

Windfall Annual Report 2014/2015



WELCOME!

Welcome to the third Windfall Annual Report. The main thing to notice about this report is that we have a new logo! We have previously used the PROSPECTS and EnergieKontor logos on all our publicity material but now the Windfall Fund has one of its own – see later in the report for how it was developed.

2014/2015 has been another successful year for the Fund and we have had the pleasure of working with a whole range of dynamic and inspiring community groups right across Hyndburn.

Apart from the 14 successful applications the main highlights of the year have been:

- Y Having promotional plaques made up using recycled plastic from HUFS (Hyndburn Used Furniture Store)
- Y Designing a new logo
- Y Taking school children inside a wind turbine
- Y Hearing inspiring stories from all walks of the community
- Y Seeing completed projects funded in previous years
- Y Completing a review of the Fund
- Y Taking representatives from EnergieKontor on a tour of funded projects

However the main focus is obviously how the money has been spent, what fantastic opportunities have been created, the increase in environmental awareness and the benefits in terms of the enhanced environment in which we live.

During the financial year 2014/2015 14 projects received funding totalling £90,452 and the grants ranged in size from £170 to just over £19,000.



We would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has been involved with the Windfall Fund over the last 12 months especially EnergieKontor, colleagues at The PROSPECTS Foundation who have helped with the delivery of many of the funded projects, the members of the Grants Assessment Panel and all the members of the community who have either volunteered their time or benefited from the wonderful work that has taken place.

NEW WINDFALL LOGO

The process has been a long one!

It all started at the annual Eco-Conference held at St Christopher's High School in Accrington. The conference takes place over two days – the first day for primary pupils and the second day for secondary schools.

A workshop was held on the first day with the children being asked to design a logo for the Fund. They eagerly got to work and some great ideas were presented in a very short space of time. For the second day students had been given a formal brief prior to them attending the conference with a number of tasks which all made up a timed challenge – one of which was to design a logo for the Windfall Fund. Some of the designs were quite sophisticated and incorporated a lot of the themes covered by the conference. It was hard to choose an outright winner and so it was decided to engage the services of a professional to incorporate elements of the children's designs into the final logo. And here it is





It was felt important to include a turbine to acknowledge where the Fund is coming from and the yellow line represents both wind energy and positive opportunities. The colour scheme was chosen to reflect The PROSPECTS Foundation logos.

It is hoped that this logo will become synonymous with the Windfall Fund, will be recognised throughout the Borough and will represent high quality environmental projects and positive community engagement.

2014-2015 SUMMARY

During 2014/2015 **14** projects were funded totalling **£90,452**



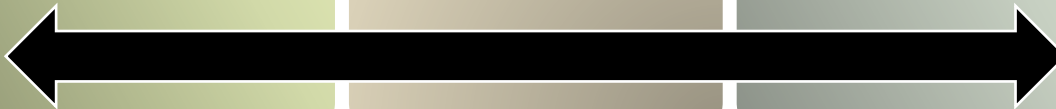
2 Mini projects
Average grant
size £182



4 Small projects
Average grant
size £1,995



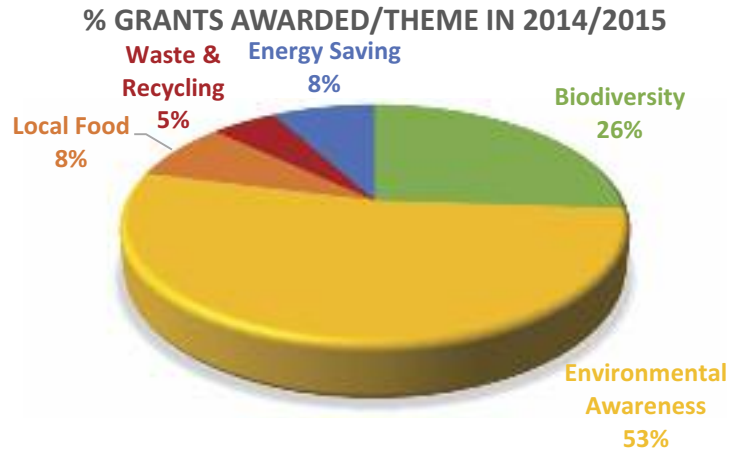
8 Large projects
Average grant
size £10,263



LIST OF PROJECTS FUNDED 2014/2015

THEME	PROJECTS	GRANT
Environmental Awareness	One Planet (Accrington) Ltd	£6,488
	Sure Start Hyndburn	£6,873
	The PROSPECTS Foundation	£19,461
	The Friends of St Christopher's	£13,595
	Growing Wild	£1,983
Biodiversity	Mount Carmel R C High School Parent Teacher & Friends Association	£2,000
	Woodnook Residents Community Association	£2,000
	The PROSPECTS Foundation	£18,958
	Belthorn Village Committee	£170
Local Food	The Stroke Association	£2,000
	Inward House Gardening Group	£195
	Sandy Lane Gardening Group	£4,936
Energy	PCC of St Bartholomew's & St John's Great Harwood	£7,500
Waste & Recycling	Burnley Road Bowling Club	£4,293
TOTAL		£90,452

DURING 2014/2015 ...



- Y Grants have been awarded in the following areas of the Borough:

Accrington	6	Church	2	Baxenden	1
Great Harwood	1	Oswaldtwistle	1	Hyndburn-wide	3
- Y 11 out of the 14 projects have been supported in their delivery by PROSPECTS staff
- Y Over 1,000 school children in Hyndburn have been involved with activities funded by the Windfall Fund
- Y Over £90,000 of match funding was secured for the funded projects, effectively doubling the value of the Fund

SUMMARY OF PROJECTS

ENVIRONMENTAL AWARENESS

One Planet (Accrington) Ltd secured funding to employ an Education Liaison Support Officer to visit local schools to educate the students and teachers about how to shop more ethically and understand where their food, clothes and other goods come from. The aim is to give a presentation in every school in Hyndburn.

Sure Start Hyndburn received funding to develop a Forest School area at Rothwell Heights. As the site is on public land there is an added value to the project in that the facilities will not be for the sole use of Sure Start Hyndburn but will be available as an environmental educational resource for use by other community groups in Hyndburn.

The PROSPECTS Foundation secured a grant to continue to develop its successful Environmental Awareness project. See case study.

The Friends of St Christopher's successfully secured a grant to continue with their Hyndburn Schools Growing Together Project to further develop the Eco-Cluster group, carry out an audit of all environmental and forest school provision in schools and deliver sustainability activities to schools in the Borough.

Growing Wild received funding for a member of the group to undergo formal Forest School training so the group can run sessions and earn a small amount of income to cover overheads, for materials to improve the safety and access to the site and for planting an orchard.

BIODIVERSITY

Mount Carmel R C High School Parent Teacher & Friends Association secured funding to develop a garden of reflection at one end of the playground. See case study.

Woodnook Residents Community Association in association with Hyndburn Borough Council, Hyndburn Green Spaces Forum and Woody received a grant to improve access and habitats within an existing area of woodland in the Woodnook area of Accrington.

The PROSPECTS Foundation secured funding to continue the Nature Conservation in Hyndburn Project. See case study.

Belthorn Village Committee received a Windfall Mini Grant to replace the wooden planters at both ends of the village and to replant them with wild flower species that are particularly attractive to bees and other pollinators.

LOCAL FOOD

The Stroke Association was awarded a grant to build a lean-to summer house on their allotment to provide shelter and an indoor space for their activities. See case study.

Inward House Gardening Group applied for a Windfall Mini Grant for the transport costs to be able to go on an inspirational training visit to an organic farm to increase their knowledge about organic food growing.

Sandy Lane Gardening Group secured a grant to reskin and refurbish a redundant polytunnel at Gatty Park in Accrington which means that the group will be able to grow more fruit and veg, work with other community groups and any excess food will be passed to local food banks. See case study.

ENERGY

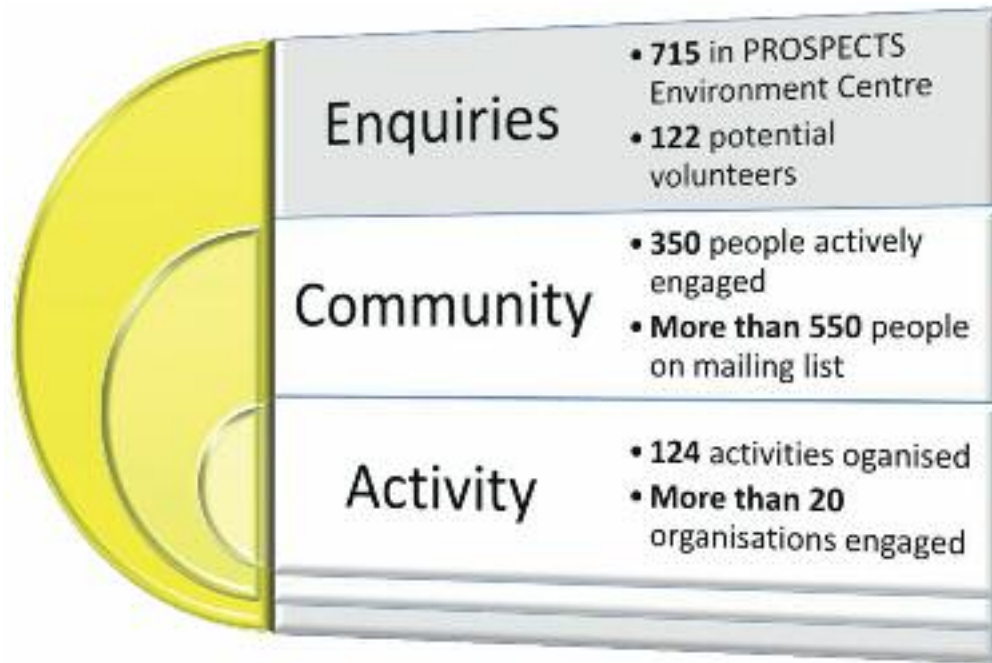
Parochial Church Council of St Bartholomew's and St John's Great Harwood secured funding towards the costs of replacing the heating system within the Church to reduce the amount of energy used in heating the building. It is estimated the amount of energy consumed will be reduced by approximately 35%.

WASTE & RECYCLING

Burnley Road Bowling Club received funding to install new toilet facilities to reduce water usage. The Club already had water butts around the premises and they adapted these to use the rainwater collected to flush the toilets in the clubhouse. They also installed waterless urinals which use biodegradable plant based substances to reduce odour. The new toilets also reduce the amount of water used per flush and restraining taps were fitted to the washbasins.

ENVIRONMENTAL AWARENESS

CASE STUDY: THE PROSPECTS FOUNDATION Windfall Grant: £19,461



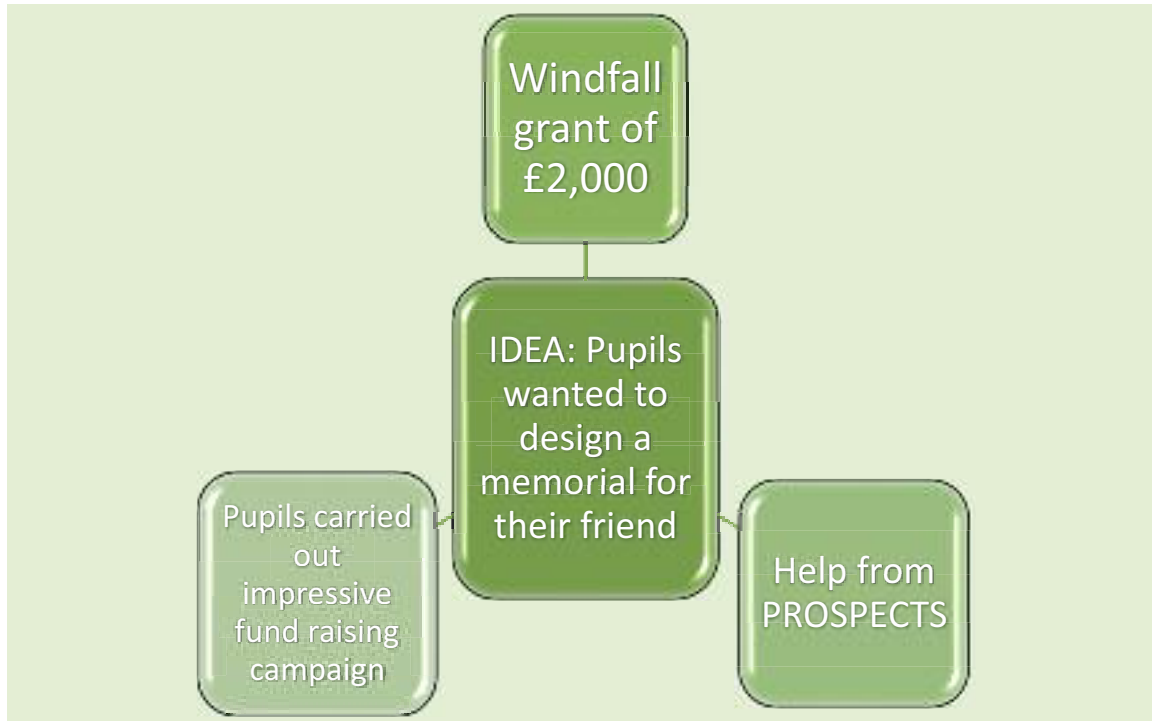
The PROSPECTS Foundation secured a Windfall grant to continue to employ an Activity Organiser to continue the Environmental Awareness Raising project that has been running for two years. The aim of the original project was to establish the PROSPECTS Environment Centre (PEC) in Accrington as a suitable space for delivering a programme of environmental activities, training courses and events and to raise the profile of The PROSPECTS Foundation itself. The need for the continuation of the project was demonstrated by the impressive numbers of participants that have taken part in PROSPECTS' activities over the last two years and from feedback from events and courses.



The aims of the new project will be to consolidate and build upon the first phase by delivering a programme of activities and training at PEC but also at external locations; engaging with and helping to develop volunteer's skills and confidence thereby increasing volunteer retention; raising general environmental awareness through talks, presentations, and inspirational visits to external projects and initiatives; and developing a new Training Centre in Oakhill Park in Accrington.

BIODIVERSITY

CASE STUDY: MOUNT CARMEL R C HIGH SCHOOL PARENT TEACHER & FRIENDS ASSOCIATION Windfall Grant: £2,000



Mount Carmel R C High School Parent Teacher & Friends Association secured a grant to develop a garden of reflection at one end of the school's playground. The project had been inspired by a group of pupils whose friend had tragically died the year before. The pupils wanted to create a garden area which would provide a place of serenity and natural beauty within their busy school environment. They have used tiered planters planted with herbs and edible flowers to delineate the garden from the rest of the playground. There is also a central canopied seating area, a willow arbour surrounded by native shrubs and perennials to attract wildlife and a fruity hedge planted along the boundary of the playground to screen off the adjacent public footpath. The pupils provided a very hands-on approach to the project by fundraising an astonishing £8,500 towards the project, drawing the design, being actively involved in the development and planting and by producing artwork from recycled materials. The garden is already being used as a place of reflection and calm, an outdoor classroom and also a space where activities are held for the local community.



BIODIVERSITY

CASE STUDY: THE PROSPECTS FOUNDATION – NATURE CONSERVATION IN HYNDBURN Windfall Grant: £18,958



The PROSPECTS Foundation was awarded funding to continue conservation management activities across the whole of Hyndburn Borough and to involve local people so that they would be able to learn more about practical conservation, learn how to survey sites, how to produce management plans as well as learning practical skills.

The project has worked on a variety of sites including Jackhouse Nature Reserve, Woodnook Vale, Spouthouse Woodland and Peel Park & the Coppice.

Many different activities have taken place including hedgelaying, fencing, erecting bird boxes, dead hedging, meadow management and tree planting.



LOCAL FOOD

CASE STUDY: THE STROKE ASSOCIATION Windfall Grant: £2,000



The Stroke Association runs a weekly allotment group on Meadowway allotments, which has been set up for stroke survivors in the local area to encourage organic food growing along with social interaction and to encourage integration within the local community. The PROSPECTS Foundation has worked with the group for a number of years offering advice and support on the allotment. Stroke survivors are very sensitive to temperature changes and find it difficult to participate on the allotment during cold weather. The Windfall grant was awarded to the group to build a lean-to summer house which would provide a shelter from the rain and maintain the heat so that more attendees can stay for longer and visit the allotment more often. On cooler days people are able to work in the shelter on tasks such as seed sowing and potting and the space also allows the group to grow plants that need more warmth such as tomatoes and cucumbers and to experiment with growing different plants. Water butts have also been attached to collect rain water for watering the allotment.

Representatives from EnergieKontor and the PROSPECTS Foundation Management Committee visited the group on the allotment to celebrate the success of the Fund and to get a genuine sense of the difference the grant money has made to the group.



LOCAL FOOD

CASE STUDY: SANDY LANE GARDENING GROUP Windfall Grant: £4,936



Sandy Lane Gardening Group received a grant to recover and refurbish a large polytunnel at Gatty Park in Accrington



This has enabled the group to set up a base and has enabled more service users to get involved



Surplus fruit and veg has been distributed to various communities in Accrington including Maundy Grange & St James' Church

Sandy Lane Gardening Group is a group led by service users of social care provider Creative Support. It was formed in 2010 to improve the gardens at Creative Support's Sandy Lane project. The group's members are all service users with mental health needs and have gone on to use the skills which they have developed for the benefit of the local community and others in the area who are less fortunate than themselves. Last year the group was awarded the prestigious Queen's Award for Voluntary Service. This UK National Honour recognises outstanding voluntary contributions and sets the benchmark for excellence in volunteering, with the work of those awarded being judged to be of the highest standard.

The group has received 3 grants from the Windfall Fund to date – the first one to develop food growing areas at two learning disability projects at Plantation Cottage in Accrington and Pendle View in Huncoat; the second to install a chicken coop and covered run for 4-5 chickens at Pendle View; and the third to reskin and refurbish a redundant polytunnel at Gatty Park which is licensed to the Group from Hyndburn Borough Council. The main function of the polytunnel is to focus on food growing and to make it feasible for the group to sow a large quantity of vegetable seeds for growing on outside later. The grant means that Sandy Lane Gardening Group will be able to work with other community groups and supply them with seedlings and also distribute the food produced to service users in Hyndburn to encourage healthy eating. Some will be sold to Hyndburn Hub (Creative Support's drop-in café in Accrington), which will produce a modest income to help maintain the group. Any excess food will be passed onto local food banks and Maundy Grange. It is a great opportunity for new members to become involved in eco-therapy and to get involved in local environmental projects in the Hyndburn community.

WASTE & RECYCLING

CASE STUDY: BURNLEY ROAD BOWLING CLUB Windfall Grant: £4,293



Recycling rainwater to reduce water usage

Rainwater collected in large water butts

Rainwater used to flush toilets

Burnley Road Bowling Club already collects rainwater which is used to water the allotment area behind the bowling green which the local Church uses to grow vegetables to sell to raise money for the Church. With the Windfall grant the Club has installed new toilet facilities which use the rainwater collected in very large water butts outside the clubhouse to flush the toilets. It has also installed new waterless urinals (the old ones used to continuously flush) which use biodegradable plant based substances to reduce odour.



Approximately 2 billion litres of drinking quality water are flushed down the toilet every day in the UK! This project will more than halve the amount of water previously used per flush in the Club's toilets and the flush will use untreated rainwater. The waterless urinals on their own will also save over 80,000 litres water per year! The Club has also installed taps that turn off on their own and energy efficient hand-dryers.



WINDFALL PROJECT VISITS

Two days of visits were arranged for the members of the PROSPECTS Foundation Management Committee and representatives from EnergieKontor to celebrate the success of the scheme so far and to see the difference the grants have made to the groups/communities/facilities.

We visited 10 projects in total – **Hyndburn Used Furniture Store (HUFS)** – cardboard shredder, **Broadfield Specialist School** – sensory garden, **The Stroke Association** – summer house, **Sandy Lane Gardening Group** – recovered/refurbished polytunnel, **Sure Start (Hyndburn)** – forest school area, **Friends of Jackhouse Nature Reserve** – footpath improvements, **Growing Wild** – outdoor education and community food growing areas, **Baxenden Community Forum** – footpath improvements, **One Planet (Accrington) Ltd** – schools liaison officer, **St Christopher's High School** – Hyndburn Eco-Cluster.



DID YOU KNOW?

Since 2012 ...

- Y 38 different groups in Hyndburn have benefited from the Windfall Fund (including 14 in 2014/2015)
- Y There have been 118 formal enquiries
- Y 61 applications have been received
- Y There has been an 84% success rate
- Y The average grant awarded is £5,350
- Y The total amount awarded is £272,88, that's £22,740 per turbine!

Oswaldtwistle Moor Wind Farm ...

- Y The 12 turbines on Oswaldtwistle Moor can generate enough electricity to power the equivalent of over 25,000 homes annually!
- Y 74,097MW electricity was produced between November 2014 and October 2015
- Y 6 school visits have been made to the wind farm, hosted by The PROSPECTS Foundation and EnergieKontor
- Y An extension has been agreed to site 4 more turbines within the existing wind farm envelope
- Y Ecological improvements are being carried out to further enhance the wildlife value and health of the moorland

PROJECTS COMPLETED IN 2014/2015



THE WINDFALL FUND

The Windfall Fund is a community benefit fund set up from the proceeds of the wind farm on Oswaldtwistle Moor. It is a partnership between EnergieKontor, the wind farm developer and The PROSPECTS Foundation, which manages and administers the Fund on its behalf. The aims of the Windfall Fund are:

- Y to engage with the local community and raise awareness on issues around environmental sustainability;
- Y to encourage and assist groups to develop and carry out their own projects that will enhance their local environment in line with PROSPECTS' 6 themes of sustainability;
- Y for individuals to develop skills and knowledge about conservation;
- Y to build the capacity of groups in relation to funding applications and grant monitoring





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