

## Knabs Ridge Wind Farm Fund

### Annual Report - Spring 2015



This report covers the period 1<sup>st</sup> April 2014 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2015 and provides information about the operation of the Knabs Ridge Wind Farm Community Benefit Fund. The fund is provided by the owner and developer of the wind farm, RWE Innogy and provides grants of between £200 and £2500 for small voluntary and community groups based in the area of benefit which is defined as the parishes of Birstwith, Fewston, Hampsthwaite, Haverah Park with Beckwithshaw, Kettleasing, Menwith with Darley and Norwood.

The scheme has a dedicated page on the Two Ridings Community Foundation website:

<http://www.trcf.org.uk/apply-for-funding/find-a-grant/knabs-ridge/>

There is a straightforward online application process and guidance notes for applicants are also available on the website.

Grants are available for a wide variety of community enhancement projects and during the reporting period the level of applications to the fund remained relatively high although the number of applications received was slightly lower than in previous years. All of the applications received were from groups looking for repeat funding from the scheme.

In 2014/15, 10 applications were received and 9 were successful in receiving funding, one application was deferred.

This resulted in a small remaining balance of £4184 which will stay in the fund to add to the balance of funds available for grant making in the next funding round. In 2015/16 the panel may wish to consider meeting twice and also consider ways of encouraging applications from new groups that have not received funds from the scheme before.

The panel has welcomed four new members this year allowing some of the old guard to step down. The Community Foundation would like to express our grateful thanks to those members stepping down for their time and local knowledge that is so vital in making funding decisions.

If you would like to know more about serving on the Community Benefit panel please contact Two Ridings Community Foundation.

In October 2014 we had a visit from Katy Woodington, community investment manager of RWE Innogy, the owner and developer of the Knabs Ridge Wind Farm looking to

make a corporate video and starring a funded project from the area. As it was during the school half term holiday, the Birstwith Play Area Group stepped in and were even able to rustle up some children to play despite the very dodgy looking weather (The film crew had been up at the turbines for quite some time that morning waiting for the fog to clear)

Funding from the Knabs Ridge Wind Farm Community Benefit fund in 2014 allowed the Hampsthwaite Show committee to purchase their own display boards to support the display of photographic and painting entries at the annual village show.



Previously these had been borrowed from the Pateley Bridge museum each year. Exhibits at the show can now be displayed by the show's volunteers quickly and easily.



Further information about the Knabs Ridge Wind Farm Community Benefit Fund can be found on the Two Ridings Community Foundation website at [www.trcf.org.uk](http://www.trcf.org.uk) or by contacting the office on 01759 377400.

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### Statement of Grant Payments

01 April 2014 to 31 March 2015

Date	Applicant	Amount	Note
09/06/2014	Hampsthwaite Show	£550.00	Purchase of display boards for the display of entries into the photograph and painting sections of the annual village Show.
09/06/2014	Norwood Social Hall Committee	£1,500.00	Replacement of fire exit/disabled access doors.
09/06/2014	Kettlesing Millennium Village Hall	£2,500.00	Installation of new curtain tracks and white curtains for use at weddings.
09/06/2014	Darley Christ Church Lunch Club	£350.00	To purchase a large food mixer to help make the preparation of food for the lunch club safer and easier for the volunteers.
09/06/2014	Friends of Kettlesing Felliscliffe CP School	£2,000.00	Development of a community garden.
09/06/2014	Hookstone Memorial Hall	£2,000.00	Re-surfacing of car park
05/08/2014	Birstwith Billiards and Snooker Club	£2,165.00	Replacement of the boiler and to insulate the loft and continue the redecoration.
02/09/2014	Fewston Parochial Hall	£2,484.98	Replacement of 4 front windows and the gents toilet windows
15/10/2014	Birstwith Horticultural Society	£1,062.74	Gazebos for use at the annual village show

**9 grants given to the value of £14,612.72**