

one community

The Bright Green Community Fund.

The Bright Green Community Trust (BGCT) was launched to provide grant funding for projects that will help reduce carbon emissions – directly or indirectly – across the Holme Valley Parish and the Graveship of Holme, Kirklees.

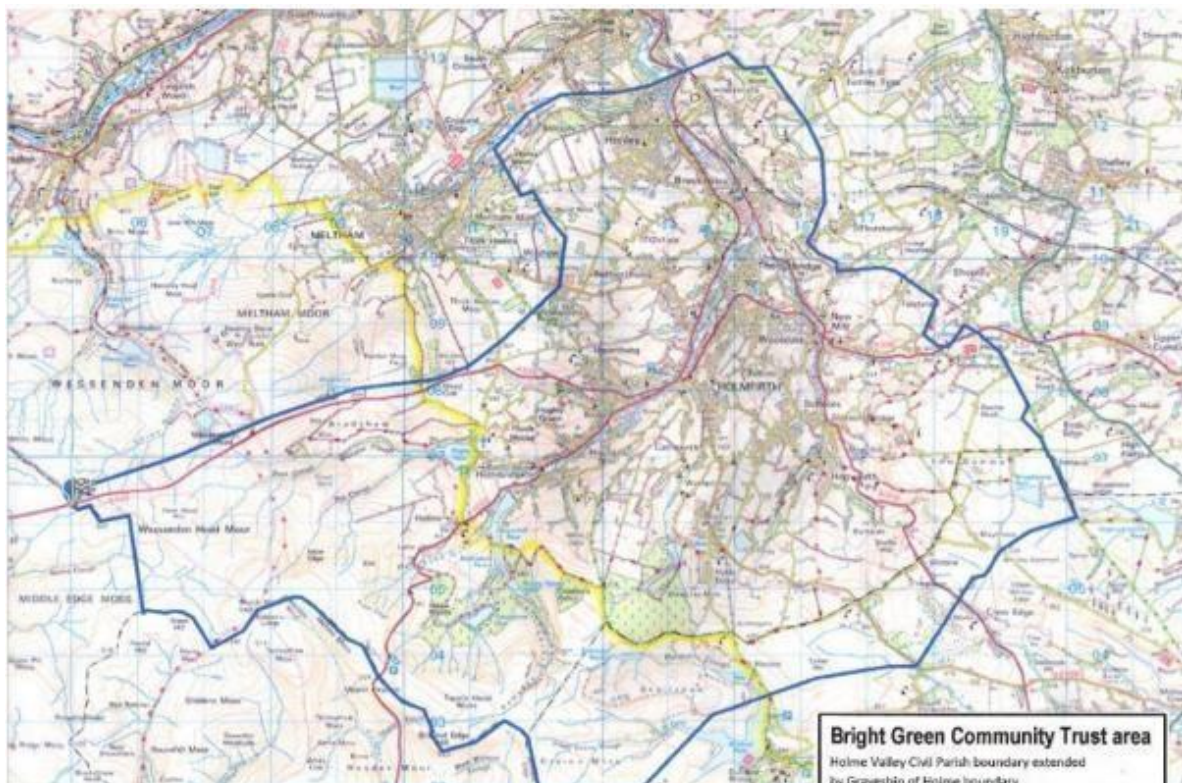


The Fund was set up by HoTTWind@Longley Ltd, a community benefit society that operates a wind turbine supplying green electricity to Longley Farm, near Holmfirth, providing significant local benefits.

Who can apply?

You must be based within The Bright Green Fund catchment area.

Please see below.



How much can you apply for?

Charities, Community Groups, and not-for-profit enterprises (CIC, CIO, etc) are invited to apply for grants **up to £3,000**.

Your application must demonstrate how your project aims to reduce carbon emissions. You can calculate carbon emissions and figure out how to reduce them by using a carbon emissions calculator on either of the following websites:

www.carbonfootprint.com or www.carbonindependent.org.

Need ideas on what the monies could be used for or how effective it will be?

Email the Holme Valley Climate Action Partnership at hvcapmail@gmail.com –they're keen to help.

If you have fund eligibility queries or need to know more about applying including questions about the documentation needed to apply, please email Anne@One-community.org.uk

Who can apply?

- Constituted community groups (Note: individuals cannot apply)
- Registered charities and constituted community groups with charitable purposes working in Kirklees.
- Community Interest Companies (CICs) with an asset lock
- Community Amateur Sports Clubs (CASCs) whose Governance documents include a clear community benefit clause, open membership and an asset lock.
- Schools/PTA/PFA. – Note we will not fund anything that is a statutory obligation or will replace statutory funding. However, we can accept applications for activity, which is extracurricular, out of school time activity.

What we don't fund.

Activities we don't fund include.

- party political activity
- promotion of religion

- statutory obligations or replacement of statutory funding
- projects cost that have already been paid for
- groups who have not complied with previous monitoring requirements.
- organisations that predominantly support animals.

Note: If a charity has qualified accounts, is under investigation by the Charity Commission, or has an active warning on the Charity Commission Website, we will not accept applications.

What we will fund.

We're looking to deliver funding to projects that directly reduce carbon emissions such as:

- Projects that have clear environmental benefits
- Community food growing projects
- Energy efficiency or saving projects
- Renewable energy projects
- Educational projects with a sustainability angle
- Projects that reduce or prevent pollution
- Projects that alleviate fuel poverty, by reducing energy consumption
- Carbon reduction projects that involve or promote biodiversity or conservation work
- Sustainability projects that will make a significant impact in the Holme Valley, such as solar panels, or car/bike charging points.

Ready to apply?

If you would like to discuss your project before you apply, please contact the grants team, who will be happy to arrange a call.

You will need to upload the following documents to your application. If you are not sure how to do this, please contact Anne@one-community.org.uk

Documents you will need to supply include:

Organisations that have not applied before or have not applied in the past two years must provide:

- Constitution or governing document
- Bank statement (no older than 3 months)
- If you are a registered charity your latest accounts. Constituted organisations should supply a cash flow.

If your organisation has applied in the past two years and is not a registered charity, you will need to supply:

- Cash flow or accounts. Registered charities should supply their most recent account.
- Bank statement (no older than 3 months).

Applicants will be required to confirm (on the application form) that they have no changes to their constitution since their last application.

If your group has applied in the past two years and is a registered charity, you need to supply:

- Bank Statement (no older than 3 months).

Applicants will be required to confirm (on the application form) that they have no changes to their constitution since their last application.

Top tip Before you start your application it's a good idea to prepare your budget breakdown. We will ask you to tell us in as much detail as possible what you would like us to fund. If you're not applying for the full project cost, please let us know how you'll raise the additional funds required.

For example,

Staff x 2 @ £10.00ph x 4 hours per week, for 10 weeks = £400.00We would like the grant to cover this cost.

Volunteer x 10 Petrol costs @ 45p per mile, on average 10 miles perweek for 10 weeks (£4.50 x 10) = £45.00 x 10 = £450.00

We would like the grant to cover this cost.

Equipment:

Litter pickers £15.99 each x 10 = £159.99

We would like the grant to cover £150.09 of this cost, we have fundraised to cover the additional needed.

Rubbish bags £3.50 per roll of bags x 100 rolls = £350.00

We would like the grant to cover £0 of this cost, we have fundraised to cover the additional needed.

Total project costs £1,359.90

Total Requested £1,000

Note: We require you to individually record and hold evidence for all financial transactions for all costs. This includes not only the receipt, invoice or payslip but also the full *defrayal evidence that links costs back to a bank account.

We cannot retrospectively fund your project. Funding decisions will be communicated a maximum of 8 weeks after the closing date of the round.

We will not fund anything that is a statutory obligation or will replace statutory funding.

Please make sure your project start date is after this date, we cannot fund activity that has already taken place. (If you are requesting a contribution to an existing project/service please still allow 8 weeks post the round closing for your start date)

Examples of previously funded projects include.

- Eden's Forest CIC. Funding to educate primary aged children on matters of recycling and sustainable energy sources/technology. Amount Awarded: £2,750

- Environment Kirklees Ltd. Towards establishing a viable low emission e-cargo bike delivery enterprise in Kirklees. Amount Awarded: £2,500
- Hepworth Band. A contribution towards the next phase of repair/refurbishment works to the band room building; specifically, to complete the necessary roof repairs and add insulation. Amount Awarded: £3,000
- Hepworth United FC. Support towards the installation of solar panels to their clubhouse building. Amount Awarded: £7,834
- Holmfirth Civic Hall Community Trust. A contribution towards new environmentally friendly toilet facilities. Amount Awarded: £2,000
- Holmfirth Tech Limited. The application was for the continuation of the replacement of the current light fittings with LEDs. Amount Awarded: £2,892
- Thongsbridge Cricket Club. Replace ageing petrol operated groundsman equipment, by purchasing a new range of greener rechargeable battery-operated models, including the rotary mower, strimmer and blower. Amount Awarded: £1,894
- Friends of Cinderhills Park received £3,000 to build a play park area and create a community garden.

Thank you for your interest. All the best with your application.

* Defrayal evidence usually consists of invoices related to the project expenditure, proof of payment of those invoices, and in some cases bank statement evidence to show the payments are being made from an your organisations bank account.