

COMMUNITY BENEFITS



LOCAL ECONOMIC BENEFITS

Expenditure in the local economy during the development, construction and operation of wind farm projects in UK varies from project to project as a function of various factors, including project size, duration and availability of local suppliers. In recent years, we have seen typical spend with local stakeholders, suppliers and service providers in the region of £279,000 per wind turbine during the development, construction and first year of project operation. In some cases it has been possible to significantly improve on this number. Expenditure in the local community continues throughout the operational phase of the project.

RES' Meikle Carewe Wind Farm in Aberdeenshire was commissioned in 2013. Consisting of 12 turbines, the 10.2 MW project has provided significant local economic benefits with over £1.1 million spent locally to date. Contracts were set up with local hotels and cleaning companies. All the stone and concrete used during the construction process was sourced from local suppliers and local drivers utilised to deliver materials to the site. The balance of the workforce at Meikle Carewe lived locally during the working week, creating significant revenue for local accommodation providers. For the 25 year lifetime of the project RES anticipates to spend locally in the region of £6.7 million, of which £3.3 million will be paid to the local council in business rates.

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