



Frodsham Wind Farm Community Benefit Fund

As part of the process to develop Peel Energy's 19 turbine, 50MW renewable energy installation at Frodsham marshes, Frodsham Wind Farm Ltd voluntarily committed to provide an annual Community Benefit Fund of £120,000 a year to be used for local projects that benefit villages in the area.

The fund, officially named the Marshes Community Benefit Fund (MCBF) by the local panel administering it, will receive £3 million over the operational life of the wind farm. This will provide an excellent resource for projects delivering benefits for the local community, primarily around Frodsham, Helsby and Elton.

Panel representatives were selected on the basis of having significant local ties, knowledge of the area and professional skills. Cheshire Community Action independently assessed individual members to ensure that the panel has a well-balanced composition, and each member is contributing their time and skills for free. The majority of panel members were either born in the area or have lived locally for over 20 years meaning that collectively, they have extensive local knowledge of how funds can bring the most benefit to the community.



The MCBF logo was designed by students from Helsby High School.

“The Panel is particularly keen to create a real and lasting legacy, to benefit current and future generations living in the local area for years to come”.

Dianne Walker, Panel Chairman



1st Helby Scouts Group receiving their £30,000 award

Further details on the fund can be found at: www.marshescbf.uk



Frodsham Wind Farm Community Benefit Fund continued...

The fund will provide grants from **£250** to **£60,000** and will sit twice a year to assess applications and allocate funds. The first successful applicants received their grants in April/May 2017:

£12,000



Elton Community Garden

£30,000



1st Helsby Scout Group
(building refurbishment)

£1,500



Frodsham Girl Guides
(fully accessible WC for disabled users of building)

£5,092



Alvanley Village Hall
Refurbishment

£1,000



Frodsham Junior
Volleyball Club
(coaching education)

£10,000



Frodsham Cricket Club
(ground improvement & equipment purchase)

New Tenants at Frodsham Wind Farm

Volunteers visiting nest boxes in the hedgerows east of Turbine 13 were pleasantly surprised to find that both of the new boxes were occupied, one by Kestrels with two well-grown chicks, and the other with a brood of three Barn Owls, almost ready to fly.



During 2016, Frodsham Wind Farm became the first construction site in the UK to receive a new Biodiversity Benchmark award from the Wildlife Trusts for its commitment to protecting and enhancing wildlife on site.