



Funding Criteria – Lilbourne Windfarm Fund

Fund Overview:

The Lilbourne Windfarm Fund has a sum of circa £2,000-£3,000 available annually. This is linked to CPI and will therefore increase with inflation each year over the next 40 years of the Fund.

There will be one funding round to apply to each year. However, additional rounds may be established if not all the funding is allocated. The deadline for applications each year is 31st January.

Match funding is not a requirement. However, if the Fund is over-subscribed in any one round, match funding could be needed. This is because some successful applicants may receive partial, rather than full grant awards for their projects. In these circumstances, where the demand for grants exceeds the money available, some applicants may also be unsuccessful.

Area of Benefit:

Projects and initiatives for which grants are requested must be located within and/or primarily benefit residents and communities in the Yelvertoft Parish.

Project Purpose:

The fund is available to Yelvertoft groups and organisation for any purpose except for the exclusions listed below, and need to be for the benefit of Yelvertoft residents.

Eligible Organisations:

Eligible organisations, who can apply for funding include:

- Local voluntary and community groups and charities.
- Yelvertoft Parish Council, including on behalf of the local community (e.g. where a project or initiative is proposed by an informal group).
- Schools and educational establishments.
- Social enterprises (including co-operatives, social firms, community-owned enterprises, community interest companies and development trusts) provided they operate on a not-for-profit basis.

Applicants need to have a written constitution, or a set of rules, or a governing document and will need to have a bank or building society account with a minimum of two signatories in place before applying for a grant.

Organisations that have already received grants from the Fund can apply for further grants each year. They can also submit more than one application to each round of the Fund.

Organisations that are not awarded grants are welcome to reapply for a grant for the same project or initiative in the next funding round, unless advised otherwise.

Exclusions

Grants will **not** be available for:

- Commercial organisations.
- Private membership-based sports clubs and facilities unless membership is open to the general public without undue restriction (i.e. not membership by nomination organisations).
- Projects that only benefit one individual. *Note: applications received from an organisation where the project directly benefits individuals (e.g. energy saving measures, such as insulation) are eligible.*
- Projects and initiatives that promote religious or party political objectives.
- Retrospective funding, i.e. projects that have already been completed, whether or not already paid for.
- Works considered a statutory responsibility.

Judging Criteria:

The main criteria used when assessing applications received will be:

- The social, economic, and environmental benefits which will result from the project or initiative.
- The level of community support for and (where relevant) involvement in the project or initiative.
- The number of people who will benefit from the project or initiative.
- The ability of the applicant to deliver the project or initiative.
- How the work will be continued after the project or initiative has been completed, i.e. its sustainability and legacy.
- Value for money.

Yelvertoft Parish Council's decision for the grant funding shall be final.

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