

News Release

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Gunness Sports & Community Centre gets £100k funding boost

A project to create a new sports and community centre on Gunness Playing Field, Old Village Street, Gunness, near Scunthorpe, can now go ahead thanks to a funding boost from The Veolia Environmental Trust. We have awarded Gunness Village Hall Fund Committee a grant of £100,000, which was the final amount needed for Phase 1 of the building of the centre.

This phase will include creating the building and the installation of dressing rooms, toilets, showers, a meeting room, a kitchen and an office, with associated entrances.

The grant was awarded at our quarterly Board meeting on 20 January 2014, when 77 grants totalling almost £2.5m were awarded to community and environmental projects across the UK.

The grant total is a record amount for us since we were set up in 1997. It represents our commitment to helping as many compliant projects as possible, in turn improving the quality of life for tens of thousands of people of all ages and backgrounds, as well as the environment.

We award grants through the Landfill Communities Fund and in the last five years we have awarded £114,500 to projects in Lincolnshire.

Fundraising efforts are to continue to secure finance for Phase 2, which will include the provision of a community hall complete with full bar facilities and a large stage.

We will now work with the committee to finalise the details of the project, including its start date, and get it up and running as soon as possible.

Chairman of the Gunness Village Hall Fund Committee, Cllr. Dave Oldfield is thrilled to see the final piece of the funding package fall into place. He says, "It's been a real team effort to convince funding providers that our project is worthy of support and it is great news that we have been awarded this final grant. The provision of the new facilities on Gunness Playing Field will benefit the whole community, especially those playing field sports.

"A big thank you must go out to our funding co-ordinator, Sue Mumby, who has worked tirelessly to seek out and secure funds for this important community project, and also to the other members of the committee who have made this success possible. Well done to everyone who has helped."

The Executive Director of The Veolia Environmental Trust, Paul Taylor, adds, "This is a fantastic start to 2014, both for us and the projects we have awarded grants to. This scheme will create a new venue for the community of Gunness to use for events and activities, and I look forward to seeing it start and take shape."

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LOs are able to redirect a small proportion of landfill tax liability (currently 6.8%) to support a wide range of community and environmental projects in the vicinity of their landfill sites through the Landfill Communities Fund (LCF). The LCF is regulated by ENTRUST on behalf of HM Revenue & Customs, and the projects are delivered by enrolled Environmental bodies (EBs).

Since its inception in 1996, over £1 billion has been spent on more than 32,000 projects across the UK. For further information, please visit www.entrust.org.uk or [see HMRC's general guide to Landfill Tax](#)

The Veolia Environmental Trust has been supporting community and environmental projects for over 16 years. Since we were established in 1997, Veolia Environmental Services (UK) plc has supported us by contributions of over £55 million to 1698 projects.

We have helped fund a diverse range of projects, including the repair of woodland footpaths, the renovation of community halls and the installation of playgrounds and play areas. For more information, or to find out how to apply for funding, visit our website www.veoliatrust.org.