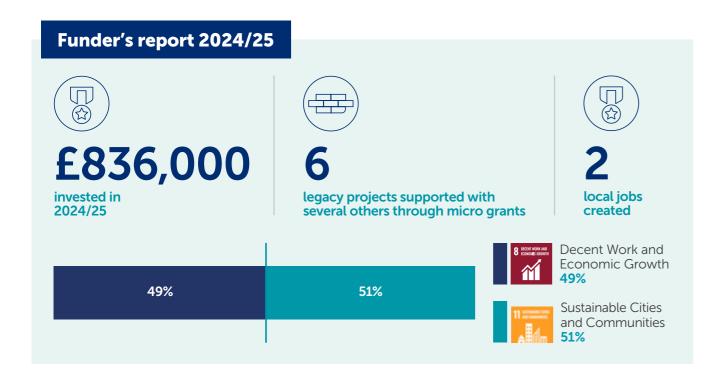


Seagreen Wind Energy

Community Investment Review 2024/25



Funders Report Case Study



Since the £1.8 million Seagreen Community Benefit Fund was established, we have committed £1.54m to supporting the local area. The Fund benefits the community council areas of Arbroath, Carnoustie, Ferryden and Craig, Montrose, Murroes and Wellbank and Tealing, all within the Angus local authority area.

Each of these communities receives support, with £250,000 ringfenced for legacy projects and £45,000 allocated over five years for micro grants, which are distributed through the respective community councils. Additionally, micro grant funding has also been made available to the Monifieth and Monikie and Newbigging community council areas, with each receiving £15,000 over three years.

2024/25 Fund Impacts

Community Development and Assets – The Seagreen Community Fund has invested in developing community hubs and facilities. Notable projects include the Gable End Hub in Montrose, which promotes community wellbeing, health and sustainability and the Arbroath Courthouse Community Trust, which is transforming a derelict courthouse into a vibrant community and cultural venue. These initiatives have the opportunity to enhance local services, create employment opportunities and develop community assets.

Support for Local Organisations and Initiatives – The fund has also supported local organisations and initiatives aimed at economic growth and tourism. Projects like the development of Arbroath Harbour, with a new coordinator role and promotional activities, aims to boost tourism and stimulate economic growth. The Angus Tourism Cooperative's efforts, including events like the Harbour Food Festival, further support local tourism and promote regional attractions.

Environmental and Sustainability Projects – Environmental and sustainability projects are a key focus, with investments aimed at creating sustainable communities. Enhancements to pathways and sea defences by Ferryden and Craig Community Council demonstrate a commitment to environmental resilience. These projects protect and improve local green spaces, ensuring they are safe and accessible for community use and promote long-term environmental stewardship.

Arbroath Courthouse Community Trust



£100,000

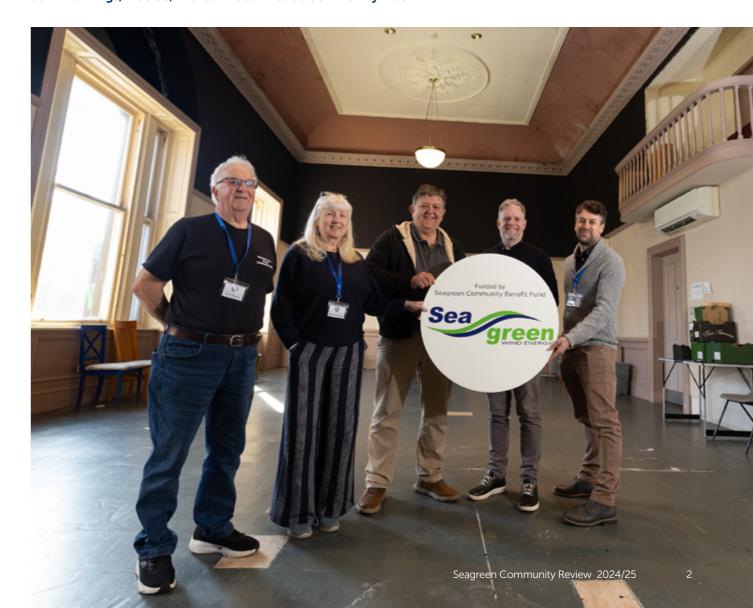
awarded from Seagreen Community Fund



A key foundation of the Scottish commitment to community wealth building is growing the social and economic value communities gain from local assets. Empowering communities to own and operate local provision can be a valuable way for them to enhance local services, offer local employment and grow their economy.

Arbroath Courthouse Community Trust was established to ensure a derelict courthouse in the centre of the historic Angus town could be reinvigorated into a thriving community and cultural venue. The award from the Seagreen Community Fund has enabled the Trust to progress a range of restoration and enhancement works including creating a large event space on the first floor is available for exhibition space to host local events, functions and conferences. A range of smaller rooms are being transformed to support enterprise meetings, social performance events, music gatherings and private functions. The thriving new Courthouse hub will provide a community-owned asset, bringing people together and making Arbroath a better place to live and work.

"We see this significant funding award from Seagreen as a means of supporting the Trust's endeavors to complete the transformation of these two iconic High Street Civic buildings. The buildings now owned and run by the community, will be available for the benefit of all, creating opportunities for employment, leisure and learning. The project's completion will hopefully act as a catalyst for further town and community regeneration." John Rawlings, Trustee, Arbroath Courthouse Community Trust



ProMo Montrose







ProMo, a Community Interest Company created by a group of dedicated local volunteers in Montrose, aims to breathe new life into the town's High Street and surrounding areas through culture-led regeneration and inclusive community engagement. The organisation is rooted in the belief that Montrose's unique history, particularly its artistic and cultural heritage, can serve as a powerful catalyst for economic resilience and civic pride.

Central to ProMo's mission is the establishment of a community hub within a former gift shop on the High Street. With funding from the Seagreen Community Benefit Fund, ProMo received a £125,000 grant to renovate this space and employ a full-time project officer for two years. This financial support marks a significant step toward realising ProMo's broader ambitions. The hub will serve not only as an operational base but also as a venue for local events, collaborative projects and community-building initiatives.

"ProMo is incredibly grateful to have received the Seagreen award, which has significantly helped our project gain momentum and strengthen our position when securing additional funding. Since receiving the award, which supported the purchase of our office and the recruitment of a Project Development Officer, we've secured funding to acquire three additional retail units now being prepared for new local business rentals. We're thrilled to now have plans in motion for four previously vacant High Street properties—marking an exciting step forward in revitalising Montrose town centre. This is just the beginning, and with the continued support of our community and funders, we're confident we can bring our ambitious vision to life and breathe new energy into the heart of our town"

David Paton, Chair, ProMo - Montrose Development & Improvement CIC





Seagreen Community Fund

Annual Fund Payment	£295,000	351% Fund demand
Annual Fund Award	£836,000	£2.29 Fund leverage

Organisation	Award
Ferryden and Craig Community Council To enhance well-used pathways in the Ward including strengthening of sea defences running alongside pathways.	£250,000
Montrose Community Trust To initiate the construction of 'The Gable End,' a pioneering headquarters at Links Park Stadium, envisaged as a central hub for community, health, and sustainability.	£125,000
ProMo Montrose Development & Improvement CIC To create a community owned base for the project and employ a project development officer to steer the group and to engage with the community and stakeholders.	£125,000
Angus Tourism Cooperative (Appetite for Angus) To support promotion and development of Arbroath Harbour Hub covering co-ordinator role, pod purchase and installation, Harbour Food Festival, website, marketing and signage for Smokie Trail.	£100,000
Arbroath Courthouse Community Trust To support the second phase of the restoration of the community asset transfer of the Courthouse	£100,000
building project.	
	£100,000

Organisation	Award
Ferryden and Craig Community Council To provide micro grants in Ferryden and Craig.	£9,000
Arbroath Community Council To provide micro grants in Arbroath.	£9,000
Carnoustie Community Council To provide micro grant top up.	£9,000