



# Introductions

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### Who we are Profiles of the Trust Members

#### Gustav MacLeod

Gustav has lived in Ellingham for thirteen years. He has a broad range of interests including reading, music, history, politics, refurbishment of furniture and DIY. He has a keen interest in sport especially golf, tennis, skiing, walking, watersports and rugby. Gustav brings eighteen years experience as headteacher of various schools as well as being an adviser and inspector within education. He has previous experience of chairing a Trust for disadvantaged children and getting unemployed people back into work (MOBEX). As chair of Ellingham Community Trust, Gustav sees the purpose of his role to support the disbursement of funds as fairly and equally as possible for the benefit of residents within the Parish. He is also interested in ensuring the funds can be used for longer-term investment to contribute to an improved environment for all.

#### Heather Cairns

Heather has lived in Ellingham for more than thirty years and has brought up her family in the village. Heather brings experience from an active career in local politics, serving as a Councillor for Alnwick District Council for twelve years where she became Leader, and is currently chair of Berwick Upon Tweed Liberal Democrats and Councillor for Alnwick. She taught science at both the Duchess High and Dukes Middle Schools and sailing at Newton by the Sea. Her interests include sailing, swimming, skiing hill walking in entertaining her grand children! Heather brings experience of serving on the District Council Planning Committee, chairing the Cutural Exchange Committee and campaigning for cycling safety leading the See Me Save Me campaign.

#### Ruth Machen

Ruth has lived in Ellingham village for seven years and is currently undertaking PhD research at Durham University studying the interaction of climate science and climate policy. Ruth brings to the role of trustee six years experience of working in environmental policy and economic regeneration, working with partnerships and communities to develop action plans, work up projects and influence policy. During this time she managed three grant schemes and supported projects to access funding. As well as pursuing academic interests, she also enjoys walking her Labrador, climbing, surfing, skiing and photography.

#### Bob Stuart

Bob has lived at Brownieside for thirty-three years, though his grandparents have lived in the area for fifty years. His grandparents lived in Tynely New Cottages before moving to Brownieside in the 1920s. He is a founder member of Brownieside Leek Club and has been on the committee ever since having had the role of secretary, treasurer and at present he is the Chairman. His main interests are growing show vegetables especially pot leeks. His knowledge of, and family ties with, the parish will be beneficial to the trustees and Bob is keen to ensure that all parts of the parish benefit from the fund.

#### Chris Watson

Chris lives at Pinewood, Chathill. His interests include coastal sailing, long walks with his black Labrador Jake, reading; politics, science and under duress a bit of DIY. As well as Trustee, Chris is Treasurer for Ellingham Community Trust, bringing to this role many years experience of delivering large complex programmes and of commercial, performance and contract management. He sees his role as a Trustee to ensure that all the trusts funds are properly safeguarded and that disbursement of funds is done fairly and equitably against an agreed long-term strategy.

#### George Unwin

George has lived in Chathill for 27 years. He worked as a bus driver for Arriva for 20 years. Now you can find him in the Tourist Information Centre based in Seahouses Car Park. Amazingly, he has been a Parish Councillor for Ellingham for at least 27 years. You might think George leads a quiet life with hobbies such as walking but he is also prone to a competitive streak with his quoits and a bit of hrmph riding a motorbike as enjoyment.



## Purpose of meeting:

- To bring parishioners up to date on progress made and the Trust plans going forward
- Share possible schemes to invest the funds to provide energy which can support energy costs in the homes of all in the Parish.



## Outcome from questionnaire –

### \* The Top Ten \*

Broadband  
Transport  
Renewable energies  
Protecting & enhancing local wildlife  
Support flood defences  
Supporting affordable housing  
School  
Preserving local footpaths  
Providing youth opportunities  
Improve thermal comfort of existing homes

## Most supported areas

### important      very important

71%	49%
68%	49%
58%	43%
64%	42%
56%	42%
65%	41%
51%	33%
54%	32%
59%	29%
53%	29%



## Outcome from questionnaire – What the fund might look like

- A strong steer to invest funds in a strategic project or projects
- Many suggestions to invest the money in a community revenue generating project to provide a secondary source of income which could be invested in projects
- Much comment about wanting to see funds distributed fairly and equally, as far as possible
- Community-wide projects preferred to grants to small groups or individuals



## What we have done ..... Broadband

- Raised demand and need for broadband within Ellingham Parish
- Sought superfast broadband for Ellingham to be included in next tranche of DEFRA grant (2014)
- Looking at B4RN (Broadband for Rural North) project in Lancashire
- Met with landowners to agree for cables to be laid across lands
- Arranging meeting with N.C.C. and BT in September



## What we have done ..... Transport

- Watching closely – funding responsibility
- Future possibilities

## ..... Communication

### Preventing rural isolation

- Importance of broadband
- Importance of transport
- Newsletter and notices





## What we have done ..... Renewable energies

- Identified this as a community-wide scheme which could benefit everyone
- Appointed consultancy to look at feasibility of generating green energy as an investment for the Parish of Ellingham
- Drawn up a strategy for projects to be developed within the Parish which would provide a return on investment and cause least disturbance.
- Had a meeting with landowners to agree projects
- Begun the implementation of schemes
- Called meeting tonight to share schemes





## Renewable energies schemes

		Return
Ellingham School	Biomass boiler	5 – 10%
Ellingham School	Solar Panels	10%
	or Wind Turbine	15%
Tynely	Solar Panels	15%
Brownieside	Solar Panels	15%
Brownieside	Wind Turbine	25%
Chathill	Solar Panels	15%
Ellingham Estates	Wind Turbine	30%+?
Preston Tower	Solar Panels	15%
Ellingham Hall	Hydrological assessment over 1 year	



## Renewable energies schemes

- Depend on matched funding
- Acceptance of planning applications
- Connection costs and phase
- Negotiations for insecure funding (landowner)
- Funding levels and loans



## Solid Fuel Scheme

### Objectives of the scheme

- To provide an immediate and tangible benefit to residents within the Parish.
- To raise the profile of the trust.
- To use the buying power of trust to solicit discounts on fuel not available to individual house holders.
- To reinforce the trusts commitment to the use of renewable energy.
- To make only modest inroads into the Trusts financial resources.

## What are we buying ?.

### **Wood Briquettes**

Verdo Renewable briquettes offer easy, convenient combustion and are suitable for burning in multi-fuel stoves, log burners and open fireplaces.

The briquettes are packed in easily managed packs, each containing six briquettes and weighing approximately 10kg. The dimensions of our briquettes are 7cm x 7cm x 30cm (length). The briquettes are brittle and can easily be broken by hand, if required, to fit smaller stoves.

The briquettes are supplied on pallets. Each pallet contains 96 packs – 576 briquettes in total – and weighs approximately one tonne.

#### **Reasons to use briquettes:**

The heat output of a single pallet of briquettes is equivalent to 8m<sup>3</sup> of seasoned logs – a saving of approximately 40%.

Extremely easy to use.

Produce minimum levels of ash.

Moisture content less than 10% resulting in greater heat output.

Can be split by hand for smaller stoves.

Easy to store.



# What do they look like?



# How does the scheme work?

- The Trust purchases [12] pallets of 96 packs of Verdo Wood Briquettes.
- They are delivered to three under cover, dry, locations within the parish.
- We issue a numbered voucher to every primary householder within the Parish.
- Packs of fuel are delivered or collected from central points in exchange for the voucher.
- Where a householder does not have an open fire or log burner they may , refuse their allocation, give away their allocation, sell their allocation or their voucher or *as a last resort return the voucher to the trust for its cash value.*
- We distribute the packs by publicising that supplies will be available from central locations in Ellingham the first Saturday, Chathill the second Saturday and Brownieside the third.

## How does the scheme work (2)

- Each voucher will have a place to sign allowing a third party to collect the packs on the householders behalf.
- We encourage people to collect on behalf of neighbours and those without cars.
- Any one who cannot collect on any of our dates from our central locations lets us know and we deliver on an agreed date and time. (There should be almost no one in this situation).
- We invite the householders to enter their surrendered vouchers into a draw and the winners receive the packs from the residue. There will be between 21% and 70% winners. Other solutions to the residue problem are available.
- We carry out a post mortem on completion of the scheme to evaluate the success or otherwise.
- If successful we announce that the scheme will run annually.



## How much will it cost?

Number of pallets	Cost per Pallets. £	Number of packs per Household	Cost to the Trust £	Notional value of voucher £	Notional retail value of allocation £
12	256	8.22 (8)	3072	20	36
24	232	16.45 (16)	5568	40	72

Each pack contains 6 briquettes and weighs 10 kilos.

Average use will be 3 briquettes per day.

The above numbers are predicated on there being 140 primary households within the Parish. **This needs to confirmed or amended and the numbers changed.**

Retail price calculated at £4.50 per pack.

## Other things to consider

- Where to store the pallets until they can be distributed.
- When to order.
- How much to order.



# Planning for next steps

- People gave very reasoned points and views in questionnaire which laid foundation to course of action
- Focus on community-wide schemes – other top ten items funded through returns
- Broadband essential for business and individuals
- Patience for longer term opportunities and benefits?
- Want more applications from community - New shorter application form –



## Q & A