

Batsworthy Cross Wind Farm Community Fund

Overall purpose of fund:

To support community groups and organisations in the area around the Batsworthy Cross Wind Farm to support the rural regeneration and sustainability of communities within the area of benefit. Groups must have a constitution (a governing document or set of rules) and be set up on a not for profit basis. It does not need to be a registered charity to apply.

The fund supports projects that;

- Improve digital and mobile connectivity in the local area.
- Provide, maintain or improve community buildings.
- Provide community and public transport improvements.
- Increase access to activities or services for the community within the area of benefit.
- Encourage skills, employment and improve rural business opportunities and social enterprise.
- Community owed energy projects.
- Offer sport, recreation and improved health and wellbeing.

All projects that receive funding will support people in the community, examples of projects include;

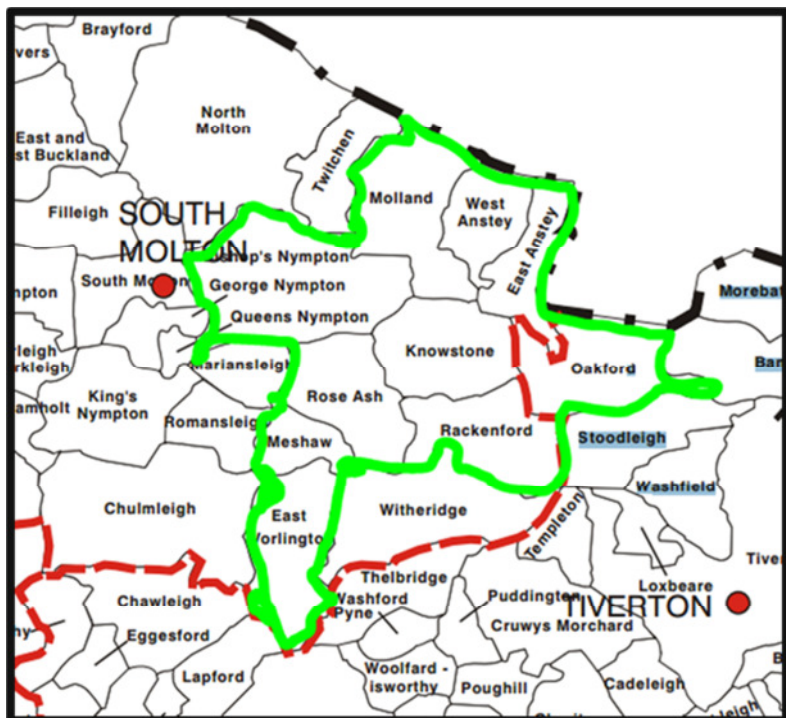
- Community transport schemes
- Services that would otherwise not be able to continue in rural areas; i.e. Post offices, community shops, community hubs.
- Community projects such as; Memory cafes, luncheon clubs, Sports clubs, befriending schemes
- Capital projects (community building projects, feasibility studies)
- Activities that develop life skills and experiences, i.e. Money advice, cooking
- Start-up costs for new groups
- Work preparation or training
- Projects that bring people of all ages and ethnicities to come together
- Community events
- Out of school activities
- Community food and farming projects

Area of Benefit

The area of benefit of the fund will be the Parishes of:

- Knowstone
- Rackenford & Creacombe
- Rose Ash
- Bishops Nympton
- Oakford
- Molland
- East & West Anstey
- Meshaw
- East Worlington

Applications from the three parishes closest to the wind farm (i.e Knowstone, Rackenford & Creacombe, Rose Ash) will be considered by the grants panel first. This will ensure that in the event of the fund being oversubscribed these parishes will receive extra priority.



Types of grants we offer

We recognise that ‘one size doesn’t fit all’ and have structured our grants programme to reflect this by offering individual grants, connection grants, action grants and evolution grants depending on the type of project.

Connection Grants Up to £2,000	Awarded to community groups and organisations with an average annual income of less than £50,000. Many of these groups will be run by volunteers and the role of the organisation is predominately bringing members of the community together. The application does not have to be project specific because this grant will enable the running and sustainability of groups.
Action Grants Up to £2,000	Awarded to community groups and organisations with an average annual income of less than £50,000. Many of these groups will be run by volunteers or have just one or two paid staff that are applying to fund projects that; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Are preventative in nature • are responding to crisis, or • to groups who have previously been awarded a connection grant who are growing and developing
Action grants Over £2,000	Awarded to community groups and organisations with an average annual income of less than £250,000 that are applying to fund projects that; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • are preventative in nature • are responding to crisis, or • to groups that are finding new ways to be sustainable
Evolution Grants	Awarded to groups or organisations that have been identified through

Up to £30,000	receiving a CG or AG grant that have potential to develop their project or organisation further <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • to groups or organisations to fund pilot projects • to groups or organisations to fund projects that are scalable or replicable that have the potential to support more communities in Devon • could be multiple years' funding
Large one off Community-wide projects To be discussed with Grants team	Awarded to community groups and organisations that are applying to fund projects that benefit a whole community. These might include; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Services that would otherwise not be able to continue in rural areas; i.e. Post offices, community shops, community hubs. • Community transport schemes • Capital projects (community building projects, feasibility studies)

Exclusions

The following cannot be funded;

- Previously funded projects that have outstanding evaluations
- Large projects where a small grant would not make a difference

Organisations that cannot be funded;

- Organisations that are regional or national charities (unless locally led and run in the area of benefit)
- Organisations that have substantial unrestricted funds (i.e. more than one years running costs)
- Organisations or activities that primarily support animals or plants
- Organisations which are not constituted
- Grant making organisations
- Organisations that are for personal profit or are commercial

Projects/ activities that cannot be funded;

- Retrospective funding (i.e. activities that have already taken place or repayment of money that has already been spent or committed)
- Projects promoting political or religious beliefs
- Overseas travel
- Sponsorship and/or fundraising events
- Replacing statutory responsibility (for example school curriculum activities, road repairs etc.)

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