



ANNUAL REPORT
2017-2018

Annual Report

WELCOME TO THE 6TH WINDFALL ANNUAL REPORT!

This report covers the period November 2017 to October 2018.

The wind farm has been operational since November 2012 and has produced more than 450 GWh energy, which is enough to power 2/3 homes in Hyndburn on an annual basis.

The Windfall Fund has been running since April 2013 and since then we have funded 111 projects to a value of more than £480,000!! This has been made up of:

23
FUNDING
ROUNDS

239
ENQUIRIES

61
DIFFERENT
GROUPS FUNDED

128
APPLICATIONS

111
SUCCESSFUL
APPLICATIONS

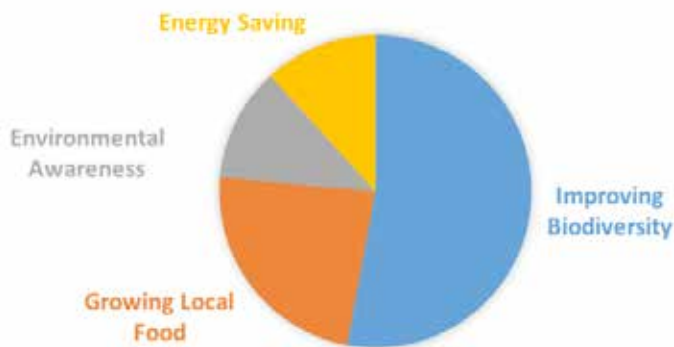


Young Carers at The Resource Centre Garden after planting and sowing wildflower seeds

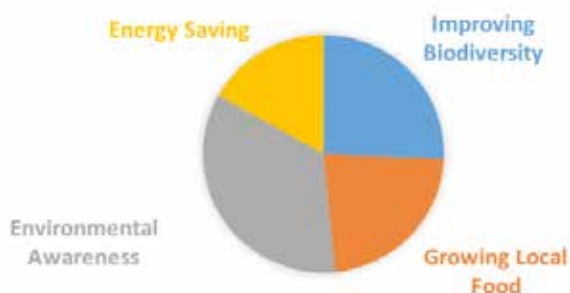
Annual Report

This year we have funded 17 projects over 4 funding rounds, covering a host of different environmental activities helping local people and wildlife to thrive. The projects fell under 4 of our 6 Sustainability Themes as shown below:

NUMBER OF GRANTS PER THEME
2017/2018



AMOUNT AWARDED BY THEME
2017/2018



- Church & Oswaldtwistle Rotary Club
- Piggy Park Community Garden Association
- Hyndburn Butterfly Project
- Sandy Lane Gardening Group
- Lancashire Wildlife Trust
- The PROSPECTS Foundation (Rewilding)
- The PROSPECTS Foundation (Whinney Hill)
- Huncoat Community Forum
- Great Harwood Rovers Football Club
- One Planet (Accrington) Ltd
- The PROSPECTS Foundation (PROSPECTS Panels)
- Sandy Lane Gardening Group
- Community Solutions North West
- Carers Link Lancashire
- Incredible Edible Accrington
- Friends of Rhyddings Park CIO
- Oswaldtwistle Social Club

14 different groups/organisations were funded offering a total of £62,578 which ranged from £202 to £20,572. The range of projects included a new boiler in a community building, meadow creation, the repair of a polytunnel, tree planting, bee surveys, purchase of wood for planters & habitat boxes, development of a community garden and even a wind turbine!



Official opening of Martholme Greenway by Graham Jones MP

Mini Projects

Mini grants are for projects up to £250 and are offered to groups to help out with small projects that require a helping hand to get started. 5 Mini grants were awarded in 2017 - 2018 to the value of £1,162. These are the organisations that successfully secured a Mini grant this year.

CHURCH & OSWALDTWISTLE ROTARY CLUB

£250

BIODIVERSITY

- Purchase of timber to build planters outside Oswaldtwistle railway station



Children from St Andrew's school filling the planters

SANDY LANE GARDENING GROUP

£210

LOCAL FOOD

- Public liability insurance

HUNCOAT COMMUNITY FORUM

£250

BIODIVERSITY

- Strimmer and related equipment for habitat management on sites around Huncoat

INCREDIBLE EDIBLE ACCRINGTON

£202

LOCAL FOOD

- Public liability insurance

Mini Projects

SANDY LANE GARDENING GROUP

£250

BIODIVERSITY

- Purchase of timber for habitat boxes/homes for wildlife/outdoor furniture



Hedgehog house, wooden bench and window box made by Sandy Lane Gardening Group volunteers

Since October 2014 when the Mini Grants were first introduced 26 grants have been awarded to a value of £5,588. They have proved very popular as they are easy to apply for, the decision time is very quick and there are only basic monitoring requirements. Groups can apply again when the grant has been spent but usually not for the same thing. Other projects funded in the past have included – outdoor clothing for Red Rose Recovery volunteers; cottage border plants for insects and bees at Churchfield House, Great Harwood; organic food growing training for St James' Project in Accrington; creation of a butterfly garden at Broadfield Specialist School in Oswaldtwistle; installation of a gate across a public footpath off Altham Lane in Huncoat; and a bog garden at Gatty Park in Church.

Small Projects

Small grants range from £250 - £2,000 and are offered for smaller scale projects. These projects can be funded at 100% but a contribution from another source is always welcome. 6 Small grants were awarded this year to a value of £9,101:

PIGGY PARK COMMUNITY GARDEN ASSOC.

£1,225

BIODIVERSITY

- For further development of Piggy Park in Rishton including hedgehog boxes, wildflower plug planting, adult log seating and a wildlife interpretation panel



Interpretation panel at Piggy Park in Rishton and close up detail by local artist Ursula Hurst

ONE PLANET (ACCRINGTON) LTD

£1,140

ENVIRONMENTAL AWARENESS

- For a building survey and valuation to allow the Fairtrade/ethical shop to move on to its next stage of development

Small Projects

GREAT HARWOOD ROVERS FOOTBALL CLUB

£1,025

BIODIVERSITY

- To plant trees and install benches around the football pitches at its new ground at Heymoor Farm in Great Harwood



Tree planting at Great Harwood Rovers Football Club

LANCASHIRE WILDLIFE TRUST

£1,860

BIODIVERSITY

- For running the Plan Bee project in Hyndburn, to collect data on a range of pollinators through volunteer-led surveys on a range of sites across the Borough



Heath Bumblebee taken by Allen Holmes



White-Tailed Bumblebee taken by Peter Gravett

Small Projects

HYNDBURN BUTTERFLY PROJECT

£1,851

BIODIVERSITY

- To develop a butterfly meadow in Milnshaw Park in Church



Development of wildflower meadow at Milnshaw Park and butterflies recorded

THE PROSPECTS FOUNDATION

£2,000

BIODIVERSITY

- To carry out environmental improvement works at Whinney Hill woodland in Accrington



Pond survey training at Whinney Hill

Large Projects

Large grants are those over £2,000. In 2017 – 2018 we gave out 6 large grants to a value of £52,315. These projects all had some element of match funding and the total cost of these projects came to £98,760:

COMMUNITY SOLUTIONS NORTH WEST

£4,765

LOCAL FOOD

- To re-cover the polytunnel at Gatty Park to enable community growing sessions to take place



Refurbished polytunnel at Gatty Park

OSWALDTWISTLE SOCIAL CLUB

£7,000

ENERGY SAVING

- For a new energy efficient boiler to be installed in the club house

THE PROSPECTS FOUNDATION

£20,572

ENVIRONMENTAL AWARENESS

- To run a project to revitalise the PROSPECTS Panels, by engaging with new people, identifying projects and galvanising community support and enthusiasm

Large Projects

FRIENDS OF RHYDDINGS PARK CIO

£3,550

ENERGY SAVING

- To install a wind turbine and water pump to irrigate the new kitchen garden in Rhyddings Park



Raised beds at Rhyddings Park

CARERS LINK LANCASHIRE

£9,000

LOCAL FOOD

- To develop a garden area at the back of the new premises in Blackburn Road in Accrington

THE PROSPECTS FOUNDATION

£7,428

BIODIVERSITY

- To develop the Rewilding project and engage new groups in improving habitats for wildlife around food growing areas



Young Carers planting some veg and enjoying some local produce as part of the Rewilding project

School Visits

We carried out 2 school visits to the wind farm during the year for Broadfield Specialist School. The pupils were very enthusiastic about looking for wildlife on the moorland and bouncing on the spongy peat!

Trustee Visit

We arranged for our Trustees and Peter Harrison, Managing Director from EnergieKontor UK to visit a number of completed Windfall projects. We visited:

- Martholme Greenway in Great Harwood - access and habitat improvements along the old railway line
- Oakenshaw Weir in Clayton-le-Moors - tree planting and creation of a fish pass around the weir
- Piggy Park Community Garden in Rishton - development of the community garden with fruit trees, raised beds, willow features and forest school area
- The Dog Inn at Belthorn – installation of a new boiler in the renovated community pub
- Hyndburn Butterfly Project at Milnshaw Park in Accrington – creation of a wildflower meadow specifically to attract butterflies and other pollinators.



Trustees and EnergieKontor UK representative visiting the Hyndburn Butterfly Project at Milnshaw Park

The Windfall Fund

THE WINDFALL FUND is the 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. There are currently 12 turbines and the Fund is awarded to community groups for environmental projects in Hyndburn. The wind farm was commissioned in October 2012 and the Windfall Fund started in April 2013.



Windfall funding approved for the Hyndburn Butterfly Project

For more information contact:

Alison Silver
Windfall Fund Co-ordinator
The PROSPECTS Foundation
PROSPECTS Environment Centre
54 Broadway
Accrington
BB5 1EW

alison.silver@prospectsfoundation.org.uk

www.prospectsfoundation.org.uk

Facebook: ProspectsFoundation / Twitter: @Prospects1998

EnergieKontor

PROSPECTS

HYNDBURN'S COMMUNITY-OWNED
ENVIRONMENTAL CHARITY