

HALKIRK DISTRICT BENEFIT FUND

SPRING 2013 NEWSLETTER

Welcome to the Halkirk District Benefit Fund (HDBF) Newsletter. For those of you not familiar with HDBF, the company was set up in 2004 and funding is provided by Npower Renewables who own the windfarm at Causeymire. The aim of our newsletter is to get our message to more people and make the community aware that funding is available for constituted groups and individuals within the community who wish to apply to become a member, (either as an individual or constituted group). You must live within the Halkirk District Community Council boundary, (this includes Altnabreac, Banniskirk, Calder, Georgemas, Harpsdale, Spittal, Mybster and Westerdale). Applicants should be registered on the electoral roll for the area and complete the appropriate application form which is available at either Halkirk or Westerdale Post Office. **Austerity is not affecting us; the money is there to be given out so nothing will be lost by applying.**

The decision of how funding should be used and distributed is made by the HDBF Directors who meet approximately ten times a year. The current Chairperson is Mrs Kathryn Cartwright and the Treasurer is Mr Norman Fraser. Other Directors are Mr Stuart Mills, Mr Dougie Munro, Mrs Gillian Coghill, Mr David Busby and Mr David Sutherland. Over the past years many groups and individuals

have benefited from funding from HDBF. In this letter we will focus on those who have received funding most recently.

1ST HALKIRK BROWNIES

HDBF were delighted to give funding for transport for the Brownies to see the Pantomime in Thurso just before Christmas.



HALKIRK ARMY CADETS

The Army Cadets were pleased to receive funding towards various items of equipment for a much-needed upgrade.

HALKIRK PRIMARY SCHOOL

Again the Trustees were able to help the school with the various school trips as well as funding towards the purchase of new kitchen items to allow the serving of hot beverages at school functions.

JORDAN BAIN

A very good local swimmer and member of Thurso's A Squad Jordan was able to benefit from a grant from HDBF. He wrote:

'Thank you for the grant you kindly gave me towards my swimming. I

had a great time in Stirling at the Scottish Swimming butterfly stroke camp, although it was tough it was fun and enjoyable and I gained lots of advice from the head coach, Patrick Miley, in improving my butterfly. It was also a good experience to 'train with' Hannah Miley who has represented Scotland at the Commonwealth games and Great Britain at the Olympics, and to listen to her advice as to how to improve my training and set goals for the future in my swimming career”



1ST HALKIRK GUIDES

The guides attended “Thinking Day at Watten this year and HDBF funded the transport.



HALKIRK SMALL BORE RIFLE CLUB

Another group to receive a grant from Halkirk District Benefit Fund was the Rifle Club. Current club President, Robbie Campbell,

commented “We are absolutely delighted at receiving this grant from the Halkirk District Benefit Fund as it has allowed us to improve the conditions on the firing point and the target area lighting, both of which were long overdue. We have also been able to purchase two new rifles along with a range of new jackets, etc which will help the development of our junior members significantly”. “With this grant we have also been able to purchase an electronic training system for target shooting which will be used by all club members and assist them in identifying and correcting specific weaknesses in their technique. This will be valuable in helping our members improve standards and subsequently achieve a greater level of success in both local and national level competitions”.



Members of Halkirk Rifle Club with President Campbell and HDBF Director Dougie Munro.



Will Campbell, (pictured here), a very talented musician, also received a grant from Halkirk District Benefit Fund. He wrote thanking HDBF for their financial support for his trip to the Royal Mod in October 2012 which was held in Dunoon. Since then he has spent four days at the College of Piping in Glasgow and played at various local events.

Other beneficiaries were Halkirk Bowling Club, Rebecca Crawford, Scotsalder Hall, Halkirk Village Council, Derek Yuille, Spittal Village Hall and Halkirk Young Farmers.

Further information is available from Mrs Sylvia Reilly, Secretary, on 01847-811375 or email sechbf99@yahoo.com or visit our website at: www.halkirkdistrictbenefitfund.org.uk