

Community Benefits – Suggestions

- Educational Presentations to local schools on Climate Change and Renewable Energy to help improve awareness and understanding of these important issues.
- Creation of new jobs (in the region of 4 – 6 positions) including Wind Turbine Maintenance Engineers, the Educational Ranger and Energy Advisor.
- An Educational Ranger who will work with local schools and teachers to help with the delivery of environmental topics (e.g. wildlife, habitats, seasons, recycling, renewable energy etc). Will also include educational day trips and the windfarm itself can be used as an educational resource. Perhaps work in conjunction with the Cluster Schools Programme or work with just the schools local to the Windfarm. Would also provide further educational support to local community groups, business groups etc.
- Carbon Neutral Project – to improve energy awareness and energy efficiency thus helping householders to reduce their energy consumption and lower their carbon footprint. Possibility of a mobile service to visit each village once/twice a month. Help local residents to fill in forms and apply for grants for energy efficiency measures, provide details of approved and recommended installers.
- Reduce the number of households in the local area which are in fuel poverty. Provide funding for those who are currently in fuel poverty, towards the installation of energy efficiency measures (e.g. loft and cavity wall insulation).
- Donation of micro renewables (e.g. small wind turbine/solar panels) to local schools/community buildings.
- Funding for environmental community projects for the lifetime of the project.
- Green Electricity Vouchers for properties within specific distances/boundaries of the windfarm. So for householders who switch to a green energy tariff, they will annually receive vouchers which can be redeemed against their electricity bills, thus reducing the cost of their electricity per annum.
- Working with The Woodland Trust to provide a Community Woodland, and other projects to restore local woods and improve access to local woodlands (stiles, paths, interpretation boards etc).
- Low Carbon Transport Schemes.
- Recycling Projects

These Community Benefits are current suggestions and can be tailored to suit the needs of the local communities. Any suggestions/recommendations for alternative community benefits, projects and funding should be put forward to Gillian Cropper on **01928 7345544** or email gillian@communitywindpower.co.uk. Alternatively write to: Community Windpower Ltd, Godscroft Lane, Frodsham, Cheshire, WA6 6XU

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