



THE PRINCE'S  
COUNTRYSIDE  
FUND

## **The Prince's Countryside Fund Grants Funding, December 2018**

Over £240,000 in grants have been awarded to the following rural communities:

### **Criffins Parish Hall and Playing Fields - £25,000 Shropshire**

Part funding for modernisation and refurbishment of the community pub which is the main income provider for the Parish hall. A refurbishment of the pub will support local events such as weddings and funerals, sports teams and local clubs. The pub is run by volunteers and any income generated is put straight back into supporting the communities requests and needs.

### **Detling CIC - £45,000 Kent**

The grant will fund the salary of a shop manager to help to sustain the Detling Community by creating a community hub - anchored by a shop, Post Office and Cafe. With the store in place, the elderly and parents with young children will have somewhere to go, which is close to the children's playground. In addition the shop will contribute to local democracy by providing office space for residents to meet the Parish Clerk, Parish, District and County Councillors.

### **Lochcarron Community Development Company - £25,000 Scottish Highlands**

Currently the Smithy Community Hub is located on the busy North Coast 500 and is part of the UNESCO Wester Ross Biosphere Reserve. It comprises of a series of buildings and is rented to local craft businesses including pottery/traditional crafts worker/beeswax candle maker and a craft collective. This funding will provide a renovated community café, food training for some staff and part of the salary for a project officer.

### **Radnor Federation of Young Farmer's Clubs - £40,000 Powys, Wales**

The main purpose of the project is to provide training and skills development for young people who earn their living through agriculture or who would like to develop a career in agriculture in the rural county of Radnorshire in Mid Wales. This will be a three-year scheme including a bursary for up to 40 young people to be spent on accredited training. Funding will also go towards staffing costs to run the project.

### **Southern Regional College - £48,380.62 Newry, Ireland**

The aim of the project is to provide accredited training to people in rural areas from both farming and non-farming backgrounds. The training will focus on Agriculture, Countryside Management & Environment equipping participants with the skills required to conserve and develop their locality for future generations enhancing its long-term sustainability. The grant will fund 20 people.



## ***Rural Four grants***

**The following grants have been made available thanks to players of People's Postcode Lottery:**

### **Iona Village Hall Community Trust - £25,000 Argyll, Scotland**

This project is a renovation of Iona village hall which is the only dedicated community space on the island available to the 165 residents. The funding is for a kitchen renovation, storage equipment, tables/chairs for a meeting space, and lighting. Additionally, projectors and sound equipment for the hall are requested to host a regular winter film night for isolated elderly residents who cannot travel to the mainland cinema.

### **Lurgashall Village Shop - £20,000 West Sussex**

The project will refurbish the existing shop to create a sustainable village hub and Post Office in a small rural community with very little public transport. The shop had become run-down, under-used and was in danger of being closed, so the community set up this not-for-profit social enterprise initially run by volunteers. The freeholder has approved a 9-year lease. The aim is also to employ two part-time members of staff to help provide a professional service and relieve some of the burden on the volunteers.

### **Mull and Iona Community Trust - £18,200.24 Argyll, Scotland**

The Prince's Countryside Fund grant will build on an existing project to part fund a Housing Project Officer who will oversee the development of 4 new houses for long term affordable rent in Ulva Ferry, on the rural West Coast on the isle of Mull. MICT will work with the local community group to ensure the key decisions at all stages of this project are made by community members: from house designs to allocation policy.