

**Distributing Harestanes
Community Benefit on behalf of
ScottishPower Renewables**



**Helping communities
to make positive
changes**

Annandale and Nithsdale Community Benefit Company

NEWS RELEASE

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Supporting SHAX to go from strength to strength

Based at the Crichton Campus in Dumfries, SHAX is a registered charity who support people in crisis need and those moving on from homelessness. Thanks to an award of £10,000 from ANCBC, SHAX is able to continue to provide a valuable service to vulnerable people at a point where a relatively small amount of support can make a significant difference to people's wellbeing. As well as supporting vulnerable people, SHAX provides employment for 4 members of staff and volunteering opportunities for local people.

The award will be used to re-fresh volunteer's skills, knowledge, confidence and employability; recycle donated goods through re-use, re-purposing and upcycling; re-home vulnerable local people by providing essential items to start new tenancies.

Other groups to benefit recently include; Nithsdale Walking Works Network, St Michael's Cricket Club, Moffat Civic Pride, Hub Dumfries and Galloway, Discover Kirkmahoe and Thornhill Playgroup.

Hazel Thompson from SHAX said "We are delighted to receive the award from ANCBC. It will allow us to continue our worthwhile and valuable service supporting vulnerable individuals in the region, and also to thank our many volunteers who support the project."

Martin Brown, ANCBC Chair said "We are happy to be supporting a significant and quantifiable community benefit to those in need"

Kenny Peberdy, UK Director for ScottishPower Renewables said We are pleased to see that Harestanes Windfarm has helped to support so many worthwhile projects. We hope that the funds will make a positive difference to SHAX and all of the other projects. £8 million of funding will be available for communities over the 25 years that Harestanes windfarm is anticipated to operate for, and we hope that many more local projects come forward to seek support in the coming months and years."

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Annandale and Nithsdale Community Benefit Company (ANCBC), receives funding from ScottishPower Renewables' Harestanes Windfarm. The next closing date for applications is 29 March 2017. Full details, application forms and guidance are available from www.ancbc.co.uk or by calling Foundation Scotland on 01557 814927.

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Notes to Editors

Annandale & Nithsdale Community Benefit Company

The Annandale and Nithsdale Community Benefit Company (ANCBC) has been established to distribute the funds from the ScottishPower Renewables Harestanes Windfarm. Forty two community council areas across Annandale and Nithsdale will benefit from £8M in community benefit funding over the 25 years of the fund. The ANCBC voluntary Board of Directors, elected from Community Councils, makes decisions on the fund.

Foundation Scotland

Foundation Scotland works with communities and developers, administering over £3M in community benefit payments annually mainly linked to commercially-owned and operated onshore wind farms. It works with over 145 communities and a wide range of developers, supporting the set-up and on-going activities of over 50 community funds

The Foundation favours a long term view, promotes and harnesses community strengths and supports decision making processes that are inclusive, accountable and community-led.

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