

**GARREG LWYD HILL WIND FARM  
COMMUNITY BENEFIT FUND**

**Report for the 2019-20 Grant Scheme**

**“Making a difference in our communities”**

Llanbister  
Kerry  
Llanbadarn Fynydd  
Beguildy  
Bettws-Y-Crwyn

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## **Introduction**

Garreg Lwyd Hill Wind Farm provides a community fund which will see funding available to support local community projects every year during the lifetime of the wind farm. The fund is managed by a Community Fund Panel made up of representatives of the local community councils administered by Powys Association of Voluntary Organisations (PAVO).

The community fund is open to applications from groups and projects which benefit the communities living in the following community council areas:

- Beguildy
- Bettws y Crwyn
- Kerry
- Llanbister
- Llanbadarn Fynydd

Consideration may be given to an application from outside the Area of Benefit at the discretion of the fund panel but only if it shows that such an application provides a demonstrable benefit to those communities within the area of benefit.

A panel was formed prior to the grant scheme going live, consisting of 2 representatives from each community council area. The panel operate under their terms of reference, which is reviewed annually.

## **2019/2020 Scheme**

Applications were encouraged from the area of benefit via the PAVO website, press coverage, by community councils and word of mouth. A lead in time of 3 months was given.

The fund welcomed applications from organisations that would make a difference across a range of areas. The fund also encouraged projects that would give a wider benefit to the community.

A total of 30 applications were received from a broad range of community groups for the inaugural grant scheme totalling £146,590.72. 30 applications were successful.

A total of £86,206.80 was available for award:

- 12 projects were fully funded
- 14 projects were partially funded
- 4 projects were not awarded funding

Unsuccessful groups were referred to PAVO for funding support.

The breakdown of awards for 2019/20 was:

### Llanbister Area

Name	Description	Amount Awarded
Llanbister Community Hall	Hall costs	3191.71
Llanbister Best Kept Village Group	Plants, plant materials & planters	250.00
Llanbister Show & Sports	Marquee	1917.85
Gravel Baptist Chapel	Refurbishment & redecoration	1752.00
Llanbister Community Council	Kiosk relocation, renovation & painting	1550.00
Cylch Ti a Fi Llanbister	New outdoor pre-school play equipment	4000.00
Cantal YFC	Laptop, camera & printer	575.00
Friends of Llanbister Community Primary School	Play area canopy	4000.00

### Llanbadarn Fynydd Area

Name	Description	Amount Awarded
Llanbadarn Fynydd Parish Church	Roof repair	3000.00
Llanbadarn Fynydd YFC	Defibrillator maintenance	200.00
Llanbadarn Fynydd Community Shop	CCTV & Staff Costs	8867.56
Penithon Baptist Chapel	Electric organ	675.00
The Wellingtonia Centre	Interior decoration	4500.00

### Bettws y Crwyn Area

Name	Description	Amount Awarded
Newcastle Village Show Committee	Village show tent	338.56
Bettws y Crwyn Parish Hall Management Committee	Window refurbishment	8704.00
Bettws y Crwyn PCC	Graveyard lights and new lawnmower	6560.00

Trustees of Black Mountain Chapel	Internal refurbishment	1000.00
Bettws Ladies Choir	Digital keyboard	640.00

## Beguildy Area

Name	Description	Amount Awarded
Felindre Football Club	Cabin Roof Repair and new goals	1200.00
Knucklas Castle Community Land Project	Land purchase	8963.56
Knucklas & District Community Centre	Bespoke table covers for use in the hall	250.00
Felindre Village Hall Committee	Door replacement	6829

## Kerry Area

Name	Description	Amount Awarded
Friends of St Michaels' School	I.T. provision for learners	7000.00
William Buckley Pugh Memorial Hall	Roof replacement	10242.56

## IMPACT OF THE GRANT SCHEME

The grant scheme has made an impact at various levels and in different ways.

It has:

- Provided a highly valuable and popular source of localised funding within the area of benefit
- Introduced some community groups to the process of applying for funding, undertaking projects, reporting on projects and managing spend
- Enabled small to large requests for funding helping groups to apply for only what they need
- Provided a useful source of match funding for larger scale projects
- Provided valuable capital funding to help ensure that the fabric of essential community buildings is maintained and that they are fit for purpose, and giving them a new lease of life
- Provided funding that has benefitted all age groups within the community
- Provided funding for activities and equipment enabling people to stay within their communities and participate in activities that they enjoy and benefit from

- Supported local businesses and craftsmen providing equipment and services
- Raised awareness within communities of what their local community organisations are trying to achieve, and encouraged people to get involved with them

**Feedback from some of the organisations receiving grant funding:**

*“Without your kind grant we would be existing on the edge and fearful of the consequences of a show badly affected by weather”*

*Newcastle Village Show Committee*

*“It is the opinion of the members of the committee that the project has been very successful. This has been illustrated by the interest in continuing the project. There have been many suggestions for the future.....”*

*Llanbister Best Kept Village Committee*

*“Following the 2020 show, the funding by the Garreg Lwyd Wind Farm will have saved the Show more than the costs of the grants you have provided.”*

*Llanbister Show and Sports Committee*

*“Friends of St Michael’s, St Michael’s school staff and the learners at St Michael’s are extremely grateful and thankful for the resources that this fund has been able to provide for the benefit of so many learners. The school is now well placed with its ICT resources to deliver the new curriculum, from which all learners will greatly benefit.”*

*Friends of St Michael’s School*

*“The open day clearly showed the interest and affection many local people hold for this lovely little building and some of the ways in which we might use and enjoy it again in the future.”*

*Trustees of Black Mountain Chapel.*

*“The canopy has been a huge success with children and staff alike using it regularly and enjoying the additional space and resources.”*

*Friends of Llanbister School*

The 2019/20 grant scheme has made a big impact, and enabled groups to deliver projects that directly benefit the residents living in the communities that fall in the defined area, both in the short and long term.

### William Buckley Pugh Memorial Hall



**Friends of Llanbister Community Primary School**

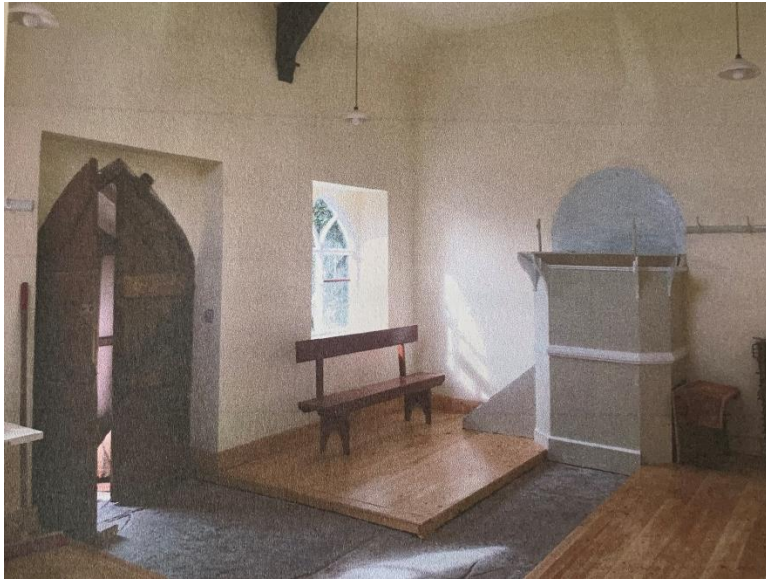


**Bettws Ladies Choir**

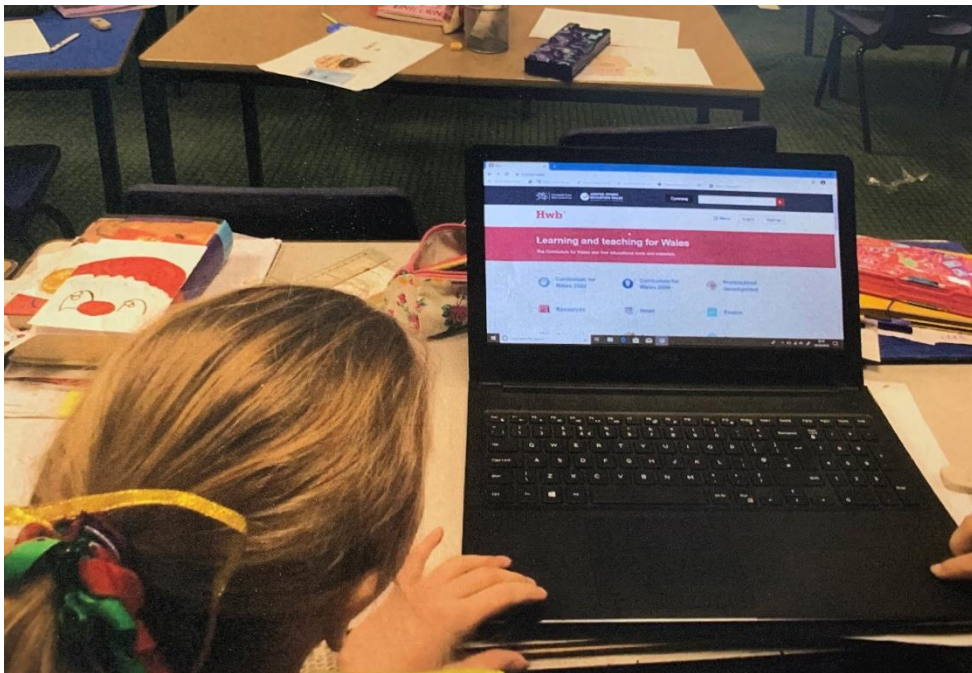


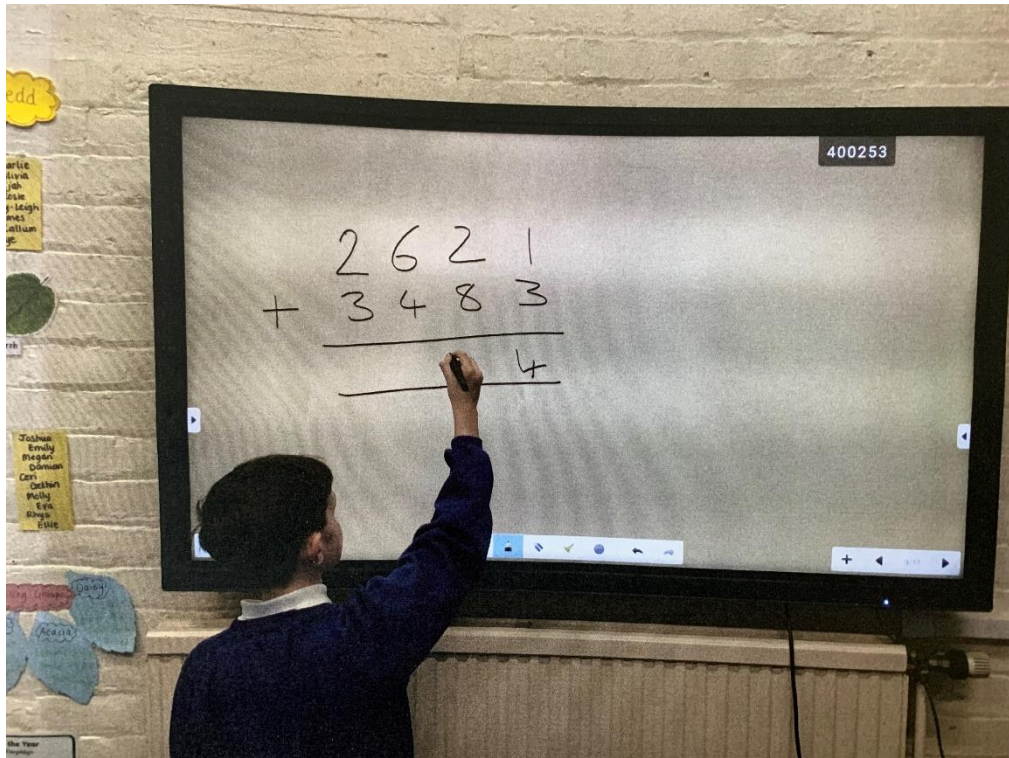
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**Bettws y Crwyn Parish Hall**





**Llanbadarn Fynydd Parish Church**





**Llanbister Show and Sports**



**Llanbister Community Council**

