

# What is Community Benefit?

Community Benefit is an annual payment made to communities in the vicinity of a wind farm for the life of the wind farm. It is common practice and allows local communities to benefit from the existence of the wind farm. Generally, the payment is used to support community projects proposed by local people.

The community benefit payment is usually made regardless of the revenue generated by the wind farm and can be used to lever in other external funding. It is normally calculated on the basis of an amount per megawatt installed.

Often councils or developers pay for independent facilitators who help communities negotiate the level of community benefit and also help them decide on the structures that could be put in place to distribute the funds.

It is currently estimated that more than £1 million per year will be paid out in Community Benefit by Viking Energy.

The Community Benefit will be paid to local communities, not the Shetland Charitable Trust and not the Council.

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