



BRENIG NEWS

BRENIG WIND LTD MAKING A POSITIVE IMPACT ON LOCAL COMMUNITIES.....

The Brenig Wind Ltd Community Benefit Fund provides almost £4 million over 25 years for community projects in the area of benefit. The eligible area in Conwy and Denbighshire stretches from St Asaph in the north to Maerdy, near Corwen, in the south and from the River Clwyd in the east across the Denbigh Moors to Cerrigydrudion and the upper reaches of the Conwy Valley - a map of the area that benefits is on the Cadwyn Clwyd website.

David Heelan of Brenig Wind Ltd explained:

“It’s a fantastic opportunity for rural communities to benefit. Cadwyn Clwyd, the local fund administrator, has already awarded well over £300,000 to over 50 different local projects in four rounds of funding to community groups for a range of different projects and helped them leverage even more.

We’re pleased to see the breadth and quality of community projects supported by Brenig, and the positive impact on those communities.

The applications go before a locally-based grants panel who will make the final decisions on where and how the money is spent.”

The Brenig Wind Ltd Community Benefit Fund operates funding rounds aligned to panel meetings. The next round will open December 2021, information is available on the Cadwyn Clwyd website at www.cadwynclwyd.co.uk/brenig.

THE BRENIG WIND LTD FUND HAS SUPPORTED:



*Asiantaeth Datblygu Gwledig
Rural Development Agency*

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COMMUNITY GROUPS

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COMMUNITY PROJECTS

£333,362

COMMUNITY GRANTS



FOOTBALL CLUB WITH WIND IN ITS SAILS....

An ambitious Denbighshire football club has the wind in its sails as it gears up for the big kick-off with a major upgrade of their facilities including an impressive new floodlighting system.

Ruthin Town's new lights are ready for switch-on with 12 new columns carrying LED lights that will cover the first team and reserve pitches as well as the training area.

The floodlights at the club's Memorial Playing Fields home have received a £10,000 grant from Brenig Wind Ltd Community Benefit Fund, part of over £150,000 in grant aid the club has been able to access for its revamp.

The rest has been raised by club sponsors and members own efforts, according to chairman Andy Edwards who said: "It's looking amazing here - we've never had floodlights before but they'll be ready for the start of the new season.

"They really take our facilities to the next level and will cover the First Team and Reserve pitches and the training ground, although we won't be playing here for a few weeks because we groundshare with Ruthin Cricket Club. If we were to be promoted to the top level of Welsh football, the Cymru Premier, it would be easy to upgrade", added Andy.



CLWB BEICIO HIRAETHOG

Thirteen electric bikes have been bought by Clwb Beicio Hiraethog helped by a £7,000 grant from the Brenig Wind Farm Fund.

Club organiser Huw Rawson said they're in regular use, especially at weekends, and commented:

"It's a great opportunity for local organisations to take advantage of these grants. It's helped us and we're seeing plenty of use made of these bikes, especially at weekends.

It's very hilly around here and without the extra help that an electric bike gives a lot of people might be put off trying cycling, but the electric motor is a big help with the hills and you can have as much or as little help as you like from it – the important thing is to get out there."

A NEWLY REFURBISHED GROES VILLAGE HALL!

Following the closure of the local school, Ysgol Rhydgaled in 2014, the hall is now the sole hub of Welsh community activities in the Groes, Bylchau, Rhydgaled and Rhiw areas. There has been a lack of investment in the hall over the last 25 years, so the priority was to raise the standard in order to continue to offer a suitable and quality community boost for the whole area, and to remain competitive to retain and attract more users. Brenig Wind Ltd has assisted the hall with a £10,000 grant which has enabled the refurbishment of the hall to provide new flooring and much needed new kitchen.

The impact of the COVID pandemic has hit rural communities hard and the need for community facilities has never been so important.

"The money received by Brenig Wind Ltd has been vital in raising the standard of the facilities we have in the hall. As a result of the funding, a wooden block floor has been cleaned and treated, the foyer floor has been raised and renovated to a high standard and soon work will start on the kitchen refurbishment. The building is now fit for purpose and the committee and local community are very grateful for the financial contribution to improve our provision" said Meinir Jones - Committee Member.



OTHER EXCITING PROJECTS SUPPORTED BY BRENIG WIND LTD COMMUNITY BENEFIT FUND INCLUDE:

Canolfan Uwchaled received £9,587 towards the refurbishment of a coffee bar and kitchen storage area for the Uwchaled Community Centre. This will enable users of the community centre to have brand new kitchen facilities at the centre.

Clocaenog playground project received £8,935 towards the replacement of damaged playground equipment. Storm damage had rendered the equipment unusable, the grant from Brenig will enable children to use the playground once more.

Nantglyn Community Council received £2,002 to install a defibrillator in the redundant telephone kiosk which will provide essential lifesaving support for those in their hour of need.

Cylch Meithrin Clocaenog (Playgroup) received £7,075 towards the relocation costs from Ysgol Carreg Emlyn to the Church Hall in Clocaenog and to purchase learning resources and equipment. The playgroup provides pre-school nursery education for children from the local area.

Uwchaled First Responders received £2,765 towards essential equipment for first responders in the Brenig catchment area. These first responders are all volunteers and provide an essential service to the local community.

Menter Nefydd received £9,960 to install a new spectator stand and path alongside the football pitch which will enable access and shelter for the fans during football matches.

Denbigh Rugby Club received £8,000 towards the cost of floodlights on the training ground. This is a multi-funded project which will provide state of the art LED training floodlights on the rugby club's pitches.

Ffynnon St Dyfnog Well, Llanrhaeadr received £3,161 towards path construction at this historic community site. St Dyfnog's Well is a place of pilgrimage, a local beauty spot and a haven for wildlife.

And, £4,288 was awarded towards the start-up costs of the **Pentrefoelas Digital Wizards Community Club**, a new digital after schools and community club to develop and enhance digital skills for children and the wider community.

FURTHER DETAILS ON ALL GRANTS SUPPORTED BY BRENIG WIND LTD COMMUNITY BENEFIT FUND CAN BE FOUND ON:
WWW.CADWYNCLWYD.CO.UK/BRENIG



Application dates for the sixth round will be announced on the Cadwyn Clwyd website shortly. Further information is available from brenig@cadwynclwyd.co.uk or on www.cadwynclwyd.co.uk

FUNDING GUIDANCE



The Area of Benefit:

- The area of benefit are those communities in Denbighshire and Conwy which are closest to the Brenig Wind Ltd site.
- Communities within 10km radius from Brenig Windfarm will form the area of benefit.
- Projects in the outer area of 15km radius may be supported, provided they clearly demonstrate how they can benefit communities within the inner 10km area.
- A map of the area of benefit is available on www.cadwynclwyd.co.uk

Grant Thresholds:

- a small grant up to £10,000
- a large grant £10,000 to £50,000

Who Can Apply?

- Voluntary, community groups
- Community Councils / Town Councils
- Social enterprises provided they operate on a not-for-profit basis (including credit unions)
- Co-operatives
- Community owned enterprises
- Companies limited by guarantee
- Community interest companies and development trusts
- Charities
- Third sector organisations
- Social firms

Brenig Wind Ltd Community Benefit Fund is administered by Cadwyn Clwyd.
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