

Eye Wind Turbines Section 106 Impact Report



Funding is generated on a yearly basis for projects within a 10km radius of the wind turbines at Brome Industrial Park, formerly Eye Airfield. Up to £5,000 can be applied for from community groups or projects within Eye, Yaxley, Brome and Oakley, Mellis and Thrandeston. Organisations in parishes not listed but within the 10km radius of the turbines may apply for up to £1,000.

Funding is available towards projects or initiatives that promote energy conservation, biodiversity measures, the promotion of renewable energy, landscaping or environmental mitigation.

Since 2014, over £80,000 of funding has been invested into 19 community projects in the area surrounding Eye.



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Eyes Open CIC

£5,000 - Bright Futures Project

Eyes Open CIC operate the Bank Arts Centre in Eye, a venue offering a cafe, arts exhibitions, events and educational opportunities for the community. The Centre is in the process of carrying out a major refurbishment of their Grade II listed building, and began with an energy efficiency upgrade through replacing their existing, failing fluorescent lighting with new LED lights. Eyes Open CIC secured match funding through the Suffolk Climate Action Matchfunder and delivered an exhibition promoting the project, which will see the Centre's energy usage reduced by 66%, to the wider community.

Brome and Oakley Village Hall

£5,000 - Solar Panels

Brome and Oakley Village Hall have carried out a volunteer-led programme of refurbishments to their community facility over the past several years, including insulating the Hall's walls and ceilings and renovating its interior. To continue the Hall's drive for improved energy efficiency and reduced energy costs, the Hall was awarded £5,000 towards the installation of a solar panel array and batteries, which will see the Hall's reliance on heating oil cut and electricity use reduced by 70-85%.



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Mellis Memorial Hall

£5,000 - Solar Panel Installation

Mellis Memorial Hall is a 1920's building which has seen an extensive series of refurbishments and upgrades since the 1990s. The Hall has successfully applied for Eye Wind Turbines S106 towards new windows, upgraded heating as well as more recently the installation of solar panels and batteries. The funding has enabled the Hall to reduce their carbon footprint while also significantly reducing the running costs, particularly energy bills, of the organisation. This has benefited the community of Mellis by providing a warm and comfortable community facility for all, while keeping booking costs low for users.

Wortham Lawn Tennis Club

£1,000 - New LED Floodlights

As Wortham is one of the parishes within the 10km radius of the Wind Turbines, Wortham Lawn Tennis Club were able to apply for £1,000 Eye Wind Turbines S106 towards the installation of new energy efficient LED floodlights at the Club, replacing fading and inefficient bulbs that were over 15 years old. This project reduced running costs for the Club, reduced the Club's carbon footprint and improved the experience for players, with courts fully and consistently lit, offering tennis throughout the day and year. The funding was applied for alongside a Capital Grant and used as match funding for the Suffolk Lawn Tennis Association.

Impact

Eye Wind Turbines S106 supports the priorities of the Mid Suffolk Plan, working to achieve net zero carbon emissions throughout the District and improving biodiversity and nature recovery. The funding delivers a wide range of community benefits to organisations within the eligible area, including:

- Improved energy efficiency of community buildings, such as sports facilities or village halls
- Enhanced biodiversity and improved habitats through landscaping and planting
- Improved sustainability for voluntary and community groups through reduced energy costs

