



# Annandale and Nithsdale Community Benefit Company

Helping communities to make positive changes

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# AGM 2020

Chair's Report

# Awards Summary 2019-2020

34 applications were made to the ANCBC Main Fund  
25 grants were awarded

**Total of £169,206** committed to projects across the ANCBC area of benefit

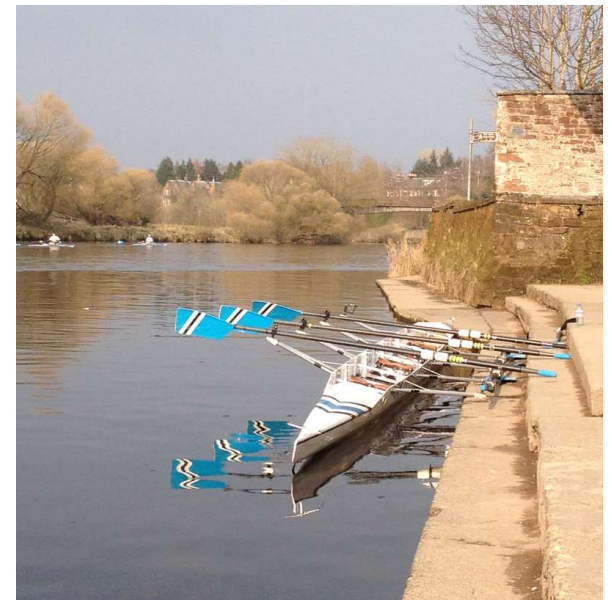
14 awards were between £500 and £5,000

7 between £5,001 and £10,000

4 between £15,000 and £20,000

Large Grants of over £19,000 were awarded to:

- Soul Soup Counselling and Training Ltd
- Nithsdale Amateur Rowing Club Ltd
- Dumfries Lawn Tennis Club



# Analysis of Grants Awarded 2019-20

Average award **£6,768**

Average value of projects funded **£18,653**

Leverage (the percentage of funding brought in from other sources to deliver those projects) **36.28%**

So for every £1 awarded from ANCBC – a further **£2.75** was raised from elsewhere



Awards were for a wide range of activities such as:

- support for local events, classes and clubs
- building renovations and improvements
- employment of development officers and counsellors

# Local Grants Update

Every established Community Council in the ANCBC area of benefit is eligible to apply for annual grant of up to **£2,000**.

**29** Community Councils claimed their Local Grant during the year.

**£66,494** allocated to Local Grants including extra applications for Covid-19

Examples of projects supported by Local Grants:

community newsletters, defibrillators, community events, hire and purchase of equipment for local groups...



# Five Years of ANCBC Awards



Since its start in 2015, ANCBC has:

Awarded **£1,300,927** to **144** projects through its Main Fund

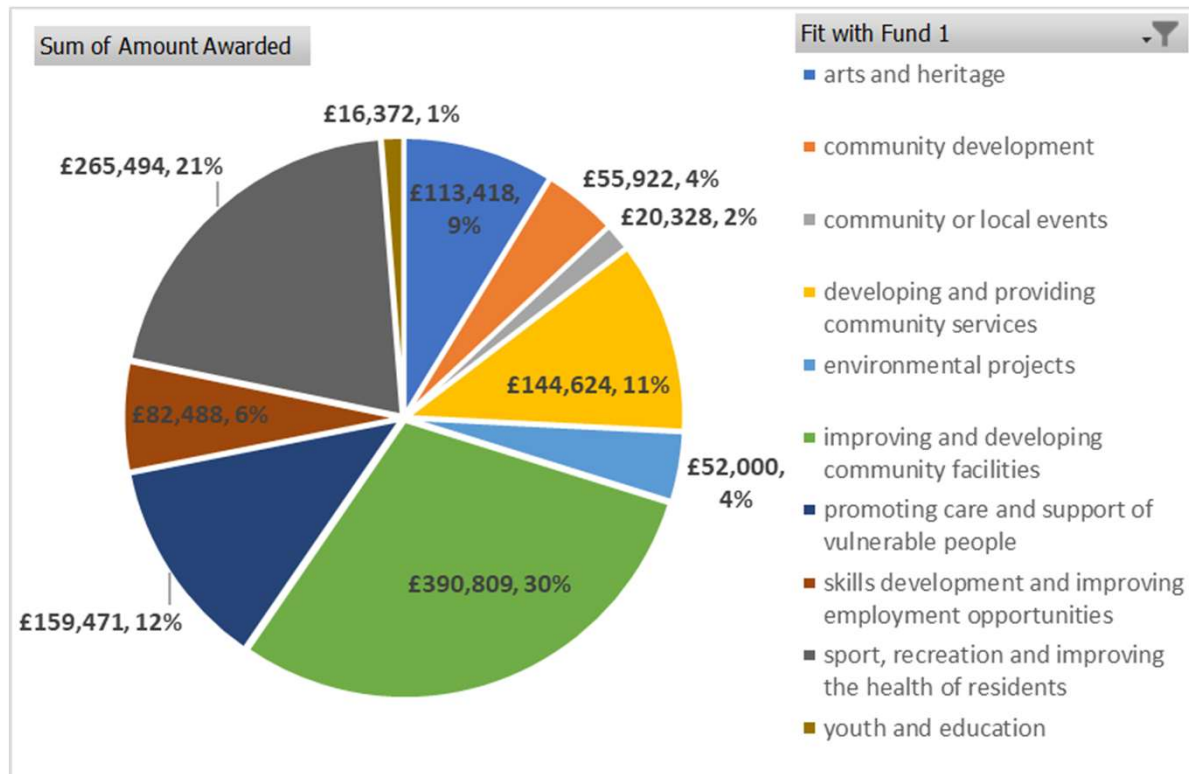
The total value of projects supported by the Main Fund is **£17,192,759**, giving a leverage of **92.43%**

Awarded **£242,482** to Community Councils in Local Grants, including **£124,000** of **£4,000** start up grants

## Five Years of ANCBC Impact so far...

ANCBC particularly welcomes applications that address at least one of a number of purposes.

This chart shows that the Fund has supported a wide variety of change within communities, with an emphasis on improving and developing community facilities and services, and on sport, recreation and improving the health of residents.



# What difference is the Fund making?

Nith Valley Leaf Trust (NVL) is a resident-led Development Trust, working primarily for the benefit of its host rural community of Closeburn. Consultation with the community identified several local housing challenges, including a lack of affordable, family-sized, rental properties with secure tenancies and a lack of energy efficient housing.

In 2019 NVLT started building three family-sized passivhaus certified homes, a type of ultra-low energy building that requires little energy for space heating or cooling, enabling low heating bills, higher air quality and healthier homes. These houses are now complete, and their new tenants received their keys in May 2020. They are the first such community-owned homes in Scotland.

The cutting-edge homes have been funded by The Scottish Government's Rural Housing Fund and the Scottish Land Fund, as well as by a loan from the Ecology Building Society. Funding of **£15,000** from ANCBC has helped unlock this investment and contributed to realising a project that will make a transformational difference to a small rural community.





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In December 2018, Moniaive Pottery Club were awarded **£1,457** to purchase a kiln. The kiln was installed in October 2019 and club members were invited to a demonstration of how to use and maintain it.

The Moniaive Pottery Club has a wide range of members and the club provides an opportunity to get to know others with similar interests; catch up with friends and enjoy an absorbing activity. Around 10-20 people regularly benefit each week.

Margaret Glasgow, the club's chair, said that, "Having our own kiln has made a big difference to the club whose members are now able to make a wide range of pieces, and experiment with new projects, small and large."

Many of the pieces made have won prizes in local shows and others have been valued raffle prizes in a range of community events over the seasons.



# Giving thanks....

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