

Maximising the local benefit

A power for good

RES seeks to be a power for good in communities that neighbour our projects by working openly and constructively to ensure tangible local benefits. We believe that onshore wind should provide direct, lasting benefits to local communities and there are a number of ways that this can be achieved.

LEDS Local Electricity Discount Scheme

Our unique Local Electricity Discount Scheme (LEDS) was developed in response to research and feedback from local communities around RES' operational wind farms, and seeks to deliver direct and tangible benefits to people living and working closest to them. Below is an example nearby of where LEDS has made a tangible difference to a community:

"The Local Energy Discount Scheme is in its third year in The Royal Burgh of Sanquhar and District Community Council area, for all where an electricity meter is installed. It has been very well received and has been the most talked about and appreciated project in our area.

"As a community councillor it was a pleasure to be able to give monies off electricity bills to all properties in the CC area and especially the older generation, the unemployed, some local businesses and churches who have been struggling financially for some time."

"We have just over 1200 properties eligible to apply with an uptake of nearly 900. Running the project was very easy and as we are small community I was contacted for help to complete forms, it was a great help that Donna [from RES] came down to Sanquhar and completed a lot of forms in the Town Hall, and she was always available on the phone to answer any queries."

Ronnie Johnstone – Sanquhar Community Council

Tailored community benefits package

We are committed to a community benefits package that would be worth £5,000 per megawatt* (or equivalent) of installed capacity per annum. Based on the updated layout design, this would equate to £496,000 (index linked) for the local area, every year, which over a 50-year operational lifetime would mean in excess of £24 million for the local area.

We take a tailored approach and work directly with the community to understand how the wind farm could support the local area and help to secure long-term economic, social and environmental benefits. We are pleased to be engaging with Juxta Kirkpatrick and Moffat & District Community Councils to understand local priorities.

To have your say on what you'd like to see as part of the community benefits package please scan this QR code.



It is important to note that voluntary community benefits are not a material planning consideration.

Upper Annandale Football Club

RES is proud to support the Upper Annandale Football Club Juniors through the purchase of new goals for the 9 v 9 games for Primary 6 and 7 age groups. With these goals, they are able to continue to host competitive Scottish Youth Football Association (SYFA) games and have the correct size of equipment for training and developing their footballing ability as a team. It is one of the few sporting clubs for children in the rural area and runs weekly training sessions, as well as weekend games and fixtures.

We will be cheering the Junior teams on and hope that the sponsorship will support in making a positive contribution to a valued local club.

*The £5,000 per MW per annum benchmark is drawn from the Scottish Government's current Good Practice Principles for Community Benefits from Onshore Renewable Energy Developments. We are aware of the ongoing consultation on proposed updates to this guidance and will have regard to any revised recommendations when finalised.

Kinmelhead Wind Farm Proposal

www.kinmelhead-windfarm.co.uk

