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New Community Fund Awards First Grants

Local community groups are celebrating after being awarded grants from the first round of the Brigg Biomass Plant Community Fund.

One of the successful applicants is the 1st and 2nd Brigg Scout Group, who will receive a substantial grant to renovate and develop their Scout Hut. The grant will help modernise the kitchen and toilets, upgrade their heating system and insulation, and provide solar panels to reduce their carbon footprint and utility costs.

Another award was made to Scawby Parish Council to provide climbing and pre-school play equipment at the local park. The grant will help complete Phase 3 of their project and provide additional play equipment to ensure a greater age range of local children can benefit.

Hibaldstow Short Mat Bowls Club are also celebrating after receiving the news they've been awarded a grant to purchase a new automated bowls mat system. The existing mats, due to their heavy weight, can only be moved by a very limited number of club members. The new system will ensure anyone can move and set them up for use, and this will result in much greater participation, encourage new members to join, and help safeguard the Club for many years into the future!

A full list of all the successful groups that applied to the first round of the Brigg Biomass Plant Community Fund can be viewed at the following link.

<http://www.grantscape.org.uk/fund/brigg-biomass-plant-community-fund/>

Monies for the Community Fund are provided by BNLL which has developed the straw-fuelled power plant, just south of Brigg. The electricity generated from the Plant, which is enough for 75,000 UK households, is fed into the national grid and will be offsetting up to 250,000 tonnes of Carbon dioxide (CO₂) emissions annually.

As part of their commitment to the local community, £50,000 is available each year for a three year period. Groups located within a 3mile radius of the plant can apply for amounts between £500 and £20,000.

“We were really impressed by the fantastic response and the range and quality of applications received for the first round of the Fund”, said Colin Jones from BNLL. “I’m really looking forward to seeing the benefits the successful projects will provide to the local community over the next few months and years.”

The Fund is being administered by national charity GrantScape, and assisted by a local Community Advisory Group to help decide which applications to support. Groups wishing to make an application to the next round can do so using a simple online application form which can be found on the GrantScape website www.grantscape.org.uk.

The next application closing date is not until 6 September 2017, but groups are very welcome to contact GrantScape on 01908 247630 if they would like to discuss a potential project or need help making an application.

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1. BNLL:

The Brigg Renewable Energy Plant is owned by BWSC North Lincs a company owned by a joint venture of Burmeister & Wain Scandinavian Contractor A/S and Copenhagen Infrastructure Partners K/S together with PensionDanmark A/S.

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2. GrantScape:

GrantScape is a grant-making charity committed to enhancing the environment and strengthening local communities through its grant programmes. Our experience stretches back to 1997 and we have awarded grants totalling over £80 million to deserving projects over this time.

GrantScape manages a range of community and environmental grant programmes on behalf of corporate and local authority clients. These are tailored to their individual requirements, which is our speciality. In addition, GrantScape offers a professional project management and grant process review service to groups requiring support with these activities.

For further information about us, please see: www.grantscape.org.uk

3. Brigg Biomass Plant Community Fund:

In May 2016, BNLL launched a new grant programme for eligible projects within three miles of its renewable energy plant near Brigg in North Lincolnshire. This is called the “Brigg Biomass Plant Community Fund” and is being managed by independent, national environmental grant-making charity, GrantScape.