

The RWE logo is displayed in a bold, blue, sans-serif font at the top center of the image. The background of the entire image shows two people, a woman and a man, laughing and looking at each other in a rural setting. They are standing near a stone wall and a wooden structure. The woman is holding a book titled 'JOHN O' GRAHNS TRAIL'. The man has a bright blue backpack.

Future Bright Community Funds

April - June 2024

Investing in local communities has the power to drive meaningful change. At RWE, we are setting the standard by empowering communities across the UK through funding initiatives made possible by our renewable energy projects.

Case Study

John o' Groats Trail



“It’s great to see like-minded people meeting one another on the area. So, we’re building bridges in our community, physically and figuratively!”

Ken

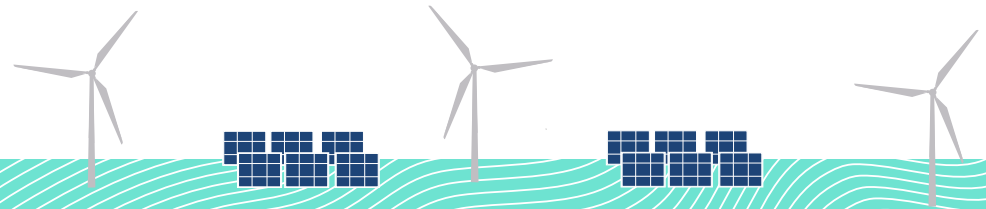


The John o' Groats Trail has been transformed with a £10,000 grant from the RWE Bad a Cheo Wind Farm Fund. This funding has significantly improved the Trail's infrastructure, including bridges, stiles, and walkways. Where walkers once had to navigate fences or challenging terrain, they can now enjoy a seamless and stress-free journey along the Trail.

The improvements have been particularly impactful in the Lybster, Latheron, and Clyth areas, where farmer's fences meet dramatic clifftops. The upgraded infrastructure ensures that walkers feel secure while exploring these stunning northern coastlines.

Beyond improving accessibility, the funding has fostered a sense of community. More locals are discovering the beauty of their own backyards, organizing walks, connecting with others whilst boosting their health and wellbeing. The project has elevated the trail's reputation as a vital recreational and cultural asset but also encourages greater community involvement through volunteering, donations, and support.

With this momentum, the John o' Groats Trail team is motivated to continue enhancing and sustaining this Highlands asset for future generations.



Case Study

Watten Shop Group



“This grant to lease the shop whilst we go through the process of the purchase means that the Watten community doesn’t need to risk losing the local shop which was in severe danger of closure.

It will allow the Committee the time needed to properly plan the shop purchase and refit, and gain significant learning from the wealth of experience from the current owners. We are very grateful to the RWE Camster Wind Farm Panel for this opportunity.”

Sam Wybrew | Watten Shop Group’s Treasure



Watten Shop, also known as Woodside Stores is a story of community success. On the market for a period of time a group of locals came together with the aim to prevent the shop from closing or being re-purposed.

With over £29k from Camster wind farm community funds and newly established as a community benefit society, the Watten Shop Group has been able to lease the shop in preparation for buying it and securing this integral and significant community asset.

Ensuring that the shop can remain open is vital for the heart of the community and in providing an essential service to its customers.



Our Community Funding Snapshot

April - June 2024

To date (as of the end of June 2024) UK onshore and offshore wind farm projects operated by RWE across the UK have invested in community benefits:

£39+ million

What our UK wind farm community funds have done so far in 2024

155

Total number of grants

£1.3+ million

Contributed to community funds

£150

Smallest grant

£80,000

Largest grant

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2024 Grants supporting:



So far in 2024 these funds have helped to create

