026, the donation for distribution to the Fund from Vattenfall was £288,008.11, which is an increase of 55.7% on the original donation of £185,000.00 in 2015.

Fund Distribution

In the last year, the Fund has had three rounds of open grant-making, and decisions are made by a panel of 12 individuals who live, work or volunteer in the area of benefit. In addition to the three rounds of open grant-making to organisations, the Fund also supported a microgrants programme, grants for local primary schools to undertake swimming lessons and grants to support volunteer development.

In 2025 to 2026 the Fund received 36 applications, of which 4 were rejected, and 32 were awarded a grant. This is a success rate of 89% for applications. A total of £364,815.54 was awarded. This sum awarded utilised funds carried forward from the previous year.

31 projects were supported. Of the 24 grant recipients, 23 were third sector organisations/groups delivering projects which involved over 500 volunteers. One person received a volunteer development bursary award.

These volunteer development awards of up to £500 are available to individuals and aim to increase the pool of volunteers in the local community who have the training and skills needed to help increase participation in the four communities in grassroots sports and physical activity, cultural activity and the arts, or other recreational activity and are promoted via the Fund webpage.

In relation to jobs supported, while the organisations supported by the Fund do employ individuals to assist them in delivering their services, the Fund does not usually fund core salary costs. It instead funds project delivery staff on a case-by-case basis.

There is no data to confirm the number of jobs that have been supported by the Fund, but the approximate total number of staff employed by the organisations funded is 107, a mix of both full and part-time.

During the reporting period, eight projects have secured £210,252.71 in match funding for their programme from a range of sources, including other grant-making bodies and through income generation.

Benefits and Impact

Measuring Impact - Local Priorities

Local communities were widely consulted in terms of what they wanted the priorities for funding to be. These priorities were first agreed upon during the Fund's setup in 2015 and reconfirmed through consultation during the Fund Review in 2024 to assess their continued relevance.

The original five priorities for funding are:

- Improve community services and facilities;
- Increase participation in and access to contemporary culture, events and recreational activity;
- Preserve and enhance the natural environment for residents and visitors;
- Promote rural regeneration (including sustainable transport & active travel, employment, housing, tourism and business development);
- Celebrate the area's cultural, historic and archaeological heritage;

During the Fund Review consultation process with the panel, applicant organisations were given the opportunity to say if there was anything further that people felt the Fund should contribute to or address. Two clear themes were mentioned multiple times by a range of stakeholders: addressing opportunities for young people and tackling inequality and poverty.

Following the refresh of the Fund Framework in early 2026, two more priorities have been added to the Fund Framework from the 1st June 2026, and they are:

- Support and empower young people to access opportunities, build skills and fulfil their potential
- Support initiatives that build long-term resilience and improve the lives and well-being of people experiencing disadvantage.

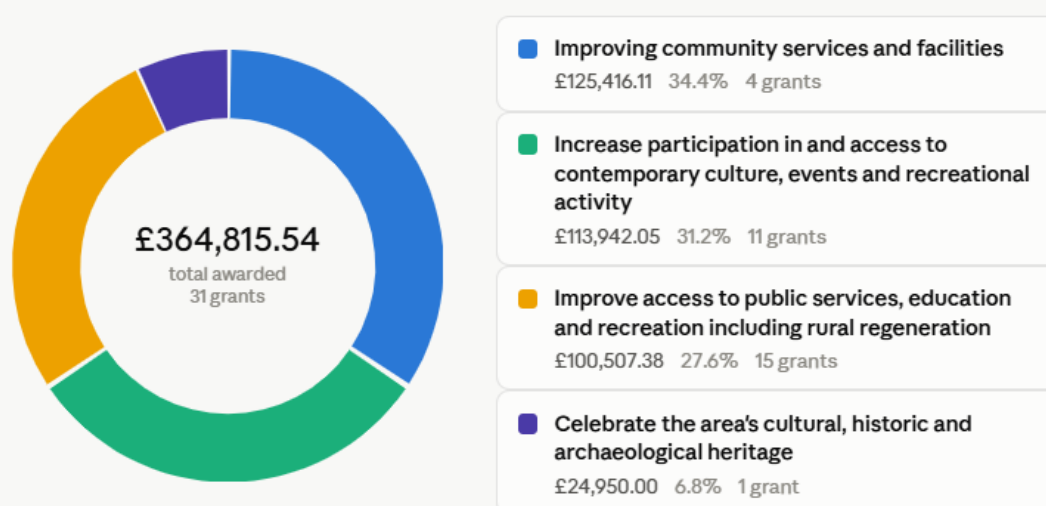
Each funding request is allocated to the local priority that is relevant to the project activity; for example, a hall refurbishment project would be allocated to the improving community services and facilities. The local priorities are designed to enable applicants to consider how the projects they apply for meet the criteria of the Fund.

Analysis of local priorities funded is then used to contribute to understanding the impact that the Fund has locally. This document reports on the allocation of awards to each priority and difference that it makes.

The availability of a local fund such as this enables grassroots organisations to secure funding to help them address the needs of the communities they serve through project delivery.

For example, Gordon Rural Action (GRA) has utilised funding from both the Clashindarroch Fund and the Vattenfall Unlock Our Future Fund to improve the facility they run in Huntly which supports individuals and families through the delivery of a Baby Bank, Uniform Exchange, charity shop, Bikery and through its advice and other support services.

For the year 1st June 2025 to the 31st of May 2026, the distribution of awards under the local priorities can be seen in Figure 1 below:



Improving Community services & facilities take the largest share at 34.4% (£125,416) across just 4 grants, two of which were larger individual awards to the Cabrach Trust (£89,208.59) and Gordon Rural Action (£25,407.30), with the other two being Glass Community Association (£7,800.22) and CFINE (£3,000.00).

Increase participation in and access to contemporary culture, events and recreational activity is close behind at 31.2% (£113,942) across 11 grants that include four micro-grant awards to the three Community Councils and the Cabrach Community Association (total £21,379.45), Books Abroad at £27,000.00, Castle Street Coffee (£14,999.00), Huntly Development Trust (£29,601.60), Huntly FC Women (£15,000.00), Snowsport Scotland (£2,104.00), Glass Community Association (£3,548.00) and the first Volunteer Bursary award of £310.00.

Promote rural regeneration (including sustainable transport & active travel, employment, housing, tourism and business development, education, public services & rural regeneration) accounts for 27.6% (£100,507) and had the most grants at 15. Eleven of those were grants to support swimming lessons and transport totalling £8,956.40. The other four grants were to Rhynie Primary Parent Teacher Council (£39,421.16), Gordon Primary School PTA (£23,579.06), Glass Primary Parent Council (£18,686.76) and Huntly Rugby Football Club (£9,864.00).

The priority to Celebrate the area's cultural, historic and archaeological heritage is the smallest slice at 6.8% (£24,950), representing just one grant (Huntly Community Council).

The spread of awards across the local priorities was relatively even for three of the four priorities awarded, with the cultural heritage strand receiving the lowest amount of funding among those that received an award. This year, there were no projects contributing to the theme of enhancing and protecting the natural environment, although this theme has been funded in the past.

This distribution reflects the Fund's responsive approach to providing grants: it does not budget resources proportionally to geographic areas or to priorities. This allows the Fund to provide resources as requested by projects within the area of benefit, meeting demand openly and inclusively. It also prevents a thematic or geographic "pot of money" from building up an unused surplus.

Between 2024 and 2025, the application to award conversion rate was 60%. In this year's reporting period, the applicant success rate rose to 89%. More details about all awards can be found in Appendix 1.

The following case studies illustrate the positive impact that funding from the Vattenfall Clashindarroch Wind Farm Community Fund had on the wider community between the 1st June 2025 and the 31st May 2026.

Case Studies

Below are three case studies that illustrate the difference made by the awards from the Vattenfall Clashindarroch Wind Farm Community Fund.

Castle Street Coffee CIC

Wind Farm Name: Vattenfall Clashindarroch Wind Farm

Amount Awarded: £14,999 (October 2025)

Overall project amount: £174,796.00

Castle Street Coffee CIC is a Community Interest Company registered in 2024, operating a community café and youth hub in Huntly, Aberdeenshire. The organisation aims to provide mental health support, skills development, and employment opportunities for young people, while serving as a community anchor addressing social isolation in the local area.

The £14,999 award contributed to the purchase of a commercial kitchen and coffee equipment, enabling the setup of a takeaway hatch within the organisation's Youth Shed space. The funding forms part of a wider £169,400 project to transform a former café into a social enterprise and community facility. The takeaway hatch launched in April 2026 and generated £7,266 in gross sales across 13 trading days, with 943 customer transactions recorded. A total of 962 individuals benefited during the first month of operation.

Seven young volunteers gained practical experience in hospitality, customer service, and teamwork through involvement in the hatch. Twelve students from The King's Trust programme at The Gordon Schools attended weekly sessions, contributing to operational tasks and shaping plans for future youth activities. The Youth Shed was used by Barnardo's for three supported family contact sessions, and senior pupils from the Gordon Schools used the space to study for exams. One-to-one coaching sessions were also delivered on-site.

Challenges during the initial trading period included managing unexpectedly high demand and refining operational systems. These experiences have informed the organisation's planning as it progresses towards opening a full café, for which the kitchen equipment funded by this award will also be used.

"The grant and support have been transformational for Castle Street Coffee CIC. The funding allowed us to purchase the kitchen equipment needed to launch our takeaway coffee hatch and begin creating a sustainable social enterprise that directly supports young people within our community."

Gordon Primary School PTA

Wind Farm Name: Vattenfall Clashindarroch Wind Farm

Amount Awarded: £23,579.06 (October 2025)

Overall project amount: £32,079.06

Previous awards total: £13,624.69

Gordon Primary School PTA is a constituted not-for-profit group that has operated for over 40 years in Huntly, Aberdeenshire. Its purpose is to promote partnership between the school, parents, pupils and the wider community, and to fundraise for additional resources to support pupil learning and development. The school has 366 pupils aged 4 to 11.

The award of £23,579.06 contributed to the purchase and installation of seven pieces of outdoor agility and sensory equipment in the P5–7 playground at Gordon Primary School. Items included monkey bars, parallel bars, swinging bars, a twister, zig-zag stepper, combo 8, and two sensory panels, along with groundworks and wet pour surfacing.

The total project cost was £32,079.06, with the PTA raising £8,500 from other sources. The project was completed on time and within budget.

All 366 pupils have benefited directly from the new equipment. The playground is accessible 365 days a year, meaning children and the wider community can use the space outside school hours. The PTA noted that many children in Huntly have limited access to day trips or holidays, making local recreational provision particularly important.

Since opening, the equipment has seen consistent use during and after school, supporting physical activity, problem-solving, and social interaction. The project has also fostered a sense of pride among pupils and the wider school community.

“The project has made a huge difference from the moment it was opened — the kids are constantly active, drawn to use it in and outwith school hours, whether through physical exercise or using their knowledge and brains with the games.”

Snowsport Scotland

Wind Farm Name: Vattenfall Clashindarroch Wind Farm

Amount Awarded: £2,104.00 (October 2025)

Overall project amount: £2,104.00

Snowsport Scotland is the national governing body for Snowsports in Scotland, established in 1985. Its purpose is to improve access and participation in all forms of snowsport through coaching, club support, competitive opportunities, and promoting a safe and inclusive environment. This project was delivered in partnership with Rhynie Primary School, Huntly Nordic and Outdoor Centre (HNOC), Aberdeenshire Council, and Active Schools.

The £2,104 award funded a pilot project, Pavement to Piste, providing roller-ski and cross-country skiing sessions for P4–7 pupils at Rhynie Primary School. Funding covered coaching, transport, and equipment use. Sessions were delivered both at the school playground and at HNOC, Britain's only purpose-built all-weather facility for cross-country and roller skiing. The pilot aimed to introduce pupils to Snowsports, remove barriers to participation, and create a pathway into ongoing activity at the local centre.

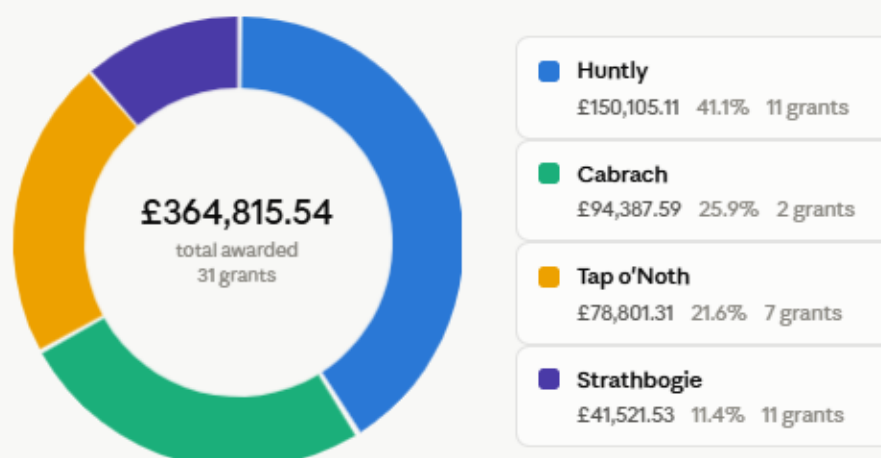
Twenty-six pupils took part, including seven with additional support needs. The programme was well received, with 96% of pupils reporting they enjoyed it and an average rating of 9 out of 10. Snow conditions also allowed pupils to ski on real snow, which became a highlight of the programme.

Seven pupils went on to attend subsidised after-school sessions at HNOC following the pilot. Teachers reported wider benefits, including improved confidence and greater willingness to engage in new activities, including among pupils who do not typically participate in competitive sport.

The pilot has established a replicable delivery model linking schools with HNOC, and Snowsport Scotland intends to expand the programme across the wider Huntly Cluster of primary schools.

"It was really fun, especially skiing on the snow. I didn't think I could do it at first, but I got better and want to try it again." — **Rhynie Primary School pupil**

Local Areas Supported



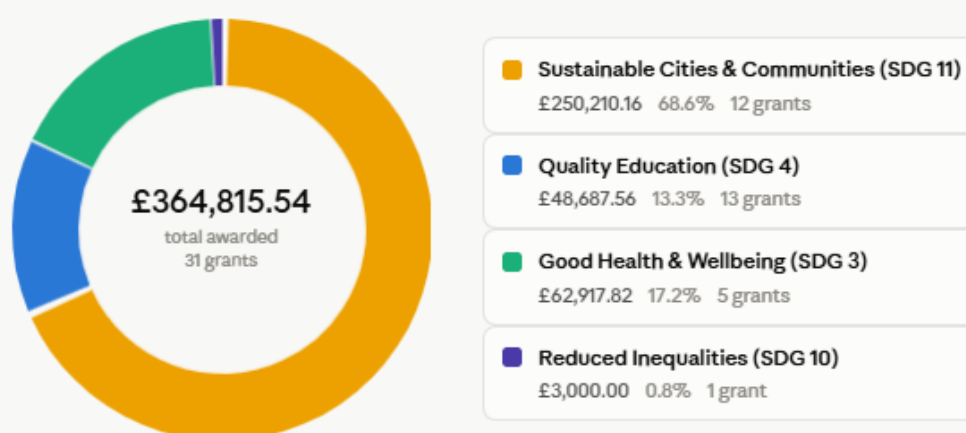
Huntly received the largest share at 41.1% (£150,105.11) across 11 grants — the highest number of grants of any area, including several larger awards such as Huntly Development Trust for building work at Greenmyres Farm, Gordon Rural Action for building upgrades, and Castle Street Coffee for equipment to establish the coffee kiosk. This is not surprising considering that Huntly has the highest concentration of population of 4,400 people in the area. In addition, the Development Trust and Gordon Rural Action work beyond the confines of the town of Huntly and will provide support to other parts of the area of benefit through the outreach work of Gordon Rural Action and activities at Greenmyres (Huntly Development Trust's facility) being provided for schools from across the area, for example.

The **Cabrach** received 25.9% (£94,387.59) across just 2 grants but these included the single largest award of the year to The Cabrach Trust at £89,208.59 for building upgrades to the Acorn Centre, making the average award size by far the highest of any area, although the community of the Cabrach is small less than 100 people the need for resources is significant due to the fragile nature of the community and the depopulation it has experienced over time.

Tap o'Noth received 21.6% (£78,801.31) across 7 grants, anchored by the Rhynie Primary Parent Teacher Council award (£39,421.16) for outdoor learning facilities and Books Abroad (£27,000.00) towards the costs of installing solar panels and building improvements for their facility in Rhynie to increase accessibility and volunteering opportunities locally. And **Strathbogie** received 11.4% (£41,521.53) across 11 grants — the same number as Huntly but with a much lower total, reflecting a higher proportion of smaller swimming lesson and transport grants alongside the Glass Community Association awards for mains water to the hall and to support the delivery of community theatre performances.

Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)

The UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) are a set of 17 global goals adopted by United Nations member states in 2015 as part of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. They cover a range of interconnected issues including poverty, inequality, climate change, environmental protection, health, and education, each with specific targets and indicators to measure progress. For community benefit funds, mapping grants to the SDGs helps demonstrate how local funding contributes to internationally recognised development priorities and provides a consistent framework for reporting impact.



Sustainable Cities & Communities (SDG 11) is the largest amount allocated at 68.6% of total funding (£250,210.16) across 12 grants — this includes the larger capital and infrastructure awards such as The Cabrach Trust, Huntly Development Trust, Gordon Rural Action, and the community playground projects.

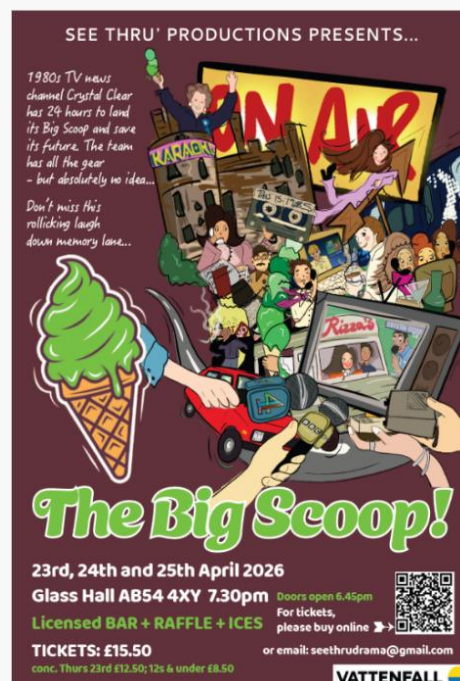
Good Health & Wellbeing (SDG 3) is next at 17.2% (£62,917.82) across just 5 grants to Gordon Primary School, Snowsport Scotland, Huntly FC Women, Glass Primary Parent Council and Glass Community Association.

Quality Education (SDG 4) accounts for 13.3% (£48,687.56) and had the most grants at 13, reflecting the large number of smaller swimming lessons and transport awards alongside the Rhynie PTC outdoor learning grant.

Reduced Inequalities (SDG 10) is the smallest slice at 0.8% (£3,000.00) for a single grant to Community Food Initiatives North East.

Community Engagement

During 2025 to 2026, there have been visits by Panel members and Foundation Scotland to funded projects at Rhynie Primary School, Gordon Primary School and Gordon Rural Action, to understand the impact of the awards made. These are active projects that will be reviewed as a case study in the next year once they are completed. Grantees shared the story of their projects and the difference that the funding made. Panel members were also invited to attend a performance of Glass Community Association's production of The Big Scoop in April. In addition, Foundation Scotland attended a TSI Moray Meet the Funder event in Elgin, which is attended by people from across the region, including North Aberdeenshire, to promote the Fund and encourage people to apply.



Governance

In early 2026, Foundation Scotland worked with the Panel to update the existing Fund governance documents to utilise the learning of fifteen years of community benefit fund distribution practice and ensure that going forward the documents are fit for purpose, support the Panel and provide clear processes that are used to deliver the Fund. The following documentation has been reviewed and updated:

- Role Profiles for the Chair and Panel members
- The Fund Framework
- The Panel Member Agreement (previously called the Code of Conduct)
- The Memorandum of Understanding
- Terms of Reference

Throughout the year, there were three decision-making meetings and two meetings to review the governance documents.

The Panel

The panel comprises up to 12 members, each serving an expected term of up to six years. Panel Members during year 11 were:

- Cabrach: Sam Dowdall (Cabrach Trust), Julian Newman (Cabrach Community Association), with a vacancy for a local resident
- Huntly: Derek Dean, Tony Gill (Huntly Community Council), Hazel McIntosh (Huntly Community Council)
- Strathbogie: Vacancy for a Community Council representative, George Wordie (Strathbogie Community Council), Calum Hislop
- Tap o' Noth: Janice Smith (Tap o' Noth Community Council), James Grant (Tap o' Noth Community Council), Vinay Ruparelia.

Since the Fund began in 2015, it has had the benefit of committed volunteers who have a great deal of knowledge and understanding of the communities they serve, who are willing to sit on the Panel. Those Panel members have given long service, and that is greatly appreciated as it has made a difference to the smooth operation of the Fund.

Following on from the Fund governance review earlier this year and given that there are two long-standing vacancies on the Panel, there is a need to recruit new Panel members who will bring more diverse input and fresh perspectives to help keep the Fund strong. Over the next 12 months, Foundation Scotland will be working with communities to support new Panel member engagement.

Finance

Fund Statement Summary Year 11 – 01 June 2025 to 31 May 2026

Opening Balance (cash held, including grants awarded but not yet paid)	£176,372.80
Total Donations received	£288,008.11
Grants Paid	£383,849.15
Grants Pending	£14,899.15
Total Grants Cancelled	£3,118.38
Total Grants Returned	£201.00
Interest Payments Received	£3,141.66
Fund expenses (including room hire and the 10th anniversary promotion paid out in the last year)	£9,748.50
Available Closing Balance (uncommitted funds)	£62,345.15

It is important to note that the grants paid figure reflects grants that have been awarded in previous years but released for payment in the period from June 1st 2025, to May 31st 2026.

Publicity and Acknowledgement

During year 11, the [Clashindarroch Fund webpage](#) had a total of 1,293 visits, of which 623 were unique individual visitors (average of 2.11 views per user). This is an increase of 92.6% on last year.

Press and Online Coverage:

- [Huntly parents spearhead another major upgrade to Gordon Primary School playground](#)
- [Over £190,000 awarded to community projects across Aberdeenshire and Moray | Foundation Scotland](#)
- [Moray and Aberdeenshire groups and charities benefit from fund boost](#)
- [Rhynie's 'Garden Gang' earn a huge funding boost](#)
- [Local projects share over £96,000 funding boost from Clashindarroch Wind Farm Fund | Foundation Scotland](#)

As part of the terms and conditions of an award, grantees are required to promote the grant through networks. In addition, all grantees were asked to promote their awards using a poster provided to illustrate that the project was funded by Vattenfall and the Clashindarroch Wind Farm Community Fund.

Below is a sample of the promotion of awards by the recipients:

Gordon Primary School PTA is with Asda and 3 others.
Published by Emma Cadger · 26 March ·

Today at Gordon primary School saw the opening of our new playground in the primary 5/7 area. We are delighted with how amazing it looks and the children have been having lots of fun testing out the new equipment after school today. It's been wonderful to see them enjoying it so much already, our focus is always to enrich the school experience for our children.

A huge thank you to the whole school community and the people of Huntly who have supported the PTA with our fundraising efforts. We couldn't have done this without your continual support. We appreciate all the donations to our events, volunteers who have helped and those who have supported our fundraising events.

A huge thank you to Vattenfall Clashindarroch Windfarm, Dummies Community Fund, many local businesses and our PTA. Without the support this wouldn't have been possible.

please note this area is covered closely by CCTV monitoring.



The Rannes Hall
Janice Smith · July 17, 2025 ·

So we had a trial run operating the new diesel mobile generator at the Rannes Hall this morning. Everything worked absolutely fine! Should we get any power outages this coming Winter (or before) then there'll be a cosy warm space for the community at the hall where we can offer heat, hot drinks, and phone charging etc. Thanks go to Brian Shand for sorting out the electrics and The Glens Trust, Clashindarroch Fund, Marr Area Partnership and Tap O Noth Community Council Micro... [See more](#)



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Active Schools: Swimming and Skiing

Our P4 - 7's have started their block of skiing, which is being provided by SnowSport Scotland. Pupils are learning how to cross-country ski and roller ski, which has been great fun! These opportunities will continue over the next few weeks.

Our P5-7's have also been enjoying a block of Athletics from our Active Schools team, where they have been developing agility, stamina and running skills.

Our P1 - P3's will be starting a block of swimming after the February mid-term which is a great opportunity to develop strength, coordination and confidence in the water. This is funded by the Vattenfall Wind Farm Trust - we greatly appreciate this funding as it allows enriched experiences for our pupils.



Feedback and Next Steps

This year has had a clear focus on governance, as new Panel members have undertaken the Panel induction process, and the Panel has reviewed the Fund governance documentation ready for use in 2026. In addition, fund distribution mechanisms have been refined. Following on from the findings of the fund review in 2024, the application process for small awards under £5,000.00 has been simplified, and the Fund priorities have been updated to include young people and tackling inequality. These changes have been made, and the updated information is in place on the Fund webpage.

Challenges and Opportunities

Demand on the fund is increasing as the funding landscape gets tighter and groups are needing more. Each round has been oversubscribed regarding the amount available:

- June 2025: amount requested £187,451.40; amount awarded £47,931.38. Rejected applications had too wide a reach outside the area of benefit or were requesting funding for core staffing costs
- October 2025: amount requested £230,926.86; amount awarded £96,089.36. The rejected applications were outside of the area of benefit for the operation of the project or were duplicating existing provision
- March 2026: amount requested £179,172.19; amount awarded £190,858.95.¹

This is a total amount requested of £597,590.45 against an available balance of £449,481.76, which includes the amounts allocated to micro-grants, swimming lessons and volunteer bursaries.

¹ The March 2026 figure shows a slightly higher amount awarded than requested, as following the Panel meeting, The Cabrach Trust submitted a variation request to increase their award to reflect a small increase in project costs, which was approved.

Looking Ahead

The next Fund Review for the Fund is due in 2027, and further work to understand the legacy of the Fund will be carried out during this time with the Panel, applicants and the wider public.

This year, a great deal of time has been taken by the Panel and Foundation Scotland to review and refresh the governance documentation of the Fund. Over the next 12 months, time will be taken by the Panel and Foundation Scotland to implement the changes agreed and ensure that the Fund governance is robust enough to meet the needs of the programme.

This will include the recruitment of new Panel members with the support and engagement of the existing Panel members to take advantage of their skills and their knowledge of the area as individuals come to the end of their terms.

Plans for distribution in 2026 to 2027 include continuing with the microgrants programme and swimming lesson grants, promoting further the volunteer bursary awards and implementing small awards for local resilience hubs, with a significant piece of work being the development and implementation of a Young Person's grant programme for local organisations that work with and for young people in line with the new Fund priority of supporting and empowering young people to access opportunities, build skills and fulfil their potential.

Appendix 1: Awards Summary June 2025 – May 2026

Funding Request	Awarded Amount	Project Purpose
Cabrach Community Association	£5,179.00	To provide a micro-grant scheme for the local community.
Rhynie Primary Parent Teacher Council	£39,421.16	To contribute to the cost of outdoor learning resources and equipment, enhancing educational and environmental experiences for children and the community.
Glass Community Association	£7,800.22	To contribute to the cost of connecting to the mains water supply and installing a fire safety water tank, ensuring a reliable water source for Glass Hall.
Drumblade Parent Council	£400.00	To contribute to the cost of swimming lessons for P4, P5, and P7 classes, enhancing life-saving skills and promoting independence.
Resident	£310.00	To provide funding for the applicant to complete a NSPCC course in regard to safeguarding children.
Forgue Primary School	£780.00	To support travel costs for swimming lessons for the academic year 2024/25.
Cairney Primary School	£570.00	To support travel costs for swimming lessons for the academic year 2024/25.
Drumblade Primary School	£720.00	To support travel costs for swimming lessons for the academic year 2024/25.
Cairney Primary School	£660.00	To support travel costs for swimming lessons for the academic year 2025/26.
Community Food Initiatives North East Ltd	£3,000.00	To contribute to the cost of energy-saving cooking appliances and cooking starter packs, aimed at improving cooking skills, improving diets and reducing energy costs for families facing food poverty in Rhynie.
Books Abroad	£27,000.00	To contribute towards the costs of installing solar panels, an air-source heat pump and accessible toilet facilities, improving sustainability, accessibility and inclusivity whilst supporting anticipated increases in volunteering.

Funding Request	Awarded Amount	Project Purpose
Gordon Primary School PTA	£23,579.06	To contribute to the cost of purchasing and installing outdoor agility equipment, including timber structures and sensory panels, to enhance physical activity, wellbeing, and community engagement in the school's playground area.
Snowsport Scotland	£2,104.00	To fund a pilot project to provide roller-ski and cross country skiing training sessions for upper primary children at Rhynie Primary to boost skills, participation and outdoor activity.
Castle Street Coffee CiC	£14,999.00	To contribute to the cost of renovations, fit out and youth programmes at Castle Street Coffee, enhancing community engagement and support in Huntly.
Gordon Rural Action	£25,407.30	To contribute to the cost of rewiring, redecorating, repairing walls, replacing flooring, and improving accessibility at the front of the building to create a more welcoming and functional environment for clients, staff, and volunteers.
Kennethmont School Partnership	£978.00	To support travel costs for swimming lessons for the academic year 2025/26.
Rhynie Primary School	£898.00	To support travel costs for swimming lessons for the academic year 2025/26.
Gordon Primary School PTA	£594.00	To support travel costs for swimming lessons for the academic year 2025/26.
Forgue Primary School	£1,206.00	To support travel costs for swimming lessons for the academic year 2025/26.
Strathbogie Community Council	£5,400.15	To provide a micro-grant scheme for the local community.
Tap O Noth Community Council	£5,400.15	To provide a charitable micro-grant scheme for the local community.
Huntly Community Council	£24,950.00	To contribute to the cost of refurbishing and reinstating seven heritage lamp posts in Huntly Square to enhance the town's appearance, support tourism, and boost local pride and economic prospects.

Funding Request	Awarded Amount	Project Purpose
Huntly FC Women	£15,000.00	To contribute towards the costs of match and training kit, training equipment, and indoor facility hire required to provide a U16/18 Development Squad, enabling 40 to 60 girls and young women from the area to access a structured, coached football pathway.
Glass Community Association	£3,548.00	To contribute towards the costs of the production costs for the See Thru 2026 amateur dramatics performance at Glass Hall, enabling the local and wider rural community to access a high-quality live arts experience.
Glass Primary Parent Council	£18,686.76	To contribute to the cost of purchasing and installing inclusive play equipment, creating a safe and accessible playground that promotes physical activity, social inclusion, and community connections in a rural area.
Huntly Rugby Football Club	£9,864.00	To contribute towards the costs of a site valuation, business plan, community consultation and legal fees associated with the Community Asset Transfer of Market Muir, Huntly, to understand the viability of securing this community asset.
The Cabrach Trust	£89,208.59	To contribute to the cost of upgrading facilities at the Acorn Community Centre to ensure safe, accessible and sustainable provision.
Huntly Development Trust Limited	£29,601.60	To contribute towards the costs of completing the changing rooms block at Greenmyres including construction of a drying room, installation of showers and hand dryers, and external works, enabling the provision of improved facilities for young people.
Huntly Community Council	£5,400.15	To provide a micro-grant scheme for the local community.
Glass Primary Parent Council	£1,202.40	To support travel costs for swimming lessons for the academic year 2025/26.
Drumblade Primary School	£948.00	To support travel costs for swimming lessons for the academic year 2025/26.
Total Awarded	£364,815.54	

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