

CASE STUDY

Community Trust Funds

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Wind Prospect offers Community Trust Funds to communities that host the wind farms we develop.

People are strongly in favour of wind power as it reduces global warming, enables security of electricity supply and creates jobs; but while the benefits are global, impacts are sometimes felt locally.

Wind Prospect Community Trust Funds redress this imbalance by providing monies to be spent on local projects and activities.

The funds are proportionate to the size of the project.



Case study: Bicker Trust Fund

In 2003 Boston Borough Council granted planning permission to Wind Prospect for a 26MW wind farm at Bicker Fen. An initial sum of £50,000 was allocated to the Bicker Trust Fund, managed by Lincolnshire Community Foundation, a registered charity. The scheme receives a further annual allocation of £18,000. Almost £40,000 of the trust fund has been spent on a wide range of projects, including the ones shown below.

These projects have had substantial community and educational benefits. A bird hide and wildlife project will directly benefit Gosberton House School, and access will also be granted to other local schools and community groups. The hide was built by Hill Holt Wood, a social enterprise aiding disadvantaged young people.

Money granted to Bicker Conservation and Improvement Group has gone towards purchasing an information lectern and village sign. This signage provides historical information about the village of Bicker, as well as informing locals and visitors about the Bicker Fen wind farm.

The Bicker Trust Fund has enabled Thomas Cowley High School ECO Action Group to submit a proposal for a wind energy development. If granted planning permission, this project will erect a wind turbine to power a number of computers within the school and will be used to educate pupils on sustainability issues.



Gosberton House School now have a bird hide thanks to trust funds

“The Bicker Trust Fund grant has successfully turned an area of woodland which was previously inaccessible into an area which children and adults can visit to watch and study the wildlife.”

Lee Gregory at Gosberton House School PTA

Sum	Organisation	Project
£3,999	Swineshead Pre-school	Garden project
£2,462	Bicker Conservation and Improvement Group	Information lectern and village sign about wind farm
£2,285	Gosberton House School PTA	Bird-hide and wildlife project
£2,700	Bicker Village Hall Committee	Fence replacement
£2,500	Swineshead Local History Group	Historical map restoration
£2,058	Thomas Cowley High School, Donington	Wind turbine to power computers and educate pupils

**Case study:
Red Tile Wind Farm Trust Fund**

Red Tile wind farm, located in Cambridgeshire, is a 24MW development. Planning permission was granted in 2004 and the scheme is now fully operational.

There were no objections to the scheme in the local community of Warboys. The financial benefits are managed through a limited company together with various representatives of Warboys Parish Council and Huntingdonshire District Council. The fund was initially awarded £25,000, followed by an annual allocation of £15,000 for the lifetime of the project.

A number of organisations have applied for grants and preference is given to those with the most significant contributions to reductions in greenhouse gas emissions. To date, the following grants have been approved:



Money has also been granted to Chatteris Town in Bloom, a small group of volunteers who enter the Anglia in Bloom competition and decorate Chatteris with hanging baskets and tubs of flowers. The Red Tile wind farm trust fund has enabled volunteers to purchase an electrically-powered vehicle, allowing them to reduce their greenhouse gas emissions.



Warboys Methodist Church received a new boiler and glazing

Sum	Organisation	Project
£4,000	Warboys Methodist Church	Boiler and glazing
£283	Greener Futures	Greener Living Project
£250	Warboys Sports and Social Club	Premises survey
£235	Greener Futures	Educational equipment

“Our float saves on our carbon footprint, is quiet for our community when we are watering at 5am and is now being used in winter to put up our Christmas lights as well. We could not live without it. Thank you for your financial backing.”

Sue Elam, Chatteris Town in Bloom



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