

Knabs Ridge Wind Farm Fund

Annual Report - Spring 2017

This report details the grants made from the Knabs Ridge Wind Farm Fund during the period 1st April 2016 to 31st March 2017. The fund was set up by Innogy Renewables UK Ltd and is administered by Two Ridings Community Foundation to provide grants that enhance life for residents in the communities around the wind farm.

Grants are available of up to £2500 for a wide variety of purposes supporting charitable activities that:-

- Enhance quality of life for local residents
- Contribute to vibrant, healthy, successful and sustainable communities
- Promote community spirit and encourage community activity

During this period a new 'micro' grants scheme has been introduced allowing applicants looking for small amounts of funding of up to £500 to be able to apply at any time throughout the year with decisions on these small grants awards being made on a rolling basis. The application process for these 'micro' grants has been simplified somewhat to ensure that this is appropriate for the size of grant and that the process is not too onerous for the applicant.

Applications for grants over £500 are invited annually and considered by a panel of local representatives in late Spring/early Summer. This funding opportunity is advertised locally in the area of benefit via parish councils and on local noticeboards and in community venues. It is also advertised on the Two Ridings Community Foundation website and newsletter and via local

voluntary sector networks such as Harrogate & Ripon Council for Voluntary Service.

During the reporting period 10 grants have been awarded, totalling £24,510.94 to a variety of projects covering a wide range of community activity including supporting improvements to community facilities, art exhibitions and workshops and the development of a community shop and café.

No awards were made under the new micro grants scheme although two applications were received towards the end of the reporting period and this will continue to be promoted into the 2017/18 period to see if uptake improves.

Among the grants awarded, the Darley Playing Field Association have received support for their innovative solution to the loss of the village shop which involved converting a part of the sports pavilion into a new café and shop facility which will provide a community hub for social interaction and the vital service of a retail outlet in this rural village. This is particularly important for older residents and those with mobility difficulties.

One award to Beckwithshaw village hall was increased at the discretion of the panel as Beckwithshaw parish had not received any grants from the scheme to date, this award has enabled them to complete a full redecoration of the hall bringing it into line with other community facilities in the area.

Birstwith Horticultural Society have received funding to support the annual village show and also develop a new Birstwith in Bloom group. The new group is now thriving with 16 regular volunteers.

The Nidd Art Trail have used their grant to enable them to further extend their annual art exhibition by providing 19 days of art exhibitions in various locations within the area of benefit, 2 days of interactive workshops to enable the local community to get involved with creating their own art work and 2 days of art demonstrations.

Last day for entries: Friday 21st July

Do you know that Birstwith is entering the Yorkshire in Bloom competition in 2017?

<p>Why this year? Birstwith Horticultural Society (the group that organises Birstwith Show) has decided to enter our beautiful village into this competition to help them celebrate 150 years since the very first Birstwith Annual Village Show. We are surrounded by other 'in Bloom' villages and we think it is about time we join them. The Birstwith in Bloom group has started to work alongside different organisations, groups and societies and businesses in the village to get this project up and running.</p>	
<p>What have we done so far? Planted bulbs, ready for our spring judging Tidied up the bus stop in Broomfield and planted up a border Placed planters around the village Cleared silt from the river bank Cleared dead ivy from Wrecks bridge Trimmed back overgrown grass verges near the shop and the church Village litter pick</p>	<p>Why should we enter Birstwith into the competition? We want to improve our village and further develop our community spirit. We want to make our village a more attractive place to live and to work. It will also create a good impression to visitors and attract potential business. It is going to involve local organisations and foster a sense of competitive spirit to achieve success. Any improvements made to the visual environment and in the development of community spirit are not just for 2017, we are doing this for the long term benefit of the village.</p>
<p>So how can you get involved????</p>	
<p>Sponsor a planter Have you seen our beautiful planters starting to appear around the village? We would love families, businesses and groups to sponsor a planter. All we ask is for you to donate £50 towards the upkeep of the planter, this will be matched by BHS. We also would like you to weed and water the planter. We will put a plaque on the planter you sponsor as a sign of our appreciation. This could be engraved with your family's name, the group you're representing or you could sponsor a planter in memory of someone.</p> <p>If you're interested in supporting the Birstwith in Bloom project please get in touch: Email: info@birstwithshow.com Phone: Amy 01423 772966 or Maureen 0793115508 Like our page on Facebook and keep yourselves updated</p>	<p>Come and get stuck in We meet on the 1st Saturday of every month at 10am. Our Village meets are always promoted on our Facebook page and poster are put up around the village with the location to meet, or if you are unsure then please contact us. Come along and join us, we have fun whilst doing jobs, bring a friend along with you as well. You don't need to let us know you're coming, just turn up and meet our fab group of volunteers</p> 
<p>Birstwith In Bloom 2017</p> <p>The Great Birstwith Show – BHS Entry Schedule 2017</p>	
<p>Financial Support For us to continue putting up planters, buying plants and organising projects we need to have funds coming in. If you would like to contribute to the project financially this would be greatly appreciated</p>	



Dome painting in Hampsthwaite



Bulb planting by the volunteers of the newly formed Birstwith in Bloom group

Please see below for a list of all grants awarded during the reporting period and for further information about the Knabs Ridge fund please visit our website <http://www.trcf.org.uk/grant/knabs-ridge/>

Or contact the office directly on 01904 435277 or by email grants@trcf.org.uk

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Statement of Grant Payments

01 April 2016 to 31 March 2017

Date	Applicant	Amount	Note
20/06/2016	Beckwithshaw Village Hall	£7,200.00	Funding to undertake the redecorating the Village Hall
23/06/2016	Kettlesing Millennium Village Hall	£1,718.40	Funding to fit acoustic panels to the walls and ceiling of the meeting room.
28/06/2016	Birstwith Horticultural Society	£2,367.80	Funding to purchase equipment for the Birstwith Show and also gardening tools to support the set up of the new Birstwith in Bloom group.
28/06/2016	Nidderdale Art Trail	£1,900.00	Funding to contribute to venue hire and workshop costs to extend the Nidd Art trail activities into the local villages.
28/06/2016	Birstwith Billiards and Snooker Club	£2,500.00	Funding to contribute to the ongoing refurbishment of the Birstwith Reading Room.
30/06/2016	Norwood Social Hall Committee	£950.00	Funding to replace four windows on the west side of the building.
06/07/2016	Blubberhouses Cricket Club	£800.00	Funding to replace the roof of the stone equipment building.
14/07/2016	Fewston Parochial Hall	£2,500.00	Funding to provide damp proofing to the Gents toilets.
27/07/2016	Darley Playing Field Association (DPFA)	£2,544.00	Funding for various items of catering equipment to help set up a community shop/cafe in a rural area.
20/12/2016	Darley Memorial Hall	£2,030.74	Funding to purchase and install a high definition projector for use at the regular film club and also by local hirers.

10 grants given to the value of £24,510.94