

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

**Report for the 2020-21 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.

## 2020/2021 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 28 applications were received from a broad range of community groups for the inaugural grant scheme totalling £104,725.44. 26 applications were successful.

A total of **££70,615.27** was awarded:

- 16 projects were fully funded
- 10 projects were partially funded
- 2 projects were not awarded funding

Unsuccessful groups were referred to PAVO for funding support.

The breakdown of awards for 2020/21 was:

(\* = extension authorised for 2021/22 completion due to COVID)

### Llanbister Area

Name	Description	Amount Awarded
Cylch Ti a Fi Llanbister	New Toys & Village Trip	£518.74
Gravel Baptist Chapel	Exterior Painting & Guttering	£1,788.00
Llanbister Annual Show & Sports	The purchase of a large BBQ	£989.00
Llanbister Best Kept Village Group	Blooming Llanbister	£750.00
Llanbister Community Council	To purchase and install a defibrillator in Llanbister Road village	£1,532.00
Play Radnor*	Play sessions	£1,930.00
Friends of Llanbister School	Develop outdoor learning space	£3,270.04
Teme Ithon Action Group*	10 week yoga course in Llanbister	£500.00

### Llanbadarn Fynydd Area

Name	Description	Amount Awarded
Llanbadarn Fynydd Community Shop	Staff costs	£11,000.00
Llanbadarn Fynydd Parish Church	South Side Church Roof Repair	£2,234.00
Llanbadarn Fynydd Village Hall (Wellingtonia)	Tables and Chair trolleys	£2,099.31
Llanbadarn Fynydd YFC	To support key activities throughout the YFC calendar year	£700.00

### Bettws y Crwyn Area

Name	Description	Amount Awarded
Newcastle Crown Green Bowling Club	Bowling Green Maintenance	£700.00
Anchor & District Pony Breeders Society*	A set of show jumps to use at the show and possibly hire out	£4,792.97
Bettws Ladies Choir	Regular paid accompanist and sheet music	£260.00
Bettws Y Crwyn Parish Hall Management Committee*	Replacing the boiler, purchase of a hot cabinet and basin and dishwasher and 2 worktables	£6,900.34

Bettws Y Crwyn Parochial Church Council*	Archaeological Survey	£1,380.00
Trustees of Black Mountain Chapel*	Programme of events and a shed	£1,000.00
Upper Clun Community Wildlife Group*	Curlew Campaign activities	£1,000.00

## Beguildy Area

Name	Description	Amount Awarded
Felindre Village Hall - Appllication1	New Short Mat Bowls Mat Handler	£890.00
Felindre Village Hall - Application 2	Replacement windows	£6,912.87

## Kerry Area

Name	Description	Amount Awarded
Dolfor Women's Institute*	Speakers & sporting activities	£300.00
Friends of St Michaels' School Kerry*	Enhanced outdoor learning	£6,726.00
The Kerry News	Replacement Printer / duplicator	£2,442.00
William Buckley Pugh Memorial Hall	Renovation Project Phase 2	£5,000.00

## COVID-19

The COVID-19 pandemic hits just as our groups were starting to make headway into their projects, with the first national lockdown significantly affecting activities and ability to deliver. Groups were consulted as to what they wanted and needed to do. In agreement with RES, several groups were given an extension to complete their projects during the year 2021-22.

## IMPACT OF THE GRANT SCHEME (for groups completing)

**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
- 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:**

#### **Kerry News:**

“Our continued publication of the Kerry News, which would not have been possible without your grant, has enabled us to keep the vital information sharing to continue and the whole community to benefit from our distribution.

Many vulnerable people in the village were helped, while they were shielding and unable to leave their homes, by volunteers making deliveries of food, medicines and information. Sometimes just a cheery wave helped. The Kerry News, along with the Village Shop provided the contact information and signposted what help was available.”



### William Buckley Pugh Memorial Hall:

“The funding has helped massively by making the William Buckley Pugh Memorial Hall a lot safer and better looking.”



### Llanbister Community Council:

"The defibrillator, once located, will provide life saving equipment to the local area. The next nearest one is 6 miles away and vital time would be lost getting it. The equipment not only delivers lifesaving treatment should the heart stop but also has the ability to monitor and provide important information on the heart rhythm to paramedics when they arrive. Training on how to use the AED will be provided for those who want it."





## Llanbister Best Kept Village

“We thank you for your previous support and await the start of this year’s growing season with enthusiasm, when we expect the fruits of our labour to become more visible as earlier planting becomes established and supplemented by the result of more recent efforts.”



▲ Working party by the War Memorial (planting shrubs)

Planter and around tree ▼



## Llanbister Show and Sports

“We have bought a BBQ as per the application. The purpose is to enable us to offer cooked food at the Llanbister Show and Sports. In 2018 we raised in excess of £1500 from the catering with a limited hot plate. In 2019 we joined with the Community Centre to run a pre-show shearing competition using borrowed equipment and raised £1400. Having the

BBQ will mean that we have equipment to continue to generate funds to ensure the ongoing viability of the Llanbister Show and Sports”.

**Newcastle Crown Green Bowling Club:**

“The Verticutter was purchased with the grateful assistance of your grant. The Verticutter has been a valuable asset to the club which with its continued use will lead to a much smoother, faster playing service”.

