It starts with community

The National Lottery Community Fund Grant announcement

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**Sustainable Community Buildings grants awarded in:**

* **Ards & North Down**
* **Armagh City, Banbridge & Craigavon**
* **Mid Ulster**
* **Newry, Mourne & Down**

**Number of grants: 38**

**Total grant funding awarded: £1,492,046**

**Total kilograms of CO2 saved per year: 165,391**

**Total energy costs saved per year: £110,036.34**

**Table 1: Grants awarded to organisations working in Ards and North Down**

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| **Organisation**   | **Location**  | **Project summary**  | **Amount awarded**  |
| Boom! Inc | Ards and North Down | Boom! Inc is using a £38,420 grant to improve the energy efficiency and sustainability of their two creative hubs in Bangor. The project will install solar panels with battery storage, LED lighting, and heating controls, which will support the group to reduce their carbon emissions by 5,660 CO2 kg per year. These measures will save the group £5,230 each year in their energy costs which can be spent on community activities, including creative workshops, artistic outreach services and events. | £38,420 |
| Gifted Trust | Ards and North Down | Gifted Trust is using a £48,713 grant to improve the energy efficiency and sustainability of the Old Market House community space in Bangor. The project will install solar panels, LED lighting and replace their fire escape, which will support the group to reduce their carbon emissions by 5,665 CO2 kg per year. These measures will save the group £3,969 each year in their energy costs which can be spent on community activities, including providing a warm space for people to meet and learn new skills. | £48,713 |
| Greyabbey Village Hall Management Committee | Ards and North Down | Greyabbey Village Hall Management Committee is using a £19,253 grant to improve the energy efficiency and sustainability of their community hall. The project will install solar panels with battery storage, heating controls, and replace their fire door, which will support the group to reduce their carbon emissions by 2,529 CO2 kg per year. These measures will save the group £1,087 each year in their energy costs which can be spent on improving the hall for local community group meetings and events. | £19,253 |
| Holywood District Guides | Ards and North Down | Holywood District Guides is using a £19,890 grant to improve the energy efficiency and sustainability of Holywood Guide Hall. The project will install solar panels with battery storage, new windows and doors, and cavity wall insulation, which will support the group to reduce their carbon emissions by 1,001 CO2 kg per year. These measures will save the group £1,124 each year in their energy costs which can be spent on activities for the local Rainbow, Brownie, Guide and Ranger units. | £19,890 |
| Killinchy and District Community Development Association Ltd | Ards and North Down | Killinchy and District Community Development Association is using a £50,028 grant to improve the energy efficiency and sustainability of Killinchy Community Hall. The project will install solar panels, LED lighting, new windows and doors, roof insulation, and heating controls, which will support the group to reduce their carbon emissions by 6,078 CO2 kg per year. These measures will save the group £3,161 each year in their energy costs, which can be spent on community activities, including fitness classes, a youth club, older peoples group and dance classes. | £50,028 |

**Table 2: Grants awarded to organisations working in Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon**

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| **Organisation**   | **Location**  | **Project summary**  | **Amount awarded**  |
| Ballymacnab Community Development Association Ltd | Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon | Ballymacnab Community Development Association is using a £14,253 grant to improve the energy efficiency and sustainability of their community hall, which is based near Armagh. The project will install solar panels with battery storage and new heating controls, which will support the group to reduce their carbon emissions by 2465 CO2 kg per year. These measures will save the group £983 each year in their energy costs, which can be spent on community activities, including sewing classes, Irish dancing, baby sensory classes, and fitness activities.  | £14,253 |
| Conradh na Gaeilge Craobh na Lorgan (Lurgan Branch) | Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon | Conradh na Gaeilge Craobh na Lorgan (Lurgan Branch) is using a £12,580 grant to improve the energy efficiency and sustainability of their community building. The project will install solar panels with battery storage and replace two external doors, which will support the group to reduce carbon emissions by 1,005 CO2 kg per year. These measures will save the group £672 each year on their energy bills, which can be spent on community activities, including Irish language classes and traditional music lessons.  | £12,580 |
| Cormeen Social and Economic Regeneration Partnership | Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon | Cormeen Social and Economic Regeneration Partnership is using a £35,699 grant to improve the energy efficiency and sustainability of their building, which is based near Killylea in Co Armagh. The project will install solar panels, a water heater and an air source heat pump, which will support the group to reduce carbon emissions by 2,358 CO2 kg per year. These measures will save the group £1,387 each year on their energy bills, which can be spent on community activities including health and wellbeing sessions, a youth club, and support for older people. | £35,699 |
| Donacloney LOL75 | Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon | Donacloney LOL75 is using a £51,000 grant to improve the energy efficiency and sustainability of their community hall. The project will install solar panels with battery storage, new heating controls, internal dry lining, PVC windows, roof insulation and LED lighting, which will support the group to reduce their carbon emissions by 4,717 CO2 kg per year. These measures will save the group £2,074 each year on their energy bills, which can be spent on community activities including coffee mornings, sports sessions, and musical events.  | £51,000 |
| Kinallen Rural Community Development Association | Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon | Kinallen Rural Community Development Association is using a £44,706 grant to improve the energy efficiency and sustainability of their hall. The project will install solar panels with battery storage, and upgrade their roof and wall insulation, which will support the group to reduce carbon emissions by 1,376 CO2 kg per year. These measures will save the group £1,071 each year on their energy bills which can be spent on community activities, including a food bank, women’s group, Ulster Scots music lessons, and a men’s shed. | £44,706 |
| Lislea Development Association Ltd | Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon | Lislea Development Association in south Armagh is using a £36,508 grant to improve the energy efficiency and sustainability of their community centre. The project will install solar panels with battery storage, double glazed PVC windows, new heating controls, and internal dry lining insulation, which will support the group to reduce carbon emissions by 3,344 CO2 kg per year. These measures will save the group £1,492 each year on their energy bills which can be spent on community activities including fitness classes, drama club, cookery classes and a warm hub.  | £36,508 |
| Markethill District Enterprises Ltd | Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon | Markethill District Enterprises is using a £48,826 grant to improve the energy efficiency and sustainability of the Old Courthouse community building. The project will install solar panels with battery storage, new heating controls, and LED lighting, which will support the organisation to reduce carbon emissions by 5,973 CO2 kg per year. These measures will save the group £4,295 each year on their energy bills which can be spent on community activities including a gardening club, mindfulness workshops, dance classes and events. | £48,826 |
| Mayfair Business Centre Ltd | Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon | Mayfair Business Centre in Portadown is using a £41,226 grant to improve the energy efficiency and sustainability of their centre, which is used by community groups, social enterprises and charities. The project will install solar panels with battery storage, and an external lighting system, which will support the group to reduce carbon emissions by 3,737 CO2 kg per year. These measures will save the group £5,809 each year on their energy bills which can be spent on improvements to the building to benefit the local groups which use it.  | £41,226 |
| Mid Armagh Community Network | Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon | Mid Armagh Community Network in Markethill is using a £50,235 grant to improve the energy efficiency and sustainability of their hall. The project will repair the roof, upgrade their insulation, and install solar panels with battery storage, which will support the group to reduce carbon emissions by 2,736 CO2 kg per year. These measures will save the group £1,123 each year on their energy bills which can be spent on community activities including musical sessions and group meetings. | £50,235 |
| Portadown 2000 | Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon | Portadown 2000 is using a £49,910 grant to improve the energy efficiency and sustainability of their building. The project will install solar panels with battery storage, double glazed windows, and LED lighting, which will support the group to reduce carbon emissions by 8,834 CO2 kg per year. These measures will save the group £6,787 each year on their energy bills which can be spent on community activities including arts and crafts, wellbeing programmes, and cultural activities. | £49,910 |
| Sarsfield Community Hall Management Group | Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon | Sarsfield Community Hall Management Group in Derrytasna is using a £28,119 grant to improve the energy efficiency and sustainability of their hall. The project will install solar panels with battery storage, and replace external doors, which will support the group to reduce carbon emissions by 3,372 CO2 kg per year. These measures will save the group £2,462 each year on their energy bills which can be spent on community activities including events, parent/toddler group, and a youth club. | £28,119 |
| Tullysaran Community Association | Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon | Tullysaran Community Association is using a £26,058 grant to improve the energy efficiency and sustainability of their building. The project will install solar panels and LED lighting which will support the group to reduce carbon emissions by 3,632 CO2 kg per year. These measures will save the group £2,760 each year on their energy bills which can be spent on community activities including an afterschools club, indoor bowls, and family support groups. | £26,058 |

**Table 3: Grants awarded to organisations working in Mid Ulster**

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| **Organisation**   | **Location**  | **Project summary** | **Amount awarded**  |
| Bloomhill Rural Development Association | Mid Ulster | Bloomhill Rural Development Association in Newmills is using a £46,493 grant to improve the energy efficiency and sustainability of their building. The project will install solar panels with battery storage, replace doors, LEDs lighting, roof and wall insulation, and heating controls, which will support the group to reduce carbon emissions by 3,130 CO2 kg per year. These measures will save the group £1,718 each year on their energy bills which can be spent on community activities for people living in this rural area.  | £46,493 |
| Carntogher Community Association | Mid Ulster | Carntogher Community Association in Maghera is using a £36,653 grant to improve the energy efficiency and sustainability of An Carn community hub. The project will install solar panels, new windows and doors, and LED lighting, which will support the group to reduce carbon emissions by 3,990 CO2 kg per year. These measures will save the group £3,438 each year on their energy bills which will benefit the community organisations and social enterprises that use the building. | £36,653 |
| Clonoe Rural Development Agency Ltd | Mid Ulster | Clonoe Rural Development Agency in Coalisland is using a £50,551 grant to improve the energy efficiency and sustainability of their building. The project will install solar panels with battery storage which will support the group to reduce carbon emissions by 8,351 CO2 kg per year. These measures will save the group £6,204 each year on their energy bills which can be spent on community activities including training programmes, arts sessions, and events. | £50,551 |
| Coalisland & District Community Foodbank | Mid Ulster | Coalisland & District Community Foodbank is using a £25,742 grant to improve the energy efficiency and sustainability of their community hub. The project will install solar panels with battery storage, insulation, PVC double glazed windows, and replace the front door and fire door, which will support the organisation to reduce carbon emissions by 2,342 CO2 kg per year. These measures will save the group £896 each year on their energy bills which can be used for community activities including a chatty café, wellbeing courses and history talks. | £25,742 |
| Involve (NI) | Mid Ulster | Involve (NI) in Magherafelt is using a £34,150 grant to improve the energy efficiency and sustainability of their building. The project will install solar panels, double glazed windows, and roof insulation which will support the group to reduce carbon emissions by 6,089 CO2 kg per year. These measures will save the group £3,139 each year on their energy bills which can be used for community activities including a luncheon club, crochet classes and training sessions. | £34,150 |
| Kilcronaghan Youth Hostel Ltd | Mid Ulster | Kilcronaghan Youth Hostel in Tobermore is using a £49,367 grant to improve the energy efficiency and sustainability of their building. The project will install solar panels, new windows, LED lighting, and replace external doors, which will support the group to reduce carbon emissions by 5,262 CO2 kg per year. These measures will save the group £3,899 each year which can be spent on improving the centre which community groups use for warm space meetings, training programmes, youth activities and teambuilding. | £49,367 |
| Kilnaslee Community Development Group | Mid Ulster | Kilnaslee Community Development Group in Castlecaulfield is using a £43,257 grant to improve the energy efficiency and sustainability of their building. The project will install solar panels with battery storage and roof insulation and repairs, which will support the group to reduce carbon emissions by 1,158 CO2 kg per year. These measures will save the group £934 each year on their energy bills which can be spent on community activities including information sessions, training programmes and seasonal events. | £43,257 |
| Knocknagin Hall Committee | Mid Ulster | Knocknagin Hall Committee in Desertmartin is using a £22,252 grant to improve the energy efficiency and sustainability of their building. The project will install solar panels with battery storage and roof insulation which will support the group to reduce carbon emissions by 1,857 CO2 kg per year. These measures will save the group £905 each year which can be spent on community activities including educational courses and community events. | £22,252 |
| Lilac Cancer Support Limited | Mid Ulster | Lilac Cancer Support in Coalisland is using a £39,574 grant to improve the energy efficiency and sustainability of their hub. The project will install solar panels with battery storage, electrical heating installation, roof insulation, and LED lighting which will support the organisation to reduce carbon emissions by 3,678 CO2 kg per year. These measures will save the group £2,230 each year which can be spent on community activities including health and wellbeing programmes. | £39,574 |
| Rural Community Network (NI) | Mid Ulster | Rural Community Network (NI) in Cookstown is using a £50,697 grant to improve the energy efficiency and sustainability of their building. The project will install solar panels with battery storage, LED lighting, new heating controls, improving radiators, and replacing the external front door, which will support the group to reduce carbon emissions by 6,240 CO2 kg per year. These measures will save the group £3,685 each year on their energy bills which will benefit the wide range of rural groups which use the building for networking events, training programmes and meetings.  | £50,697 |
| Sixtowns Cross Community Group | Mid Ulster | Sixtowns Cross Community Group in Draperstown is using a £44,427 grant to improve the energy efficiency and sustainability of their community hall. The project will install solar panels with battery storage, LED lighting, new heating controls, and replacing external doors, which will support the group to reduce carbon emissions by 3,587 CO2 kg per year. These measures will save the group £2,217 each year which can be used for community activities including bowls, coffee mornings, and events. | £44,427 |

**Table 4: Grants awarded to organisations working in Newry, Mourne and Down**

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| **Organisation**   | **Location**  | **Project summary** | **Amount awarded**  |
| Altnaveigh House Trust (2005) Ltd | Newry, Mourne and Down | Altnaveigh House Trust in Newry is using a £50,994 grant to improve the energy efficiency and sustainability of their building. The project will install solar panels with battery storage, LED lighting, insulation, new heating controls, and replace windows and doors, which will support the group to reduce carbon emissions by 6,449 CO2 kg per year. These measures will save the group £4,346 each year on their energy bills which can be used for community activities and training events.  | £50,994 |
| Burren Community Association Limited | Newry, Mourne and Down | Burren Community Association is using a £34,440 grant to improve the energy efficiency and sustainability of Burren Community Hall, based near Warrenpoint. The project will install solar panels with battery storage, LED lighting, roof insulation, and replace windows and doors, which will support the group to reduce carbon emissions by 4,867 CO2 kg per year. These measures will save the group £2,494 each year on their energy bills which will benefit the community groups which use the building regularly. | £34,440 |
| Clonduff Youth Club | Newry, Mourne and Down | Clonduff Youth Club is using a £46,812 grant to improve the energy efficiency and sustainability of their community building. The project will install solar panels with battery storage, LED lighting, roof insulation, new heating controls, and replace windows and doors, which will support the organisation to reduce carbon emissions by 3,185 CO2 kg per year. These measures will save the group £1,490 each year on their energy bills which can be used to improve their building for community activities and allow them to restart their youth club. | £46,812 |
| Kilkeel Development Association Limited | Newry, Mourne and Down | Kilkeel Development Association is using a £50,999 grant to improve the energy efficiency and sustainability of their community building. The project will install solar panels with battery storage, LED lighting, and replace doors, which will support the group to reduce carbon emissions by 8,963 CO2 kg per year. These measures will save the group £7,606 each year on their energy bills which can be used for community activities and supporting the social enterprises using the building. | £50,999 |
| Newry Orange District Lodge No.9 | Newry, Mourne and Down | Newry Orange District Lodge No.9 is using a £32,759 grant to improve the energy efficiency and sustainability of their community hall. The project will install solar panels with battery storage, cavity wall insulation, double glazed windows, and new doors, which will support the group to reduce carbon emissions by 3,995 CO2 kg per year. These measures will save the group £2,869 each year on their energy bills which can be used for community activities including youth events, performances, and social meetups for older people. | £32,759 |
| Schomberg Society Kilkeel Ltd | Newry, Mourne and Down | The Schomberg Society in Kilkeel is using a £30,364 grant to improve the energy efficiency and sustainability of their community hall. The project will install solar panels with battery storage, roof lights, and replace windows and doors, which will support the group to reduce carbon emissions by 1,597 CO2 kg per year. These measures will save the group £1,376 each year on their energy bills which can be used for community activities, including good relations programmes, musical events and social meetings. | £30,364 |
| Silverbridge Harps Community Resource Centre Ltd | Newry, Mourne and Down | Silverbridge Harps Community Resource Centre is using a £50,216 grant to improve the energy efficiency and sustainability of their centre. The project will install solar panels with battery storage, insulation, and replacing external doors, which will support the group to reduce carbon emissions by 6,847 CO2 kg per year. These measures will save the group £4,775 each year on their energy bills which can be used for community activities including support classes for new mothers and their babies, playgroup activities and seasonal events. | £50,216 |
| St John Bosco Regional Youth Centre | Newry, Mourne and Down | St. John Bosco Regional Youth Centre in Newry is using a £42,500 grant to improve the energy efficiency and sustainability of their centre. The project will replace 23 windows and 13 external doors and frames which will support the group to reduce carbon emissions by 1,994 CO2 kg per year. These measures will save the group £1,547 each year on their energy bills which can be spent on community activities including drop-in youth club, afterschool programmes, and family events. | £42,500 |
| St Oliver Plunkett Youth Club | Newry, Mourne and Down | St Oliver Plunkett Youth Club in Crossmaglen is using a £49,905 grant to improve the energy efficiency and sustainability of their centre. The project will install solar panels with battery storage, LED lighting, cavity wall insulation, and new doors, which will support the group to reduce carbon emissions by 7,359 CO2 kg per year. These measures will save the group £4,689 each year on their energy bills which can be used for social and recreational youth activities. | £49,905 |
| The Brain Injury Foundation | Newry, Mourne and Down | The Brain Injury Foundation, based in Camlough, is using a £44,470 grant to improve the energy efficiency and sustainability of their building. The project will install solar panels with battery storage, LED lighting, roof and cavity wall insulation, double glazed windows and new doors, and zoned heating controls, which will support the group to reduce carbon emissions by 9,969 CO2 kg per year. These measures will save the group £4,093 each year on their energy bills which can be used for activities to support brain injury survivors and carers. | £44,470 |

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