



## Grants Awarded November 2018

### **Appleby Emergency Response Group Cumbria**

Project title: Appleby flood warning siren

This grant will fund the installation of a new remotely activated siren to warn the community of impending floods, replacing the existing siren which has been ineffective due to its location. As a community led organisation, the project is reflecting the wishes and needs of the community to ensure all residents are alerted in the event of a flood emergency. The new siren will also warn residents who have not registered for the electronic flood warning because of limited access to technology.

### **Beds and Cambs Rural Support Group Cambridgeshire**

Project title: Complete the expansion of Beds and Cambs Rural Support Group's services and implement more sustainable fundraising for the future.

The Prince's Countryside Fund has previously funded the Beds and Cambs Rural Support Group, and this application continues the work they have been doing for family farms who are not in a position to purchase professional services. The project will provide business services for small to medium farms including advice on debts, grants and locating low-cost housing to enable retirement. The organisation also takes on the traditional support role for families in difficulties by providing help and guidance for mental health.

### **The Candover Valley Community Store Basingstoke, Hampshire**

Project title: The Candover Valley Community Store Project

The community shop will incorporate a post office, coffee area and central meeting point in the village of Preston Candover. The current shop is due to close and the new store aims to provide a larger community amenity and place the needs of the community at the heart of what it hopes to do. It will be located alongside the Village Hall which will be of mutual benefit, and will create a stronger community focus and identity.

### **Community Council of Devon Devon**

Project title: Rural Enterprise Solutions Devon (Phase 2)

The overall aim of this project is to further develop and scale up the work the charity has done to encourage local rural enterprise through the first phase of the programme, funded by the Prince's Countryside Fund in 2017. So far they have successfully provided targeted support and access to an online peer networking hub to individual budding entrepreneurs/ community enterprises and developing rural businesses in 8 rural communities across 4 rural districts of Devon. This new grant will enable replication this model across the remaining 3 rural districts to cover the whole county of



Devon as the demand for the service in phase 1 has been so high amongst rural entrepreneurs (many of whom are women).

### **Cosmic**

#### **Devon**

Project title: Green Connections - Digital Training and Mentoring for rural enterprises around Dartmoor and Exmoor

Cosmic want to build on the success of their previous projects, whilst adopting a new strategy that has been requested by the recipients around the National Parks. These areas are isolated and difficult to access. However, over recent years they have received universal access to Superfast broadband for the first time. Farmers across Dartmoor and Exmoor areas are now able to utilise the benefits of faster broadband, for example, using Cloud for storage and backup, video conferencing for communications, and embracing all forms of social media. This grant will help to train farmers and rural businesses – through targeted workshops and 1-to-1 mentoring; improving their skills and understanding of the technology available to them.

### **Farm Cornwall**

#### **Cornwall**

Project title: FarmCornwall

FarmCornwall directly supports farming families at their lowest ebb such as bank withdrawal of support, family breakdown, loss of milk contract and debt as well as mental health issues and depression. This project funds a Farm Business Adviser (FBA) to assist farmers who are at crisis point, and to provide ongoing support to them. The FBA is able to act as a single point of contact to liaise with banks, landlords, creditors and agents on the family's behalf.

### **Fittleworth Community Shop Ltd**

#### **West Sussex**

Project title: Fittleworth Community Shop and Café

A community owned village shop to regenerate the heart of the village, providing local produce to enhance the local economy and reduce food miles. Dairy products will come from one of the last traditional dairy farms in West Sussex, eggs will be sourced from a local poultry farm, and cheeses, smoked fish, meats and local beers will all be from within 15 miles. With a limited bus service to the closest towns and nowhere locally to purchase food or meet for a coffee, the shop will provide an invaluable lifeline for the elderly and those without transport. The organisation has also applied for a Post Office Local and are offering space to local crafts. There are very few employment opportunities in Fittleworth, and the shop and café will create 2 full time jobs, supported by volunteers.

### **Good Things Foundation**

#### **Sheffield**

Project title: Scaling Enterprise in Rural Communities

The project aims to explore how Digital Enterprise Hubs can support rural businesses to engage with technology, by training community organisations as Digital Enterprise Champions to teach them digital skills. The project will support 117 rural businesses, helping them to become more

sustainable and productive. Some of the benefits which beneficiaries will see are business growth, financial savings, time efficiency and employee wellbeing.

**Gorsley Community Shop CIC**

**Herefordshire**

Project title: Gorsley Community Shop

Started by the local community to re-establish the shop and Post Office which had closed down, this project aims to create a focal point for the local community. The new shop will employ a part time manager, provide Post Office and banking facilities, and have 50 volunteers committed to the project. It will allow local residents to walk/cycle to get groceries or purchase daily newspapers without the need to drive or rely on infrequent public transport to nearby towns. Elderly residents will have a local hub which is accessible to them.

**IAGSA**

**National**

Project title: Development of a team to deliver the "Minding your Business" training programme for the Institute of Agriculture Secretaries & Administrators (IAGSA).

This grant will support the development of a small team of trainers, who will work across England, Wales and Scotland delivering "Minding Your Business" (MYB) workshops. Currently there is a team of 3 who deliver training for IAGSA's membership, but the new team will be tasked with delivery at a much more localised level. Workshops will be targeted at family farming businesses in the poorer rural areas, who are often termed as "hard to reach". The aim of these workshops will be to enable participants to update and improve their skills and knowledge base to ensure a better understanding of farm book-keeping procedures. It also gives an opportunity to review current systems in preparation for future HMRC requirements in Making VAT Digital.

**Kilfinan Community Forrest**

**Argyll**

Project title: Kilfinan Community Forest Youth Skills Development Programme, providing training and work experience to 14-18 year-olds in rural Argyll

This grant will give young people the chance to learn about forestry, environmental work and agriculture during a four-week course that also provides them with accredited training. Activities include management of invasive species, fencing and access, organic growing, fish farming operations, woodworking and upland sheep farming. The course runs for four weeks during the summer, offers up to six participants a modest bursary and provides them with certificates from the John Muir Trust and in Emergency First Aid.

**Trelawnyd and Gwaenysgor Community Association**

**Flintshire, Wales**

Project title: Community Resilience

This project will help two small rural villages in North Wales which are often cut off in part or wholly during bad weather, usually causing power outage. The grant will fund an emergency box and generator for both village halls, enabling them to open as places of refuge. The contents of the box would include the administrative tools and stationary to run a rest centre, as well as provide a comprehensive first aid kit. The generators will provide emergency lighting.

**Yorkshire Dales Millennium Trust**  
**Yorkshire**

Project title: Rural Trainees

Rural Trainees is providing six 18-month work-based traineeships in environmental conservation and traditional rural management skills for young people aged 16-24, enabling them to become the future custodians of the area's upland environment. Trainees work alongside experts, gain accredited training, attend a range of courses and receive individually tailored support. The project is helping to address the lack of training opportunities for rural young people, enabling them to remain living and working here to sustain the countryside.

**Skye and Lochalsh Micro Abattoir Limited**  
**Isle of Skye**

Project title: The Skye and Lochalsh Micro Abattoir - Delivering wide ranging benefits from a community owned and operated abattoir facility including but not limited to; produce traceability, slaughter facilitates, economic impact, employment and rural regeneration.