



Spring funding boost for Annandale & Nithsdale

Seven community groups and charities in Annandale & Nithsdale are celebrating following a £66,000 funding boost from Annandale and Nithsdale Community Benefit Company (ANCBC).

The fund supports charitable activities that support the rural regeneration and sustainability of local communities in Annandale & Nithsdale. The Spring round of awards saw over £66,000 being distributed to local projects.

Grants made included a £20,000 contribution towards Castle Loch Lochmaben Community Trust's project to replace the timber boardwalk, improve bridges and create a link path around the loch, which is a popular place for walks and recreation for residents and visitors to the area. This funding will be matched with £10,000 already secured from the Minnygap Community Fund, and £10,000 from the Hugh Fraser Foundation. With decisions on other funding applications expected soon.

Darren Flint, Project Officer at Castle Loch, said,

"On behalf of the loch's visitors, the Trust are very grateful to ANCBC for supporting our campaign to fund the upgrade of the path and boardwalk infrastructure. This wonderful community owned asset now sees some 35,000 pairs of boots walking the 5 km loop annually and these essential works will see us welcoming many more for years to come."

Since opening in Spring 2015, the ANCBC fund has awarded almost **£2 million** to projects across the 42 community council areas that make up its area of benefit.

The next deadlines for applications are **Friday 18th March 2022** and then **Friday 5th August 2022**. Visit the fund page for full details: www.ancbc.co.uk/main-fund/.

Full list of latest grants awarded:

Community Group	Project Description	Amount Awarded
Dumfries and Galloway Arts Festival	To bring high-quality performance arts events to Lockerbie, Moffat and Eskdalemuir, with a focus on community engagement and development; and on Covid recovery.	£13,300.00
Castle Loch Lochmaben Community Trust	To contribute towards the replacement of the timber boardwalk to ensure that the stretch of path around the loch which passes through an area of wet woodland remains usable for walkers for many years to come.	£20,000.00
Dunscore Play Park Project	To fundraise to enable the upgrade of outdated current play park that does not meet modern standards for the children living within the community.	£20,000.00
Torthorwald Hall Association	To assist with replacement boiler and oil tank costs.	£5,000.00
Nethermill Primary School Parent Council	To contribute to the costs of an outdoor residential trip to Lockerbie Manor for P5 to P7 pupils.	£1,834.00
Johnstonebridge Parent Council	To contribute to the costs of an outdoor residential trip to Lockerbie Manor for P5 to P7 pupils.	£1,713.00
Lockerbie Old School Community Hub SCIO	To assist with the cost of a part-time self-employed Communications and Administration Officer.	£5,000.00
Total awarded		£66,847.00

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