

**GOOD ENERGY COMMUNITY BENEFIT FUND**  
**GUIDELINES**

The Rook Wood Solar Farm at Goldborough is providing an annual sum of money for use by the community of Broad Town. These guidelines are designed to be used by community members who are interested in the fund as well as by community fund distributors.

**Good Energy.**

Good Energy was the first 100% renewable electricity supply company in the UK, supplying its customers with electricity from sun, wind and rain.

The company owns and operates a number of wind and solar farms and is developing more sites to help meet growing demand for renewable electricity from domestic and business customers

Good Energy offers community funds as one way of sharing the benefits of renewable energy with local people living close to its wind and solar farms. For further information visit [www.goodenergy.co.uk/our-wind-and-solar-farms](http://www.goodenergy.co.uk/our-wind-and-solar-farms).

**Who Can Apply.**

Projects must benefit the target area of the Parish of Broad Town to be eligible for funding. Preference will be given to applicants based within this area, but applications from organisations based elsewhere will also be considered providing they can demonstrate significant benefit to the target area.

The following not-for-profit organisations will be considered:

- Registered charities
- Voluntary groups
- Community groups
- Clubs
- School/pre-school parent associations (subject to conditions below)

Individuals may apply but only with relation to a specific project with a community focus) see note 2

Notes.

1. There may be some flexibility on the funding area listed. For example, a project may not be based within the given area, but may still benefit this population. Funding decisions are made at the discretion of the Parish Council

2. Funds must be paid through a registered community group or entity.

Both Broad Town Parish Council and Good Energy are keen that projects which receive funding built upon the community's existing social, economic or environmental sustainability.

### **What projects are not eligible for funding**

- Projects that are the designated responsibility of local authorities or government.
- Projects that are of apolitical or exclusively religious nature
- Project where the grant is to be used for the financial benefit of an individual or an unusually narrow group of people to the exclusion of the wider community.
- Projects that aim to improve/increase the value of the applicants own private property or private properties of a narrow group of individuals to the exclusion of the wider community
- Projects that (i) materially increase existing nett carbon emissions. (ii) promote the use of fossil fuels, nuclear fuel or the extraction, production or processing of natural gas (including through hydraulic fracturing) or (iii) are contradictory to Good Energy's mission of avoiding catastrophic climate change.
- Projects that are, or which Good Energy reasonably considers might be illicit, illegal or unlawful or immoral.

If you aren't sure if your projects can be funded, get in touch with the Clerk to the Parish Council.  
Details at the end of these guidance notes.

### **Examples of the kind of projects eligible for funding**

To give you an idea of the sort of projects that the Broad Town Community Fund would look to award grants to, here are a few examples (this list is not exhaustive)

- Community projects
- Community Groups
- Community halls
- Community spaces, including outdoor ones
- Educational projects
- Environmental projects
- Community events

### **How the application process works**

Each application will be assessed on its individual merit. Particular emphasis will be placed on the following criteria; however, this is by no means an exhaustive list;

- Projects run by the community, for the community; the project must demonstrate that it will generate community involvement, engagement and ownership both in its set up and operation.
- Match funding. The project should not rely exclusively on the community fund for support but demonstrate that other funding sources are being exploited and/or explored. The community fund should ideally only contribute up to 50% of the overall funding required for the project unless the Parish Council agrees that a higher contribution is appropriate for the relevant project.
- Geographical location. The service/project being funded should benefit the target area defined above, but initiatives serving a wider area may be considered at the discretion of the Parish Council.
- Environmental benefit. For example, the project may be creating a nature area or installing energy efficiency/renewable generating equipment on a community building.
- Accountability. The project will be measured on how going forwards the project will be in monitoring and reported on.

**When can you apply.**

The Parish council will consider applications twice a year. Please contact the Clerk to the Parish Council for details.

**Making an application.**

You will need to complete an application form available from the Clerk.

**Publicity**

Good Energy and Broad Town Parish Council may, from time to time, wish to use your community project as a case study or in promotional materials. You will always be contacted if this is going to happen and photo permissions will be sought.

**Obligations.**

The recipient of the funding must provide the Parish Council with an annual update of the project which will be used for monitoring purposes. Good Energy will also receive a copy of this report.