



Community Benefit Funds

# Kingsmountain & Dunneill County Sligo

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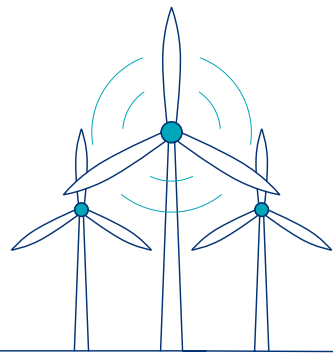
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# About our wind farms

SSE Renewables have been investing in communities in Sligo since 2003 when Kingsmountain Wind Farm, which is located to the south of Dromore West entered commercial operations. This was followed in 2010 by Dunneill Wind Farm also located near Dromore West.

Kingsmountain Wind Farm - a 25MW wind farm comprising of 10 turbines that have the capacity to power around 16,500 homes



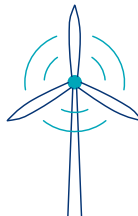
# New Development Crumhach Wind Farm

SSE Renewables is now seeking to redevelop these sites through the proposed 100MW Crumhach Wind Farm to ensure the continued generation of renewable electricity at this location well into the future.

Crumhach Wind Farm involves the repowering of the Kingsmountain and Dunneill wind farms, in addition to further greenfield development on nearby lands. Repowering involves the replacement of equipment with new and more modern



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turbines, with existing infrastructure on site such as roads and grid connection being reused where possible.

The proposed development will likely comprise the removal of the 23 existing wind turbines from Kingsmountain and Dunneill wind farms and the construction of 17 wind turbines across the proposed site, in addition to an onsite substation.

## Key Benefits



**Provide up to 100MW of green, renewable energy.**



Prevent approximately 70,000 metric tonnes of harmful CO2 being released each year.



**Investment in the local economy and communities.**



Creation of approximately 80-100 jobs during the construction phase, with 2-3 jobs during the operational phase.



**Contribute to Ireland's binding climate targets.**



Annual community benefit fund which could be worth several hundred thousand euros per-annum.

## SSE Renewables Focus

**Our commitment is to engage inclusively with all our stakeholders. Through open and early dialogue.**

We aim to design and build projects that contribute to local sustainable development, while supporting and enhancing a sense of community spirit and solidarity. Our Project Manager

Through the proposed Crumhach Wind Farm we are working in close step with the local community and helping to deliver Ireland's renewable energy targets.

and Community Liaison Officer for the proposed Crumhach Wind Farm have already visited near neighbours within 2km of the proposed new wind farm in 2024 with regular updates sent to local and regional stakeholders since then. A public consultation for this project is planned for July-September 2025.

## Contributions

Crumhach Wind Farm would also be a significant contributor to commercial rates, adding to the contribution which our existing wind farms have already made to the local exchequer, helping to improve infrastructure and services in County Sligo more widely.



## Existing Funds

**Presentation of funding linked to the existing Kingsmountain and Dunneill Community Fund, which took place in the Old Schoolhouse, Templeboy in June 2024.**

## Vision

To empower local communities to create sustainable, impactful projects that contributes to the social, environmental and economic well-being of local communities, enhance the quality of life for all community members for decades to come.

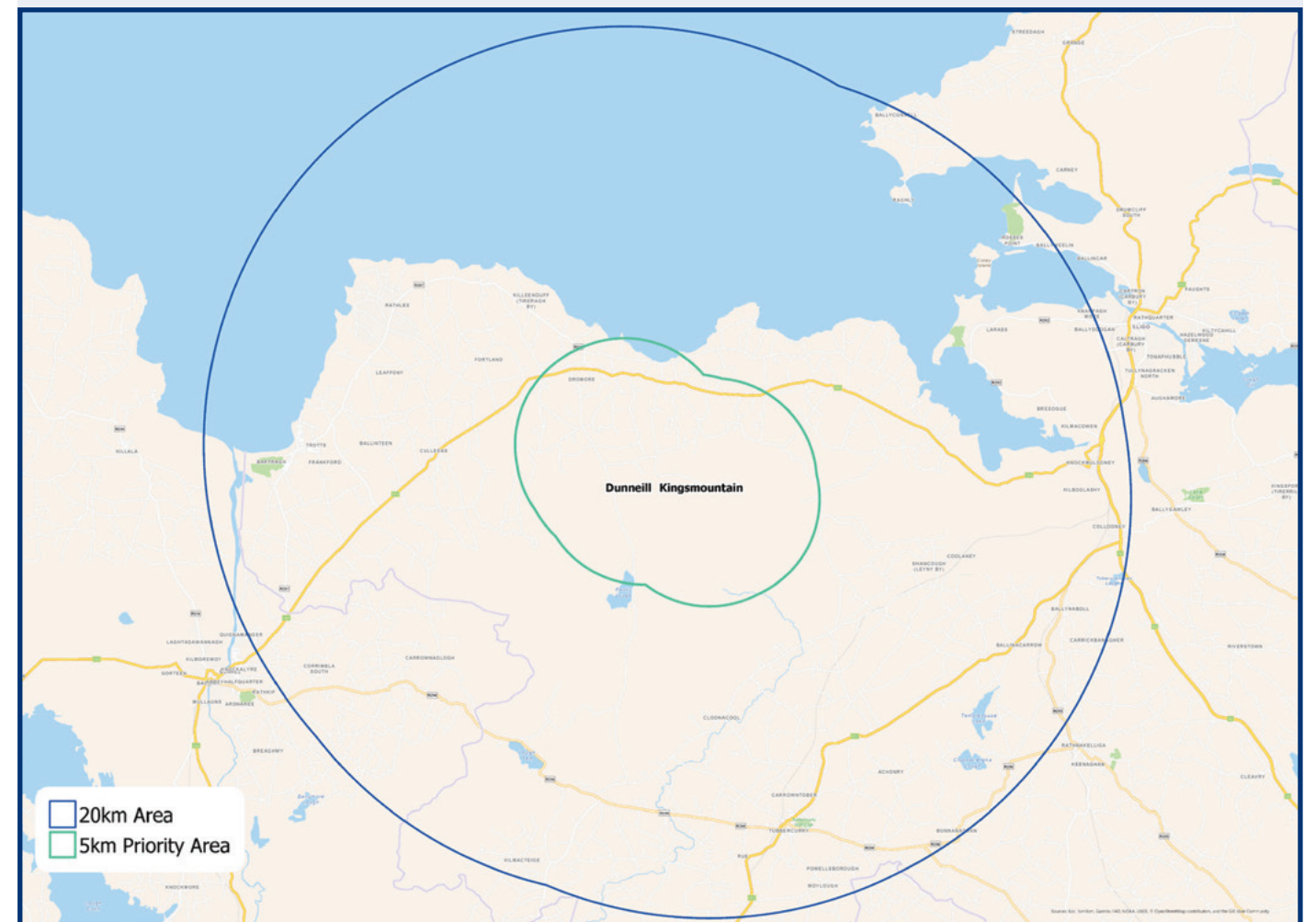
## Mission

To provide financial support to community groups developing projects that reflect local needs, align with the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), and uphold the principles of transparency, empowerment, and inclusion. As a source of private funding, SSE Renewables' voluntary funds can be used to meet



## Area of Benefit

The below map outlines the Area of Benefit for Kingsmountain & Dunneill Community Fund with priority given to groups within 5 km, followed by groups within 10 km and then out to 20 km from the centre of the wind farms.





# What can be funded

The existing fund at Kingsmountain and Dunneill considers applications for both capital and revenue funding.

## Capital funding

For expenditure on new assets or the enhancement of existing assets. These should deliver clear and lasting benefit to the wider community and are expected to have a useful lifespan of at least 5 years.

## Revenue funding

For project-related operational costs such as the delivery of training, workshops, community events or professional fees.

## Strategic Objectives

Projects must contribute to one or more of SSE Renewables' Strategic Objectives:

### ■ Empowering Communities for a Green Transition:

Supporting community-led efforts that reduce carbon emissions, improve energy efficiency, promote circular economy practices, and enhance local biodiversity.

■ **Sustainable Communities:** Resilience, Equity and Learning: Building community resilience through inclusive infrastructure, accessible education and skills development, social enterprise, and initiatives that support health and well-being.

Our fund's strategic objectives are aligned with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (UN SDGs), reflecting our shared commitment to creating lasting, and positive impact in the communities that host our renewable energy projects.

By investing in local initiatives, we seek to promote social inclusion, environmental sustainability, and community well-being, ensuring that the benefits of renewable energy extend beyond clean power to support strong, resilient, and thriving local communities.



**Sustainable Communities**  
Resilience & Equity



**Empowering Communities**  
Green Transition

**SUSTAINABLE  
DEVELOPMENT  
GOALS**

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QUALITY  
EDUCATION



### Quality Education

Ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunities for all.

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SUSTAINABLE CITIES  
AND COMMUNITIES



### Sustainable Cities & Communities

Make cities and human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable.

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AFFORDABLE AND  
CLEAN ENERGY



### Affordable & Clean

Ensure access to affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern energy for all.

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CLIMATE  
ACTION



### Climate Action

Take urgent action to combat climate change and its impacts.

For more information on the fund timetable, and guidance on how to submit an online application, visit:

**[SSERenewables.com/SligoFund](https://SSERenewables.com/SligoFund)**

## Sligo review

2004/24



**€0.654 million**  
total investment in Sligo



**513** grants  
award

## 2024/25 Overview



**€29,000** invested  
in local communities



**14** community groups  
supported

## Crumhach Wind Farm

The proposed Crumhach Wind Farm, if consented and constructed, would include an associated community benefit fund anticipated to be worth several hundred thousand euros annually, implemented in accordance with government best practice.

SSE will conduct multiple local consultation events to disseminate information regarding this fund, adhering to current government guidelines. These events would also facilitate the expression of interest from community members to join a community benefit fund committee.

This committee will be established to ensure the effective allocation of funding in alignment with community needs, with a primary focus on developing a community funding strategy consistent with the UN Sustainable Development Goals.



# Bee-ing responsible citizens

€1,500

Awarded from 2021 Dunneill Community Fund

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## Mayo Beekeepers

For generations bees have been a common sight in woods and gardens but their numbers in Ireland have been declining rapidly in recent years. The reduction of bees is a significant danger for our communities and our planet. Bees are critical to ensuring that many native Irish plant and flower species are pollinated.

Funding of €1,500 in 2021/22 facilitated the delivery of biodiversity workshops to local school children on the importance of bees as pollinators of many trees and flowers that provide vital habitat for various wildlife.

*The provision of biodiversity classes to children allows us to educate children on the importance of bees on our future and the role they play as pollinators. Children leave our classes knowing how essential bees are for the growth of many plants, including food crops and not see them solely as dangerous insects.*

Margaret Padden, Volunteer, Mayo Beekeepers

# Building a lasting legacy

## St. Mary's National School

St. Mary's National School, Templeboy, received funding for a range of projects that support a lasting legacy in education, well-being, and sustainability.

These include energy upgrades such as cavity wall and attic insulation, solar lighting, and contributions toward an energy management system. Investments in a new playground surface, safety mats, secure goalposts, and an outdoor classroom promote SDG 3 (Good Health and Well-being) and SDG 4 (Quality Education), ensuring a safer and more engaging

environment for students. Additional supports include, Covid measures, and updated entrance access, further enhance comfort, safety, and learning conditions. Together, these improvements create a sustainable, inclusive, and future-focused school environment that reflects the values of sustainable community development.

€35,000

Awarded over 13 years from both Community Funds



# Community Tourism

## Templeboy Aughris Rural Action

With continued support Templeboy Aughris Rural Action (T.A.R.A), a volunteer-led group dedicated to promoting tourism and protecting local heritage, is enriching the visitor experience along the stunning Aughris Head coastline.

€18,500

Awarded over 9 years from both Community Funds



At the heart of the project is the historic World War 2 lookout tower. A long-standing coastal landmark, the tower is now set for further upgrades with the installation of electricity and lighting, bringing light to the site for the first time in over 100 years.

The fund also supported other community tourism enhancements, including coastal planting to protect and enhance the natural environment, the installation of a recycled plastic bench, and a lifesaving defibrillator,

strategically placed along the 4km coastal walk, with clear signage and secure mounting, providing comfort and safety for both residents and visitors.

Together, these enhancements preserve the areas rich cultural heritage, celebrate its natural environment, and improves visitor accessibility. Through these efforts T.A.R.A. fosters sustainable tourism and community pride, creating an inviting destination for all.

# Sports & Recreations

## St Farnan's GAA & LGFA

Community benefit funds play a vital role in strengthening local sport and recreation by providing targeted support that enhances safety, sustainability, and community well-being.

These funds are crucial in supporting local clubs by enabling targeted improvements in facilities, safety, equipment and sustainability – strengthening both clubs and community wellbeing.

St Farnan's have successfully implemented several infrastructure improvements aimed at enhancing player safety and overall facility quality. Projects supported include: lighting, energy efficiency upgrades, and the replacement of unsafe goal posts and ball stop nets. Funding was also provided for new jersey's, training gear, and most recently the club installed a refillable water dispenser and provided reusable bottles to members, dramatically cutting single-use plastic waste at the pitch. This initiative complements previous sustainability efforts, such as the installation of solar panels to heat the water for the

changing rooms. Beyond infrastructure, these funds have supported the club to run expert led sessions on key social issues like mental health, addiction, and gambling, offering valuable education for players, parents and the community.

Overall community benefit funds enhance safety, participation, and well-being in local sport and recreation. These initiatives not only strengthen the club's infrastructure and operations but also contribute positively to the wider community.

€40,800

Awarded over 20 years from both Community Funds





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