



**HPC
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**Hinkley Point C
Community Fund
Annual Report
2018/19**



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Introduction

In November 2017, the Hinkley Point C (HPC) Community Fund opened for applications for the first time. Since then, over £2 million has been awarded to a wide range of projects and initiatives that, together, help mitigate the impacts and increase the opportunities arising from the construction of the new power station here in Somerset. The programme is funded by EDF Energy as part of the overall Section 106 agreement for Hinkley Point C.

This report covers the period May 2018 to April 2019. During the year, the Fund has supported a diverse number of organisations, supporting many of the communities most affected by the construction. Through them we have successfully funded initiatives that improve economic, social and environmental well-being and enhance overall quality of life.

Somerset Community Foundation, an independent local charity (no 1094446), has overall responsibility for the delivery of the Fund, chairing the Awards Panel which includes representatives from local councils and EDF Energy alongside SCF trustees and independent members appointed by the Foundation.

I am very grateful to the members of the Awards Panel for their commitment and dedication to the Fund, ensuring we have been able to deploy the Fund in a timely way, and, above all, to all the organisations who have applied for funding for much-needed projects on behalf of their communities.

I hope you enjoy reading this brief review.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Justin Sargent'.

Justin Sargent
Chief Executive, Somerset Community Foundation

Financial Summary

HPC Community Fund in 2018-19

- £940,660 awarded in grants across all HPC Community Fund programmes in 2018-19
- 60 grants awarded across all HPC Community Fund programmes in 2018-19
- An additional £571,303 was secured in match funding for projects supported by the HPC Community Fund

Small Grants	Strategic Grants	Open Grants	Otterhampton Ring Fenced Fund	Community Development
<p>£137,955 awarded in Small Grants in 2018-19</p> <p>41 grants awarded in 2018-19</p> <p>Since November 2017</p> <p>£205,021 awarded in total since the Fund was launched</p>	<p>£670,304 awarded in large, multi-year Strategic Grants in 2018-19</p> <p>11 grants awarded in 2018-19</p> <p>Since November 2017</p> <p>£1,595,392 total committed in multi-year grant awards</p>	<p>£82,092 awarded in Open Grants in 2018-19</p> <p>3 grants awarded in 2018-19</p> <p>Since November 2017</p> <p>£132,037 total committed in multi-year grant awards</p>	<p>£45,309 awarded to Otterhampton Parish from their ring-fenced fund in 2018-19</p> <p>4 grants awarded in 2018-19</p> <p>Since November 2017</p> <p>£1,595,392 total committed in multi-year grant awards</p>	<p>2 grants awarded to support community groups and organisations in 2018-19</p> <p>Since November 2017</p> <p>£10,000 total committed in grant awards</p>



Overall financial commitment (since the HPC Community Fund was launched in November 2017*)

- £2,006,843 committed in grant support in single and multi-year grants since the Fund was launched
- 70 grants awarded across all HPC Community Fund programmes since the Fund was launched
- Between May 2017 and the end of April 2019, £189,293 was spent on support costs to establish and deliver the Fund, including initial set-up costs

* Correct as at 1 May, 2019

Strategic Grants Programme

Targeting specific impacts felt within Somerset communities, identified through consultation with communities and their representatives.

Community Cohesion was the first theme to be identified. This broad ‘umbrella’ term can be used to describe many aspects of community development and because of this, three focus areas were identified within the overarching theme. The first was strengthening Somerset communities, the second was supporting services (particularly for those community members in housing need) and the third was strengthening BME communities. Seven grants were awarded under this theme.

The second theme identified was Out of Hours Social Activities. This focus was identified to strengthen VCSE (voluntary, community and social enterprise) and public support in areas to where workers and their families are moving and therefore social and leisure activities are increasing. Four grants were awarded under this theme.



West Somerset Advice Bureau

West Somerset Advice Bureau in Minehead were awarded a three year grant of £108,923 for housing support and advocacy services in areas most affected by the Hinkley Point C site. The funding will enable a specially trained member of staff and a funded outreach worker to provide advice on housing legislation and support for individuals and families. Trained volunteers will also provide support, increasing the sustainability of the project.

“Our HPC Community Fund grant has enabled us to focus on maintaining housing advice standards and deal with enquiries. We are now able to offer better services to local communities and work more efficiently with partners, preventing homelessness and creating innovative housing solutions.”

Susan Clowes, Service Manager,
West Somerset Advice Bureau

Strategic Grants Programme continued

Strategic Grants awarded to organisations: Community Cohesion

In 2017-18 two calls for bids were invited from VCSE organisations to mitigate impacts felt by Somerset communities as a result of incoming migrant workers.

Organisation	Summary of Project	Grant	Project length
Community Council for Somerset	Providing support, events and training to existing and incoming minority group workers and their families	£164,512	3 years
Diversity Voice	Providing legal and welfare advice, English language support, and events and training for incoming workers and their families	£180,000	3 years
Home-Start West Somerset	Volunteer-led project supporting vulnerable families in Stogursey, Williton and Watchet, and activities and events for the wider community	£142,000	3 years
Sedgemoor District Council	Eight CCTV cameras in Bridgwater, near Sedgemoor Campus, to improve community safety	£88,540	1 year
St George's Parish Centre, Wembdon	Community outreach, events and support organised by a new Centre Worker for the benefit of a growing community	£35,000	3 years
Taunton Street Pastors	Supporting Street Pastors to grow and provide support to vulnerable people in Bridgwater	£30,000	3 years
The Nelson Trust	An education programme in partnership with SARSAS and LiveWest and targeted interventions supporting vulnerable women and girls	£368,092	3 years
West Somerset Advice Bureau	Housing support services and additional training for volunteers to provide extra support to growing communities	£108,923	3 years
West Somerset Railway Association	Funding a Community Engagement Manager to develop outreach work and create a volunteer programme to use the railway for community development	£95,700	2 years
Westfield United Reformed Church	Providing community worker support and updating facilities for community and outreach work in Bridgwater	£226,400	3 years
Youth Unlimited CIC	A street-based project working with vulnerable young people	£149,930	3 years



The Nelson Trust

The Nelson Trust aims to ensure that vulnerable women and girls are given the best possible opportunity for a healthy and fulfilling life. They provide professional treatment, support and resettlement programmes. They were awarded a grant of £368,092 over three years to deliver a community education programme in partnership with SARSAS and LiveWest in Bridgwater and the surrounding area, in addition to specialist intervention support for women and girls. Workshops, training and one-to-one support will promote healthy lifestyles, safety, and build safer, stronger and more cohesive communities.

“The funding from the HPC Community Fund will enable us to offer both practical and emotional support to more women and their families from our new women’s centre in Bridgwater. It will also support our new Community Education Programme which will ultimately increase the safety of women and their children, offering community inclusion and life opportunities to help marginalised families achieve their full potential.”

John Trolan, CEO,
The Nelson Trust

Small Grants Programme

This programme offers grants of up to £5,000 for charities, voluntary groups and social enterprises with an annual income of less than £100,000. The Fund will also consider applications for up to £10,000, awarded over a three-year period, if the projects can demonstrate that they are addressing 'exceptional circumstances'.

Spaxton Village Hall

Spaxton Village Hall was awarded £1,907 to install an outdoor community gym that can be used by all ages and abilities. The outdoor gym is located next to the existing village playing fields and basketball court, greatly improving the opportunities for local people to engage in exercise.

"Without the financial help of several sponsors, in particular the HPC Community Fund, we feel our project to provide an outdoor gym would never have happened. We are truly very grateful for this funding - it's made such a difference."

Rowena Tomlinson, Trustee,
Spaxton Village Hall & Playing Field Committee



CLOWNS

CLOWNS (Creating Learning Opportunities in Western Somerset) was awarded £5,000 to set up a series of parent and child toddler groups in villages around West Somerset. CLOWNS will make sure people are able to access the best support services possible by working with other local organisations in the area.

"The funding from the HPC Community Fund has provided us with the opportunity to work with community members, creating family groups which can be effective now, and sustainable in the future."

Paul Matcham, Manager, CLOWNS



Nourish Bumps, Babies and Breastfeeding

Nourish helps support breastfeeding mothers in Cannington, Bridgwater and the surrounding villages. The group were able to demonstrate that sustainability was vitally important, given the issues the project deals with, and were therefore awarded a grant of £9,056.15 over three years through the Small Grants programme.

"12 months ago our future was very uncertain. When we heard our HPC Community Fund grant application was successful, the relief was incredible. We are able to focus on supporting more families and training more breastfeeding peer supporters. The funding has transformed the group and we can now look forward to going from strength to strength."

Sarah Harcombe, Breastfeeding Counsellor &
Chairperson, Nourish Bumps, Babies and Breastfeeding



Small Grants Programme continued

By the end of the financial year, 41 groups had received funding through the Small Grants programme, totalling £137,955 in grants. Projects have included supporting young people, improving employment opportunities, enhancing the local environment and developing local amenities.

Small Grants awarded to organisations

Organisation	Summary of Project	Grant	Project Length
Air Cadets 290 Squadron Detachment Burnham and Highbridge	Adventure training control facility	£4,158	1 year
Bridgwater Carnival Gangs & Features Association	Skills development to help secure the future of the carnival	£4,200	1 year
Bridgwater Photographic Society	AV equipment for Sydenham Community Centre	£5,000	1 year
Burnham and Highbridge Community Association	The installation of new heating and lighting in the Community Centre	£1,700	1 year
Carry Me Kate Parenting Services CIC	Parenting support groups for families in Bridgwater and West Somerset	£1,785	1 year
Cheeky Chimps Pre-School	A contribution towards new play equipment	£1,000	1 year
C.L.O.W.N.S	A series of weekly parent and child sessions delivered across West Somerset and Sedgemoor	£5,000	1 year
CPRE Somerset (Campaign to Protect Rural England)	Restoring historic fingerposts within a 10-mile radius of Hinkley Point C	£5,000	1 year
Crowcombe Parish Council	Footpath construction to avoid a local dangerous road	£4,800	1 year
Cruse Bereavement Care	Setting up a telephone counselling service to overcome traffic impacts on Cruse volunteers	£4,000	1 year
Dunster Memorial Hall	Development of a museum to improve the visitor experience	£5,000	1 year
Fiddington Parish Council	Installation of two local defibrillators	£5,000	1 year
Friends of Berrow Beach	Equipment purchased for beach clean-up	£2,650	1 year
Holford Cricket Club	A contribution towards cricket equipment and storage for Holford Cricket Club	£5,000	1 year
In Charley's Memory	Outreach work for mental health support work in and around the Bridgwater area for young people up to 24 years old, and counselling services	£10,000	3 years
Inland Waterways Association West Country Branch	Volunteer environmental project maintaining the waterways around Bridgwater and Taunton	£2,000	1 year
Live Naturally	Set up of a trampoline club and increase access to healthy eating courses	£2,498	1 year
Lydeard St Lawrence Primary School PTFA	Increasing capacity for breakfast and after-school clubs	£2,500	1 year
Marina Sydenham Juvenile Carnival Club	Development of the cart-building shed to improve working environment and encourage new members	£5,000	1 year
Minehead Cycling Club	Establishing the Minehead Grand Prix as an annual cycling event	£10,000	3 years
Minehead Museum	Enhancing facilities	£4,426	1 year
Nourish Bumps, Babies and Breastfeeding	Running a breast-feeding and parental support group in Cannington	£9,056	3 years
Over Stowey Village Hall and Recreation Ground	The installation of new kitchen equipment at Over Stowey Village Hall	£2,004	1 year
Phoenix (Bridgwater) Scout Group	Outdoor equipment to help expand the activities available in a new group	£4,500	1 year
Quantock Players	Modern lighting equipment	£1,589	1 year
Rusty Road 2 Recovery	Equipment for mechanical training sessions	£4,783	1 year
Samaritans of Taunton and Somerset	Focused outreach supporting vulnerable people in Taunton, West Somerset and Bridgwater	£10,000	3 years
Sir William Godolphin Regiment of Foote	Developing interest in local heritage, support for local history curriculum in schools and a re-enactment of the Battle of Sedgemoor to take place in Bridgwater in 2020	£5,000	1 year

Small Grants Programme continued

Small Grants awarded to organisations continued

Organisation	Summary of Project	Grant	Project Length
SPARC Sport CIC	Support community cohesion in impacted communities around Bridgwater through sport and a focus on youth services	£2,850	1 year
Spaxton Village Hall	Installation of a new outdoor community gym in Spaxton	£1,907	1 year
St George's Parish Centre, Wembdon	Kitchen equipment to enable a community cooking project	£1,074	1 year
Stockland Bristol Parish Meeting	Installation of a village defibrillator	£3,539	1 year
Stockland Sports Club	Refurbishment of community facilities	£5,000	1 year
Stowey Walking	Contribution towards an annual walking festival in the Quantock Hills	£250	1 year
The Hub at Bridgwater	The purchase of audio-visual equipment	£2,836	1 year
The Monkton Players	Lighting equipment for West Monkton Village Hall	£4,000	1 year
The Quantock Foodbank	A contribution towards a new foodbank in Watchet and Williton	£2,563	1 year
Walton Parish Council	High Street environmental improvement works	£3,190	1 year
Wembdon Art Group	Display boards for a community art exhibition involving a local school	£400	1 year
Wembdon Cricket Club	Support towards ground maintenance equipment for Wembdon Cricket Club, Bridgwater	£5,000	1 year
Wilstockhub	Supporting a feasibility study for Wilstockhub	£5,000	1 year

Community Development Grants

Two grants of £5,000 were awarded to community and voluntary sector organisations: Engage Voluntary Sector Development, who work in Somerset West and Taunton, and Spark Somerset who work in Sedgemoor, Mendip and South Somerset. The organisations will work with those communities most impacted by Hinkley Point C to help groups to develop their infrastructure, project ideas and build on existing social capital.

Community Development grants awarded to organisations

Organisation	Summary of Project	Grant	Project Length
Engage Voluntary Sector Development	Providing enhanced support to local voluntary and community sector groups	£5,000	1 year
Spark Somerset	Providing enhanced support to local voluntary and community sector groups	£5,000	1 year

Open Grants Programme

Available for any Somerset VCSE (Voluntary, Community and Social Enterprise) organisation to apply for funding in response to the impacts or opportunities being felt in their communities as a result of the Hinkley Point C development.

The Open Grants programme was launched in autumn 2018 following the closure of the HPC Community Impact Mitigation Fund, administered by West Somerset District Council. Three grant awards were made in January 2019.

Open Grants awarded to organisations (under £100,000)

Organisation	Summary of Project	Grant	Project Length
Glastonbury Tribunal Ltd	Refurbishment of The Tribunal building to become a Town Museum to chart Glastonbury's history and changing community	£25,000	1 year
Stand Against Violence	Workshops for schools and businesses to equip communities with the skills to manage potential situations of conflict	£8,000	1 year
Ups and Downs Southwest	Support for families and schools looking after Down Syndrome children. Helping parents and professionals to reduce stress and anxiety for children and young people with complex and multiple needs	£99,037	2 years



Ups and Downs Southwest

Ups and Downs Southwest are a small charity that offers support and guidance to families of children with Down Syndrome. The HPC Community Fund grant of £99,037, awarded over two years, will enable them to work with families to develop strategies to manage change in their surrounding environment and thereby reduce the stress that it can cause. The grant will pay for additional staff to work with families and schools, enabling them to offer a strong core of voluntary peer support in the future.

“Even subtle changes can have an impact on a child with additional needs. Exploring environmental changes with the children, alongside practical help and advice for the families, can reduce stress, increase confidence and reduce isolation. The HPC Community Fund grants means we can offer bespoke packages of support to address children’s sensory processing and educational needs.”

Jo Thorn, Director,
Ups and Downs Southwest

Otterhampton Ring Fenced Fund

Allocated funding of £500,000 within the Hinkley Point C site planning agreement.

A team comprising members of the Parish Council and community representatives identify projects and schemes to mitigate impacts being felt within the parish. This year, four grants have been awarded.

Otterhampton Grants awarded to organisations

Organisation	Project Summary	Grant
Combwich Motor Boat & Sailing Club	A Cornish racing gig and equipment to support ongoing development of new sporting opportunities in the parish	£22,200
Otterhampton Village Hall	Planning phase costs of a village hall refurbishment project	£15,032
Otterhampton Parish Council	Installation of local noticeboards	£3,077
Otterhampton Parish Council	Road safety project involving the expansion of a local layby	£5,000



Combwich Motor Boat & Sailing Club Committee

Combwich Motor Boat & Sailing Club has been awarded two grants from the HPC Community Otterhampton Ring Fenced Fund. In March 2018, £17,965 was awarded to start a Cornish rowing gig section through purchasing a training boat and later in the same year, £22,200 was awarded to fund the purchase of a Cornish racing gig and associated equipment. The project has proved popular for all ages and participating in a community activity has had health benefits for all. It has also decreased loneliness and isolation among older residents through social events and activities at the club.

“The funding from the HPC Community Fund helped purchase our first training gig. It has undoubtedly done wonders for the club, which now has 50+ rowers and continues to grow at a staggering pace. Members range from age 11 to 73 and the whole community has embraced this sport. It’s fantastic to see.”

Trevor Reason, Secretary,
Combwich Motor Boat & Sailing Club
Committee

Awards Panel Members

Somerset Community Foundation

Chris Bishop
Martin Kitchen
John Lyon (Chair)

Local Authorities*

Cllr Ann Bown (Somerset County Council, from October 2018)
Cllr Martin Dewdney (West Somerset Council, from June 2018)
Cllr Peter Downing (Sedgemoor)
Cllr Mandy Chilcott (West Somerset Council, up to June 2018)
Cllr Mike Lewis (Somerset County Council, up to August 2018)

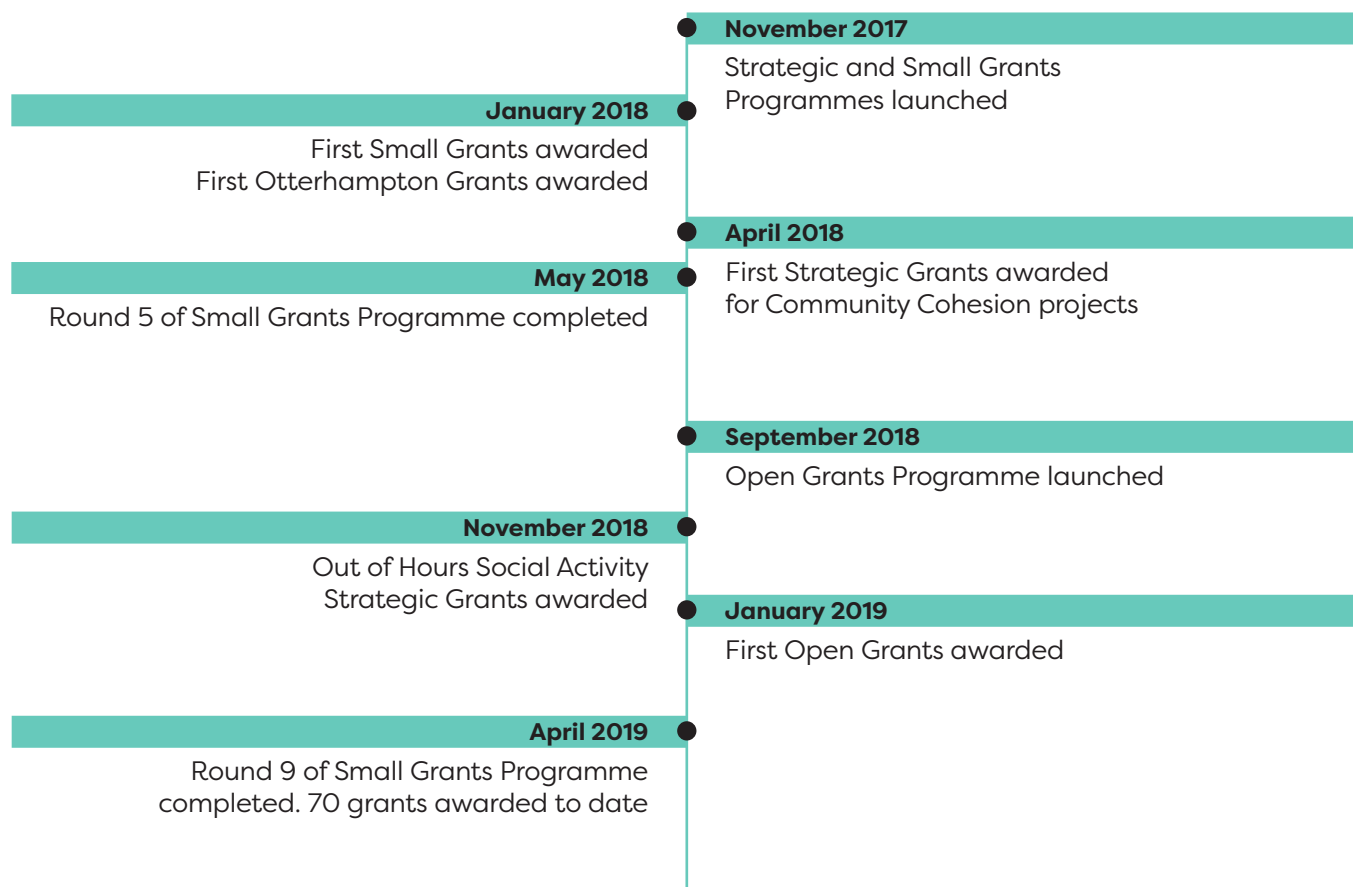
EDF Energy

Sarah Chilcott
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Mark Lewis (up to February 2018)
Nick Wall (from February 2018)

Independent Members

Steve Mewes
Hilary Cockcroft (appointed January 2019)
Robin White

Timeline



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To apply for funding, please visit the Hinkley Point C Community Fund website: **www.hpcfunds.co.uk**

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