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Christmas charity bonus from £40K annual London Array Community Fund

- **Four local charities receive Christmas funding boost**
- **Grants are in addition to 13 charities receiving up to £5,000 supporting five key areas: Environment, Children, Young People and Families, Elderly and Isolated, Employability, Skills and Enterprise and Vulnerable Adults**

Since construction in early 2012, RWE-operated London Array has supported charities and community groups in the local area, thanks to the generous input from our shareholders, RWE Renewables, Boreas, Greencoat and Abu Dhabi Future Energy Company PJSC - Masdar.

New for this year is that London Array has worked with Kent Community Foundation who managed the applications and distributed the £40,000 fund on behalf of the wind farm.

Awards of up to £5,000 were made available for applicants working within one or more key areas: Environment, Children, Young People and Families, Elderly and Isolated, Employability, Skills and Enterprise and Vulnerable Adults. The first donations were awarded in August 2024 and are noted in the table below.

The Community Fund committee retained £4,000 from the August distribution so that we could support local charities over the Christmas and winter period. This gave the local London Array staff the opportunity to vote as to where the money was distributed. The following charities have received a share of £4,000:

- Age UK Thanet: Helping the elderly.
- RNLI: Saving lives at sea.
- Salvation Army Ramsgate: Daily drop-in for the homeless providing breakfast, clothing, washing facilities and advice.
- Thanet Food Link: Providing food to those in need.

In August, DentaId, the Dental Charity which provides dental care for the homeless received £1,475 from the Community Fund. The funding was awarded to support a project to deliver six free mobile dental clinics alongside Thanet District Councils RISE (Rough Sleeper Intervention Support Empowerment) a newly established multi agency team working to support those who are sleeping rough and most in need of support.

Jill Harding from DentaId said, *“Our mobile dental units are fully equipped mobile dental surgeries on wheels. We offer our patients emergency pain relieving treatments, x-rays, scale and polish and restorative dental care. We support people experiencing homelessness by visiting hostels, drop-in centres, and soup kitchens and those who are insecurely housed or sleeping rough.*

“We are very grateful to London Array Offshore Wind Farm Community Fund and the Kent Community Foundation team for supporting our important work in the community.”

James Vause, London Array General Manager, is delighted: *“We would like to thank Kent Community Foundation for taking over the administration of the fund and enabling ease of access to local groups to the monies.*

“This fund is a voluntary commitment, created by London Array, to make a real difference to our local community. A panel including staff from London Array Wind Farm met to assess projects, presented by Kent Community Foundation and award grants. I am delighted that the monies are going to support local charities that in turn support the needs of local people.”

Natalie Smith, Director of Grants and Impact and Deputy Chief Executive, Kent Community Foundation said, *“It was clear from Dentaids application how their services not only improve oral health outcomes and reduce dental-related complications but enhance overall wellbeing for the vulnerable. We presented the request for support to the London Array Offshore Wind Farm Community Fund, and they were delighted to award funding of £1,475 to support the mobile clinics in Thanet*

Early in 2025, we will announce the opening date for interested applicants to apply online for next year’s monies via the Kent Community Foundation website www.kentcf.org.uk/funding

The local charities that were awarded monies in August 2024 are listed below:

London Array Community Fund - Awarded Summer 2024	
Organisation	Project Name
1st St Lawrence Scouts & 6th Ramsgate Guides	New doors for building
Broadstairs Lifeguard and Swimming Club	Train volunteer swim coaches
Dentaids The Dental Charity	Dental care clinics for Thanet residents
Discovery Planet	Delivery of STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Science) sessions
East Kent Rape Crisis Centre	Provision of specialist rape and sexual abuse trauma informed therapy.
Mama to Mama	Baby Care Packages
RNLI Ramsgate	Junior Fishing Competition
Sunken Garden Society	Eco Fair
Thanet Food Link Ltd	Providing food for those in poverty
Thanet Wanderers Rugby Union Football Club Ltd	Schools and Community Programme
The Zone Youth Club	Youth & Holiday Club sessions
Westgate Youth Project	The Umbrella Club
Windmill Community Gardens Margate	Welcoming Community

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Note to Editors

About London Array

London Array Limited is a consortium of four shareholders: , RWE Renewables, La Caisse de dépôt et placement du Québec (CDPQ), Greencoat and Abu Dhabi Future Energy Company PJSC - Masdar. RWE leads the operation of London Array on behalf of the project shareholders. The shareholders' combined experience and expertise help ensure the continuing success of the wind farm.

For further information visit: www.londonarray.com/

About Kent Community Foundation

Experienced grant-maker Kent Community Foundation is the organisation behind the organisations and has been finding, funding, and supporting some of the smallest voluntary groups in the county for over twenty three years. In this time, it has distributed £60 million to support thousands of small charities and deserving causes where a modest sum of money can make a significant impact.

Responsible for more than ninety philanthropic funds, Kent Community Foundation is unrivalled in its knowledge of local causes and assists individuals, families, and businesses who want to help, to establish and administer their own charitable funds. www.kentcf.org.uk