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### **First project benefits from Community Fund**

Energy-efficient renovation of a popular and well-used village hall is the first project to benefit from the Winscales Moor Wind Farm Community Fund.

Fundraisers have worked hard to keep Little Clifton Village Hall warm and comfortable, while keeping their energy bills low and doing their bit to reduce climate change.

And now their efforts have been boosted through a cheque for more than £8,000 from their local wind farm's Community Fund.

Fundraiser Josie Dixon said: "Over the past year we have made great strides to reduce our fuel bills and energy use. We have already replaced our old boiler and installed double glazed windows. The new roof and loft insulation will be the last major expense. It is good news that the grant will pay for the whole lot because it means we can get on and do the work straight away. It should be done before Christmas."

The fund is worth over £130,000 and was set up to support community projects in the parishes of Winscales, Great Clifton and Little Clifton over the 25-year lifetime of the wind farm.

The fund will support community projects in the three parishes that reduce the impact of climate change, encourage sustainable use of energy and other resources or benefit local wildlife. A panel comprising representatives from each parish determines local priorities for investment, supported by Cumbria Community Foundation.

Alexandra Bowers, Development Manager for Your Energy said: "We are very excited about our first community project at Winscales Moor, which has received funding even before the wind farm has finished construction. We have also just received an application for a second project, in Great Clifton, which we hope to fund at the beginning of next year.

"Both projects relate to increasing the energy efficiency of community buildings, which perfectly complements the aims of the wind farm project— reducing the

impact of climate change through generating clean, renewable power, and encouraging greater energy efficiency within the local area.”

Groups with community projects that could benefit from future funding can contact the relevant parish council or Deb Muscat from Cumbria Community Foundation on 01900 825760 or [deb@cumbriafoundation.org](mailto:deb@cumbriafoundation.org)