



Carraig Gheal Wind Farm is jointly owned by GreenPower, a Scottish renewable energy company and Railpen, the railways pension fund.

## What difference is the fund making to local communities?

Since the inception of the Carraig Gheal Wind Farm Community Benefit Fund in October 2013, a total of £449,650 has been paid into the fund by the wind frm.

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The Community Benefit Fund is divided between two funding schemes:

**Micro-grant:** with grants of up to £500. There have been 84 approved micro-grant applications totalling over £25,700.

**Main grant:** with grants of up to £10,000 available. To date, 68 main grants have been approved by the Steering Group totalling over £350,900.

A summary of the main and micro grants awarded can be found on the website [carraigghealwindfarm.co.uk](http://carraigghealwindfarm.co.uk). The grants have helped a wide range of projects to go forward. The following information goes into further detail about one of these projects, the Kilmore and Kilbride Village Hall.



## KILMORE AND KILBRIDE HALL

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Community Benefit Fund Case Study

# KILMORE AND KILBRIDE HALL

The village hall is a key asset in the remote Argyll community of Kilmore and Kilbride, serving many community groups, public meetings and local events. Like many rural village halls, maintenance and repairs are an ongoing financial challenge.



Before repair and extension works were carried out

Since 2017, the Village Hall has benefitted from a number of grants supporting the installation of a new kitchen, insulation, replacing existing windows with more efficient double glazed units, new doors, painting and surrounding groundworks. The latest grant allows the new extension to be fully equipped and fitted along with external groundworks being completed to ensure a fully functioning and welcoming hall for the local community. By the end of 2021 the hall will have benefitted from nearly £42,000 of grants which has helped deliver other match funding for projects totalling £145,000.

“ Thanks to a generous grant from Carraig Gheal Wind Farm Community Benefit Fund, Kimore Public Hall has had a new kitchen installed. There has been an increase in rent for the hall, and this has shown that there has been twice the volume of activity since before the Covid Pandemic. After many years of fundraising it has been encouraging to be given such support from Carraig Gheal who have recognised the importance of a smart new kitchen for this rural community hall - ”  
Ann Macleod



Extension work in progress



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The Hall is run by a committee of volunteers who manage these projects and indeed complete some of the works themselves. The local community undertakes a large number of fund raising activities, but with a population of just over 300 and no public funding, the support of the Community Benefit Fund is vital in helping to maintain a vibrant village hall and in turn a vibrant local community.

