



## Newsletter of the Wadebridge Renewable Energy Network

**December 2016**

**Merry  
Christmas and a  
Happy New  
Year to all our  
members and  
supporters**

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## £50,000 St Breock Community Fund 2017

St Breock wind farm opened its community fund for applications for the second year on 1st December.

The Fund is for not-for profit organisations in the parishes of St. Breock, St Wenn, Withiel, Egloshayle, St Issey, St Columb Town and Wadebridge Town, each of which has a specific amount allocated.

In 2016 money was given to a very wide range of projects, from specialist support services for women to energy-efficient LED lighting in a community centre; from lighting equipment for a local theatre club to young peoples' events at Cornwall Folk Festival; from support to Forest Schools to replacing broken equipment in a village playground.

The fund will close for applications on **17th February 2017**, when the committees for each parish will make their decisions. Organisations that applied for the fund in 2016 are very welcome to apply again in 2017, regardless of whether or not they were successful then.

For application forms and further details,

- click [here](#),
- email [communityfunds@wren.uk.com](mailto:communityfunds@wren.uk.com),
- phone 01208 622123, or
- write to WREN, PO Box 67, Wadebridge, PL27 6BX.

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## Nanstallon Solar Array Anniversary

The first anniversary of the opening of Wadebridge Energy Company's Nanstallon solar array was celebrated in the Autumn, with many of the people at the opening ceremony returning for tea and cake. The array provides electricity to the South West Water sewage treatment works alongside. Ray Arrell of South West Water also brought us a "special commendation" certificate which we hadn't been aware of.

The installation was also "highly commended" at the Regen SW Green Energy Awards at the end of November, in the Best Community Initiative category. Congratulations to category winners Plymouth Energy Community.





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## Community Energy at Bude

Community Power Cornwall is asking for support for community ownership of the Big Field Wind Farm near Bude that is being developed by Good Energy. CPC is a community-owned and community-led co-operative set up to deliver community energy projects in Cornwall.

This is out of WREN's geographical area for direct involvement, but one of our objects is to promote community ownership of renewable energy generation, so we think you might care to support this. Click on [this link](#) to find out more.

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## WREN AGM

WREN held its Annual General Meeting on 27th September. This is a formal legal requirement, with formal legal business to be transacted - but we do our best to make it more interesting and fun. Hence we kicked off for the second year in a row with the various local organisations that have received community funds - see the article below.

Tony Faragher gave his first 'Report from the Chair' since taking over from Stephen Frankel in the Spring, speaking about the Sunshine Tariff and the Nanstallon solar array owned by Wadebridge Energy Company.

He also reflected on the changing circumstances in which energy companies, and particularly community energy companies like WREN, find themselves. Government support for renewable energy and energy efficiency measures has all but been withdrawn. The scope for WREN has been reduced as a result.

WREN will continue to administer the various community funds, ensuring that there remains a proper, open process in place to benefit local groups, and using the knowledge and experience of the local people who comprise the committees to identify the most worthwhile projects.

WREN is starting to look into the provision of electric vehicle (EV) charging points in Wadebridge and ways of encouraging young people to become involved in the future of renewable energy.

Several directors stood down at the meeting: Lizzy-Jane Frankel, David Atfield and our co-opted advisors Jake Burnyeat and John Catchpole. John was subsequently co-opted again. All three who stood down have contributed enormously to WREN over its lifetime and they go with our thanks and best wishes.

Chris Coonick, who was co-opted during the year, was elected to Board at the meeting. Chris brings a wealth of experience to WREN, not least from her role as Senior Consultant at the BRE National Solar Centre.

### **Board Vacancies**

The changes in the Board over the last year mean that we have a couple of vacancies at the moment. If any member would like to become more involved with WREN and contribute to its future, please contact us.

### **Electric Vehicle Charging Points**

As mentioned, we are looking into providing EV charging points in Wadebridge, and would like to hear from any Wadebridge business with its own car park which might be interested in hosting one. Please contact us.

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## **Middle Treworder Solar Farm Community Fund Awards**

At the start of the WREN AGM on 27th September, Tony Faragher, WREN Chair,

presented the awards made by the Middle Treworder Solar Farm Community Fund to many of the seventeen local community groups which had benefitted.



The fund had £10,566 to distribute - this amount being the original £10,000 uplifted for inflation.

The fund received 31 applications from local groups, requesting a total of £33,763.42, so after much discussion by the award committee, these seventeen awards were made.

- 1st Wadebridge Scouts (£802.20)
- Camels Rugby Club (£2,194.60)
- Churches Together Holiday Club (£150.00)
- Dragons Swimming Club (£1,000.00)
- Growing Wild Cornwall (£500.00)
- St Kew preschool outdoor protective clothing (£180.00)
- St Kew Primary 'Growing for Gold' (£1,150.00)
- St Mabyn Home School Association (£690.00)
- St Mabyn Parish Council- fitness equipment (£499.20)
- Time to Shine CIC (£300.00)
- Wadebridge 1942 Squadron Cadets (£200.00)
- Wadebridge Carnival 2017 (£500.00)
- Wadebridge Community Theatre/Hopeful Monsters (£500.00)
- Wadebridge Creative Hub - 'Write Wadebridge' (£150.00)
- Wadebridge Festival of Music and Speech (£500.00)
- Wadebridge Primary Academy - balance bikes (£850.00)

## Sunshine Tariff

There will be a Sunshine Tariff meeting on Wednesday evening 8th February 2017 in Wadebridge Town Hall, to explain what happened in the project and what results have come out of it. This is intended primarily for participants in the project, but other WREN members will be welcome. More details nearer the time, but put the date in your diary.

## Renewables in the News

Sweden on target to run entirely on renewable energy by 2040 (The Independent).

[Link](#)

Solar panels surpass coal-fired electricity in previously 'unthinkable' feat for UK (The Independent). [Link](#)

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