



STAR ENERGY Community Fund

... supporting our neighbours in local communities



The Star Energy Community Fund has been established to help local communities close to the oil and gas production and exploration sites where we operate. It covers specific areas of Surrey, West Sussex and Lincolnshire. We recognise that, in helping to satisfy society's energy needs, our activities have the potential to affect our neighbours. We accept the responsibility to minimise those impacts and to operate in a socially and environmentally acceptable manner. But we also recognise that a good corporate neighbour is one who contributes to the wider well-being of the community.

The fund is a practical way of providing such support.

The company

Star Energy is one of the UK's leading onshore hydrocarbon producers, delivering natural gas and crude oil to the energy market.

We explore and develop gas and oil reserves at onshore locations in the East Midlands and across a wide area of southern England. We have the benefit of a gifted onshore drilling team that has decades of experience of the fields we are now working. This means we are ideally placed to exploit prolific and lower cost hydrocarbon fields that will contribute to Britain's energy security while at the same time delivering value to our investors.

The fund

The fund is run by a grants panel that includes representatives from Star Energy and from community action organisations in areas in which we operate. The role of the panel is to evaluate applications made to the fund and to award grants accordingly. It also receives regular progress reports from projects that have previously been awarded funds. Reporting to the panel is a fund administrator responsible for day-to-day liaison with project leaders.

Where does the fund operate?

The *Star Energy Community Fund* will support projects that apply to towns/parishes in the immediate vicinity of its operational surface facilities. Usually this will mean the same community or an immediately adjoining one. The operations may be onshore oil and gas production facilities, sometimes combined with electricity generation sites.

Locations currently covered are as follows:

SURREY

Bletchingley gasfield

WEST SUSSEX

Singleton oilfield

LINCOLNSHIRE

Corringham oilfield

Gainsborough/Beckingham oilfield

Glentworth oilfield

Welton oilfield



Projects we aim to support

The aim of the fund is to support initiatives that originate from within individual communities and that have clear social benefits for the people living in those areas. Projects should tackle issues faced by communities and make a positive contribution to the social fabric, environment, economic development or regeneration of the area. They should promote sustainable development and demonstrate sustainability beyond the life of the grant. Funding in 2024 will be available up to a limit of £2,000 per project and may be matched by funds from other sources.

Examples of projects that may be suitable for funding include:

- Local nature reserves
- Life-saving equipment for villages
- Schools projects that reach out into their local communities
- Environmentally-beneficial schemes
- Growing and nature projects for children
- Initiatives focused on teenagers

- Facilities for older people
- Community transport initiatives
- Projects that save energy, employ renewable energy and reduce carbon
- Rural business initiatives
- Information technology projects in rural areas
- Initiatives designed to tackle crime and improve community safety
- Projects that celebrate local heritage



What is involved in applying?

Applications should normally come from community or charitable organisations based within the area concerned

or from schools. You can download the necessary detailed guidelines and application forms from our website. Your application will be assessed and a decision advised. Grants should normally be spent within one year of the award. You will be asked to provide the administrator with regular progress reports and accounts to demonstrate how the funding is being used.



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