

Funding Report 2025

Over the course of 2025 the Abbey St Bathans, Bonkyl and Preston Community Council and Preston and Abbey Community Trust approved Wind Farm Funds to the following projects:

Weightlifting Support for Young Resident	Crystal Rig	23/01/2025	£1500.00	<p>A massive thank you for your financial support:</p> <p>Member of the GB Junior Weightlifting Squad Member of the Commonwealth Games Senior Scotland Squad</p> <p>British U17 Record Holder X2 British U20 Record Holder X1 Scottish Record Holder (all ages) X19</p> <p>Best Snatch - 93kg Best Clean and jerk - 110kg</p> <p>May 2025 - World Juniors, Peru 14th Malta 2025 - Small Nations Competition, Scottish Team Event December 2024 - Best Female Lifter in Scotland (total lift 200kg) December 2024 - Ranked 4th in GB October 2024 - European Juniors , Poland 6th September 2024 - World Juniors , Spain 16th June 2024- European Youths, Greece 4th May 2024 - World Youths, Peru 6th</p> <p>I just wanted to let you know what a difference your support made and how grateful we are for it.</p>
AED Burnhouses Farm	Crystal Rig	10/01/2025	£2213.10	The CC would like to thank Burnhouses Farm for allowing them to install an AED on their property.
Preston Art Group	Aikengall	06/02/2025	£134.40	At least 8 people benefitted and were able to join in the class at the higher rate.
Border Ice Rink Renewable Heating	Aikengall	20/03/2025	£5000.00	Final report pending.

Driving Lessons Subsidy 2025/26	Crystal Rig	27/03/2025	£2160.00	I'm happy to report he passed this morning. He really appreciated this funding as a new graduated student. I just wanted to let you know and hoping you could pass this on to the rest of the committee, that I am very grateful for the financial support I received towards my driving lessons, and I passed my test on Thursday.
Ellemford Show 2025	Aikengall	08/05/2025	£4205.00	Over 600 people from the community attended our event, giving them the chance to catch up with acquaintances friends and fellow exhibitors on the day: Our show day programme also benefitted local businesses by way of advertising - feedback from a local tree surgeon, tyre & groundworks companies gained work due to exposure from advertising in the Ellemford Show Programme.
Lanark Lodge Facilities Upgrade	Aikengall	16/06/2025	£3000.00	Final report pending.
Duns Summer Festival Patronage	Crystal Rig	22/05/2025	£300.00	Thank you for the lovely letter and kind donation. We look forward to meeting you on Saturday 13th July.
Ellemford Show 2025 – Industrial Society	Aikengall	14/07/2025	£500.00	The amount allocated meant that parents/carers could attend the show knowing that entertainment for the children was available and free of charge. This meant that they could focus on showing their livestock, catch up with friends, speak to those in the craft tent, look at the industrial entries and wander around the site knowing that they did not have to worry about the children asking for money for this and that. We know that there was an increase in numbers attending the show on the day, of whom some were children. A proportion of which were local whilst others came from further afield. A total of 355 entries were counted in the industrial tent. This was an increase on previous years, particularly in the children's categories.
Berwickshire County Show 2025	Aikengall	14/07/2025	£1000.00	The funding has helped our Industrial section remain affordable at a time when costs continue to rise. By keeping prices at a reasonable level, we've been able to ensure that entry stays accessible to the wider community. The section offers classes for every age and skill level — from juniors to seniors, and from complete beginners to experienced participants, allowing more local residents to participate and stay connected through shared activities.
Preston Community Café Hall Rental Costs	Aikengall	17/07/2025	£300.00	Expected completion June 2026
Preston Stitchers Hall Hire	Aikengall	22/08/2025	£210.00	It allowed the group to continue in a different venue while PVH was being refurbished. The number is fluid, around 7.

Abbey Scottish Women's Institute – Hall Hire	Aikengall	22/08/2025	£40.00	The funding was for the extra rent expended while PVH was being refurbished, this allowed us to continue to hold our meetings elsewhere without having to ask the members for any extra funds.
Inclusive Community Playpark - Coldingham	Quixwood Small Grant Fund		£5000.00	
SWI Botanical Print Workshop	Aikengall	15/09/2025	£360.00	Each workshop had 6 participants. 4 from our own Rural (although some of these were from the community) and two from the community who were not members. Everyone learnt a new skill and we all came away with a beautiful piece of fabric and 2 sheets of paper. The day itself was great fun. From the 4 community members who came along 2 of them have since joined our Rural (Abbey St Bathans SWI). We may consider holding this workshop again later this year due to it's success.
International Tartans	Aikengall	21/10/2025	£2800.00	Expected completion June 2026
Spelling to Communicate	Aikengall	24/10/2025	£975.00	Expected completion April 2026
Icelandic International Games 2026	Crystal Rig	27/11/2025	£1000.00	Expected completion June 2026.
Spelling to Communicate Additional Hire Costs	Aigengall	14/12/2025	£572.00	Expected completion April 2026.
BHS Grand Piano	Aikengall	14/12/2025	£2500.00	Final Report Pending.
Winter Fuel Payment Exercise	Quixwood Small Grant Fund		£32450.33	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This is an excellent idea. Well Done ABPCC. • I would like to claim £150. Just to confirm that I have received the above payment, just in time for me topping up my heating oil :). • I'd like to claim the WFSP please!! I'm so grateful to Quixwood Wind Farm for getting this help at this time of year. It is much appreciated!! • Hello we would like to take you up on the generous offer of £150 per household in the ABPCC area. Got payment today many thanks will be a big help