

IGAS ENERGY Community Fund

► Shannon Bradshaw Trust, Cheshire *... bringing a community together*

The Shannon Bradshaw Trust has opened a community centre in Penketh for the benefit of all ages. The centre aims to offer regular get-togethers for the elderly, such as lunches and bingo sessions, as well as a mums and tots group and a drop in youth club for teenagers. The Trust is working alongside the police who will be sharing this new facility and will be offering advice and counselling services. The centre will also provide training courses free of charge, helping local people of all ages to obtain NVQs and learn a variety of new skills. We were happy to provide a grant of £3,600 towards the project.



► Penketh South Primary School, Cheshire *... helping children grow their own food*

Penketh South Primary School has developed an allotment within its grounds to enable children to grow flowers and vegetables and keep six hens. Our £4,000 grant paid for a greenhouse and raised planting beds to enable them to extend the growing season and increase their yields. Vegetables and eggs produced by the allotment are used in the school kitchen, but the children are also encouraged to sell produce in after-school sales to help fund the allotment. Residents from a neighbouring care home happily work with the children.



► Sudbrooke LIVES Group, Lincolnshire *... saving lives by responding rapidly*

A voluntary emergency responders group has been set-up to provide life-saving rapid response cover to people in Sudbrooke, Scothern, Langworth and Stainton. The remote location of these villages means that paramedics take some time to reach them in an emergency. The local responders are able to offer assistance in the vital first few minutes of an emergency. Our grant of nearly £7,000, has enabled the group to expand its area of operations by purchasing an additional set of equipment and vehicle signage so that a second team can be deployed. They also now have a pop-up tent to provide first-aid treatment at local events and training within the community.



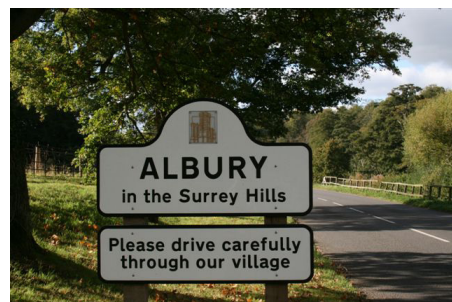
▶ Goodworth Clatford riverside walk, Hampshire *... restoring a much loved path*

Goodworth Clatford Environmental Group sought our help to repair a dilapidated timber boardwalk which forms part of a popular riverside walk along the River Anton. The boards are being replaced by new boards made from virtually indestructible recycled plastic. Our grant of £6,000 will also help to fund the removal of six poplar trees to avoid them ultimately becoming dangerous. All the work on the site is being undertaken by volunteers from the community.



▶ Albury village enhancement, Surrey *... making a beautiful village even better*

Over the past four years, the fund and its predecessor Star Energy Community Fund have provided a succession of grants to help Albury Parish Council tackle its village enhancement project. The project has evolved in stages and has included a drive to generally improve the street scene with new railings, a wooden bus shelter, redecoration of the village library and renovation of the frontage to the River Tillingbourne. In 2013, the fund gave £5,500 to help make the banks of the river more accessible through the creation of a picnic area.



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