

MILLOM BAPTIST CHURCH

CASE STUDY

Thanks to Thrive Renewables, Millom Baptist Church received funding to install loft insulation and a new Velux window to improve the energy efficiency of the space

- Millom Baptist Church receives a £4,000 grant from Thrive Renewables' Community Benefit Programme.
- Thrive Renewables provides grants to local buildings close to its wind, hydro and solar farms located around the UK.
- The much-needed funds create natural light and warmth for the much-used community space.

Millom Baptist Church in Cumbria received a grant for £4,000 from the Thrive Renewables' (Thrive) Community Benefit Programme in 2016 to install loft insulation and a new Velux window as part of the wider renovations to the church roof.

In May 2017, Baptists in Millom celebrated 150 years of the movement being founded in the town as well as the completion of the works which has created a warm and welcoming space for the whole community.

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TO SAVE**

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OF CO₂ EACH YEAR



The Community Benefit Programme provides much needed funds

The roof had been leaking for some time sustaining damage to the building. Thrive's grant contributed to a wider fund raised by the local community to fix the church roof and pay for energy saving measures which may not have been possible otherwise.

The local community is now able to make the most of the vastly improved facility all year round and continue to host a wide range of activities for this rural community.

Thrive grants support low income communities

Millom Baptist Church is a small church in the relatively isolated town of Millom in South Cumbria. The town has a very high unemployment rate and therefore the activities which take place in the church are very important to the area.

In many respects the church building acts like an active community centre as the building is a facility which hosts a wide range of organisations including children's play groups, ladies choir rehearsals, a weekly coffee morning and cultural events.

The building is also the collection and distribution point for Fair Trade goods and for the local area food bank.



Social gatherings are essential to community spirit

Jean Liney, secretary of the church said about Thrive's support: "The school room which has the new sky lights is used by all the groups and this is the room where we have seen the most improvement.

"We no longer need to put the electric lights on as the room is full of natural light and is so much warmer too. I'm convinced that we will see a big difference in energy bills. We are so grateful for all the advice we received during the application process."

Thrive Renewables is a sustainable energy company that invests and operates renewable projects around the UK. They provide energy saving grants to communities close to their sites.

The grant itself is administered by the Centre for Sustainable Energy (CSE), an independent national charity that shares knowledge and experience to help people change the way they think and act about energy.

Above: Baptists in Millom celebrated 150 years of the movement being founded in the town and the completion of the new roof.

MORE INFORMATION

If you would like more information about the Community Benefit Programme, visit our website for contact details and how to apply. www.thriverenewables.co.uk/CBP



ABOUT THE PROGRAMME

The Thrive Renewables Community Benefit Programme was established as a voluntary scheme – over and above any planning conditions – to make a genuine improvement to the comfort and sustainability of community buildings close to our sites. It ticks lots of boxes against our mission and has received fantastic feedback from groups which have taken it up.

Across the UK, village halls are relied on by people and organisations representing a full cross section of the communities they serve. These buildings often struggle to pay for improvements and fall into a gap between domestic and commercial properties where grants aren't easily available. This leaves them open to disrepair and high energy bills. This discomfort and cost can only be passed on to users of the halls - often the vulnerable groups of society who rely on the facilities and social interaction most.

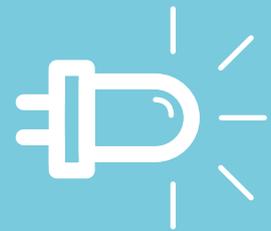
Thrive's innovative nationwide programme guides building managers through a simple audit of energy use to understand where energy's being wasted. We help them implement free measures like optimising the timer on their heaters or switching off lights. After that we can award grants for improvements which will make the biggest difference – things like insulation, getting rid of draughts, more efficient lighting system, a new boiler or water saving devices.

We have completed lots of successful projects to date, see our case study overleaf to hear how communities are directly benefiting from our grants.

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