

Wind farm awards lead mining museum funding lifeline

- **Wanlockhead Mining Museum celebrates substantial donation**
- **Opening for 2019 season now guaranteed**

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Thanks to a substantial donation from Innogy Renewables UK, Wanlockhead Lead Mining Museum has the necessary funding in place to open its doors in spring 2019.

Following the withdrawal of a regular source of income earlier this year, the museum's future development was under threat. However, this donation provides a funding lifeline that will enable the museum to keep the tearoom open as a community hub over the winter, and to start the 2019 season on a more secure footing.

Alex Murley, innogy's Head of Development UK Onshore Wind, said: "We are committed to supporting Scottish communities in areas where we develop and operate renewable energy projects. It is important to us, when developing our projects, that we are able to work with local organisations in order to maximise the economic benefits to the local economy.

"In October 2016, residents local to the museum responded to an innogy consultation as to how funding could be delivered. They emphasised that support for tourism opportunities was a priority. To that end, we hope that this donation will support the museum in meeting some of its financial challenges, allowing it to continue to develop sustainably, increase its visitor numbers and to continue to provide local employment and a much needed community hub."

Jon Evans, Chair of the Wanlockhead Museum Trust, said: "We thank innogy for their generous donation which has come at a critical time, with the museum losing a regular source of funds at short notice. In March 2018, the ability of the museum and café to confidently open in 2019 was under threat. We can now be sure that we will open for the full 2019 season, and be able to fund the museum's strategy to diversify our funding base to ensure this unique tourist and community hub can thrive on a sustainable basis."

Throughout the development of the proposed Harryburn Wind Farm, innogy has carried out a comprehensive programme of engagement with the local communities that has had strong focus on the potential local economic benefits the project could deliver.

In addition to this, innogy has committed to providing a community fund of between £256,000 and £328,000 per year for the lifetime of the project (based on £5k per MW installed capacity). This funding will become available should Harryburn Wind Farm become operational, which could occur as early as 2022.

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