Fund update

The Fund was launched in May and the first grants were awarded in August. Three highly deserving local projects shared a windfall of almost £6,500.

Pilling Parish Council were one of the recipients, receiving cash to purchase a Defibrillator which is located outside St Mark’s Church Hall in case of local emergency.

Nateby Primary School received a grant which has been used to install an outdoor classroom in the school grounds.

Finally a grant was awarded to Eagland Hill Coffee Feast to improve the pot-holed community car park at Eagland Hill.

Claudia Richard from REG Windpower said: “I’m delighted to see projects coming to fruition with support from the Fund. I very much look forward to seeing the next round of applications and supporting yet more interesting and worthwhile local schemes.”

About the fund:

The Orchard End Community Benefit Fund has £16,000 available each year for community projects which will benefit of residents of the local area. This Fund can provide both capital and revenue grants.

The Fund is being managed by national grant-making charity, GrantScape.

The Fund accepts applications for grants between £250 and £4,000 distributed in two application rounds each year. Half of the available annual funding, this being £8,000, is available in each funding round.

The closing dates for the next funding rounds are:

♦ 13th January 2016 — decisions will be made by the end of March 2016.
♦ 15th June 2016—decisions will be made by the end of August 2016.

Project locations:

Projects for which grants are requested must be located within 3km of the REG Windpower Orchard End Wind Farm. There is a map on the GrantScape website to check.

Where can I find out more?

To find out more or to complete an application form, visit the GrantScape website using the following link:

www.grantscape.org.uk/fund/regcbfs

If you have a project idea that you would like to discuss before you apply, please contact Liz Payne at GrantScape on 07963 987653 / liz.payne@grantscape.org.uk.

For more information about the Orchard End Wind Farm visit www.orchardendwindfarm.co.uk.