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Offshore Wind Farms

# Norfolk communities benefit from offshore wind farm Funds

Both the Sheringham Shoal
Offshore Wind Farm and the
Dudgeon Offshore Wind Farm
are located in the waters of the
southern North Sea off the coast
of Norfolk, and their individual
Community Funds provide
significant grant assistance to
community initiatives in three
districts of Norfolk.

In North Norfolk, the Sheringham Shoal Community Fund (www.sheringhamshoal.co.uk), which

was established in 2010, supports projects which assist community sustainability; this includes marine

Communities Funds available!	888
253 GRANTS	Awarded to Norfolk Communities since 2010
£2.36	totalling so far



In the Dudgeon Offshore Wind Farm (Image courtesy of Jan Arne Wold/Woldcam).

environment and safety initiatives, the introduction of renewable energy systems into community facilities as well as the associated local education and employment opportunities created through improved sustainability.

Since 2018 many schools, colleges and other recognised providers of STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics) training in the Great Yarmouth, North Norfolk and Breckland districts of Norfolk have received grant support from the Dudgeon Community Fund's (www.dudgeonoffshorewind.co.uk)

STEM Programme for a range of innovative projects.





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# The Sheringham Shoal Community Fund - supporting North Norfolk's communities

North Norfolk consists of seven market towns and over one hundred small, quite isolated, villages, and the Sheringham Shoal Community Fund seeks to assist projects and initiatives which support community sustainability in this rural district of Norfolk.

#### Case Study:

North Norfolk Community Transport (NNCT) is a charity which seeks to support North Norfolk residents without their own transport, and who are unable to use public transport either because of ill health or disability, or because there is no service meeting their needs. There are communities in North Norfolk with no public transport service at all.

A recent grant from the Sheringham Shoal Community Fund has contributed to NNCT's purchase of an electric mini-bus. This is now providing a much-needed service to many North Norfolk residents who might otherwise be unable to access vital services such as doctor or hospital appointments.

NNCT has been providing its accessible transport services since June 2000, and with 29% of North Norfolk's residents now being over 65 years of age, the organisation is a great asset to community life.





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Greenpower race heat, Hethel, May 2024 (Image courtesy of Smithgelder Photography)

# Encouraging future generations of engineers and scientists - the Dudgeon Community Fund

The Dudgeon Community Fund's STEM Programme aims to increase motivation and competence in the STEM subjects of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics for primary and secondary school pupils.

#### Case Study:

Greenpower Education Trust is a UK charity which uses the excitement of motor sport to enthuse young people about STEM by challenging them to design, build and race a single seat electric car.

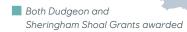
It does this by supplying age-appropriate kit cars which are built in schools, usually at after school STEM clubs, and raced at Greenpower organised events at motorsport venues around the UK.

Since 2018 grants from the Dudgeon Community Fund have supported schools in the Great Yarmouth, North Norfolk and Breckland districts of Norfolk to purchase Greenpower kit cars, as well as supporting Greenpower in staging championship heats at the Norfolk test track of Lotus Cars. In 2024 these events helped teams from five Norfolk schools to make it through to the finals at the famous Goodwood motor racing track.

"The F24 electric racing car project inspires students through a superb range of activities"

Matt Buck, Greenpower's ambassador in Norfolk





Great Yarmouth



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### Making a grant application

Both the Sheringham Shoal and Dudgeon Community Funds are managed and administered by the Norfolk Community Foundation (www.norfolkfoundation.com) which ensures complete adherence to all legal and financial regulations applicable to grant awards.

The grant application processes for both Funds are very similar; organisations and groups seeking funding for a project or an initiative should first visit: <a href="https://www.norfolkfoundation.com/funding-support/grants/sheringham-shoal-community-fund">www.norfolkfoundation.com/funding-support/grants/sheringham-shoal-community-fund</a> or <a href="https://www.norfolkfoundation.com/funding-support/grants/dudgeon-community-fund">www.norfolkfoundation.com/funding-support/grants/dudgeon-community-fund</a> to check that their project meets the appropriate Fund's grant criteria.

The next step is to complete and submit the short on-line Expression of Interest (EoI) form. Following a review of the EoI against the funding criteria, applicants who pass the initial screening will be invited to make a full application. This requires a more detailed description of the proposal and supporting evidence, such as financial information and details of the number of individuals who are likely to benefit from the project.

Full applications are then considered by a Decisions Panel for each Fund which, in the case of the Sheringham Shoal Community Fund meets in May and November each year, whilst the Dudgeon Community Fund holds its meetings in January, May and September to better align with schools and colleges academic year.

#### Contact details and more information:

**The Norfolk Community Foundation** has been appointed to administer the grants awarded by the Sheringham Shoal and Dudgeon Community Funds, and requests for further information should be made to:

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