

The Bicker Trust - Winds of Change for Environmental Projects

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Since November 2006 the Bicker Trust has awarded grants totalling £39,430.38 to various projects that benefit the local community living within a ten mile radius of the Bicker Fen Wind Farm site. For details see attached. Preference was, and will, be given to projects nearest the Wind Farm site that are for the whole community.

The Bicker Trust income derives from Wind Prospect, the developer of the Wind Farm site at Bicker. The Trust will run for 25 years, awarding approximately £16,000 per year to projects that either contribute to conservation, energy efficiency or environmental improvements. Examples of fundable projects include top-up grants, educational projects (attending environmental courses or workshops); community facilities (ponds, wildlife, ecology), environmental schemes, energy efficiency for community buildings, ground source energy, solar panels; biodiversity (species support), habitat creation (hedges, woodland, ponds etc).

The next round of applications are being accepted from individuals or community groups provided they can prove they meet the Schemes aims and objectives. Closing date 31st October 2008. To obtain an Application Form, or for more information, please contact Sue Fortune or Jenny Birdsall at The Community Foundation on 01529 305825.

Jenny Birdsall, Grants Officer at the Community Foundation:-

“As the work is now completed on the Bicker Fen Wind Farm and the turbines are active it is admirable to know that the grants awarded have been used in the local community to benefit all ages and local wildlife and will do so for many years to come”.

Guidelines

Application Form