



KILMORE AND KILBRIDE HALL

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Community Benefit Fund Case Study

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What difference is the fund making to local communities?

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Micro-grant: with grants of up to £500. There have been 84 approved micro-grant applications totalling over £25,700.

Main grant: with grants of up to £10,000 available. To date, 68 main grants have been approved by the Steering Group totalling over £350,900.

A summary of the main and micro grants awarded can be found on the website carraigghealwindfarm.co.uk. The grants have helped a wide range of projects to go forward. The following information goes into further detail about one of these projects, the Kilmore and Kilbride Village Hall.

KILMORE AND KILBRIDE HALL

The village hall is a key asset in the remote Argyll community of Kilmore and Kilbride, serving many community groups, public meetings and local events. Like many rural village halls, maintenance and repairs are an ongoing financial challenge.



Before repair and extension works were carried out

Since 2017, the Village Hall has benefitted from a number of grants supporting the installation of a new kitchen, insulation, replacing existing windows with more efficient double glazed units, new doors, painting and surrounding groundworks. The latest grant allows the new extension to be fully equipped and fitted along with external groundworks being completed to ensure a fully functioning and welcoming hall for the local community. By the end of 2021 the hall will have benefitted from nearly £42,000 of grants which has helped deliver other match funding for projects totalling £145,000.

“Thanks to a generous grant from Carraig Gheal Wind Farm Community Benefit Fund, Kilmore Public Hall has had a new kitchen installed. There has been an increase in rent for the hall, and this has shown that there has been twice the volume of activity since before the Covid Pandemic. After many years of fundraising it has been encouraging to be given such support from Carraig Gheal who have recognised the importance of a smart new kitchen for this rural community hall -

Ann Macleod

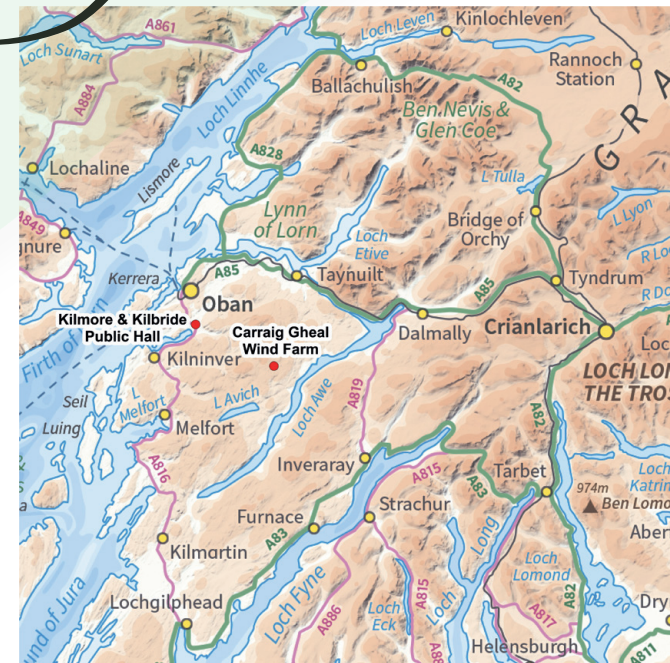


Extension work in progress



For more information and events visit:
[@kilmoreandkilbridehallandCommunityCouncil](https://www.facebook.com/kilmoreandkilbridehallandCommunityCouncil)
 on Facebook

The Hall is run by a committee of volunteers who manage these projects and indeed complete some of the works themselves. The local community undertakes a large number of fund raising activities, but with a population of just over 300 and no public funding, the support of the Community Benefit Fund is vital in helping to maintain a vibrant village hall and in turn a vibrant local community.





DALAVICH SOCIAL CLUB / IMPROVEMENT GROUP

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DALAVICH SOCIAL CLUB / IMPROVEMENT GROUP

Dalavich is a small village and community located on the west shores of Loch Awe and lying 6km south of Carraig Gheal Wind Farm. The Community Centre is a key hub in the local community and as well as providing typical village hall functions, it also hosts the Dalavich Social Club and outdoor facilities, such as a play park and facilities for boating on the loch.



The Centre

The Community Centre has benefitted from a number of grants since the Community Benefit Fund was established and these have supported a range of maintenance works and improvements. These include upgrading the electrics, providing a play park for toddlers, installation of a wood burning stove in the bar area, storage sheds, improving the car park and most recently funding the replacement of the pontoons in the loch.

“A total of £70,867 has been granted by the Community Benefit Fund for the Dalavich area over the past six year period”



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@DalavichSocialClub on Facebook

The Community Benefit Fund has provided a total of £70,867 in grant support, enabling match funding to be released and raise a total of £128,000 of funding for projects. This grant support has been critical for a small community of less than 250. The Community Centre's John Fleming says "For communities like Dalavich, the Community Benefit Fund has certainly enabled us to access grant funds to improve and enrich our communities. Thanks to the team at Carraig Gheal for your assistance in helping our communities achieve these improvements"

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BRIDGE OF ORCHY VILLAGE HALL

The Village Hall at Bridge of Orchy serves the rural population of the Glen Orchy and Innisheal Community Council area as well as being located on the busy A82 and adjacent to the popular West Highland Way. By 2015 the Hall had deteriorated to the point where it was virtually unusable (as seen below).

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The Hall is now a key community hub, promoting education, recreation and centralising services. At a time when rural isolation is increasing and the demographic slide is towards urban living and away from the countryside, the rejuvenation of the hall has brought the community together in a common cause and now provides a community hub for everyone to use.

It provides a meeting space and drop in centre for locals and visitors alike. The hall also plays an important role in the Bridge of Orchy Community Resilience Plan providing a place of shelter in the event of an emergency.



New kitchen equipment



Improved access



Renovated floor

Before renovations began in 2015



Four main grants have been awarded to the Village Hall between 2016 and 2018, which provided match funding to enable a series of large refurbishment projects to take place. These have enabled a near total renovation of the hall, replacing windows, fitting new flooring, a new kitchen and toilets and installing a new heating system. A total of £200,000 has been raised for the hall, kickstarted by their first grant from the Community Benefit Fund.

After



Further information can be found at:
www.bridgeoforchyhall.co.uk

