



AGM REPORT

Caithness & North Sutherland Fund

2022 / 2023





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01. CNSF Overview

The Caithness & North Sutherland Fund was established to distribute funding from the development of the Low Level Waste Facilities at Dounreay.

The Fund distributes funding to community organisations for projects that will increase the attractiveness of Caithness and North Sutherland as a place to live, work and invest with particular emphasis on achieving environment, social, culture and infrastructure improvements.

The Nuclear Decommissioning Authority has provided £4m funding via NRS Dounreay; £1m at the start of construction and £3m over the ten years 2014 to 2023.

Responsibility for the day-to-day management and funding decision-making of the CNSF rests with the Board. The Board comprises of individuals appointed to represent the local community as a result of an open application process and three Highland Councillors from Caithness and North Sutherland nominated by the Highland Council.

Caithness Chamber of Commerce administers the Fund on behalf of the Board. The funding is distributed in line with the NDA's socio-economic policy and funding applications are assessed quarterly.

The Fund is still open and welcomes new applications which meet the guidelines and criteria set out in the application process.

For further details contact enquiries@cnsf.org.uk or visit the website www.cnsf.org.uk



02. Statistics Report

CNSF Lifetime Plan

Our funding is distributed in line with the NDA's socio-economic policy and must benefit people living in the Dounreay Travel to Work Area.

CNSF Improvement Themes



ENVIRONMENT



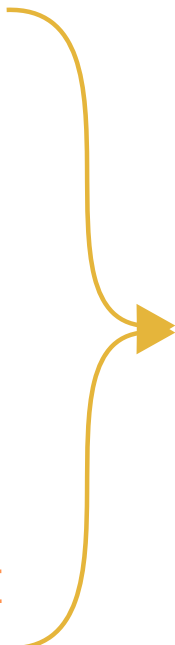
SOCIAL



CULTURE



INFRASTRUCTURE



**INCREASE THE
ATTRACTIVENESS OF
CAITHNESS & NORTH
SUTHERLAND AS A
PLACE TO LIVE, WORK
AND INVEST.**

221

Projects Supported



The Fund has committed a total of **£2,968,963** towards **221 community projects** with a total value estimated to be just under **£14 million**. The projects are wide ranging and deliver a major improvement impact throughout the Dounreay Travel to Work Area under one or more of our improvement themes.

SINCE 2012, WE'VE INVESTED
£2.97 MILLION
IN CAITHNESS & NORTH SUTHERLAND

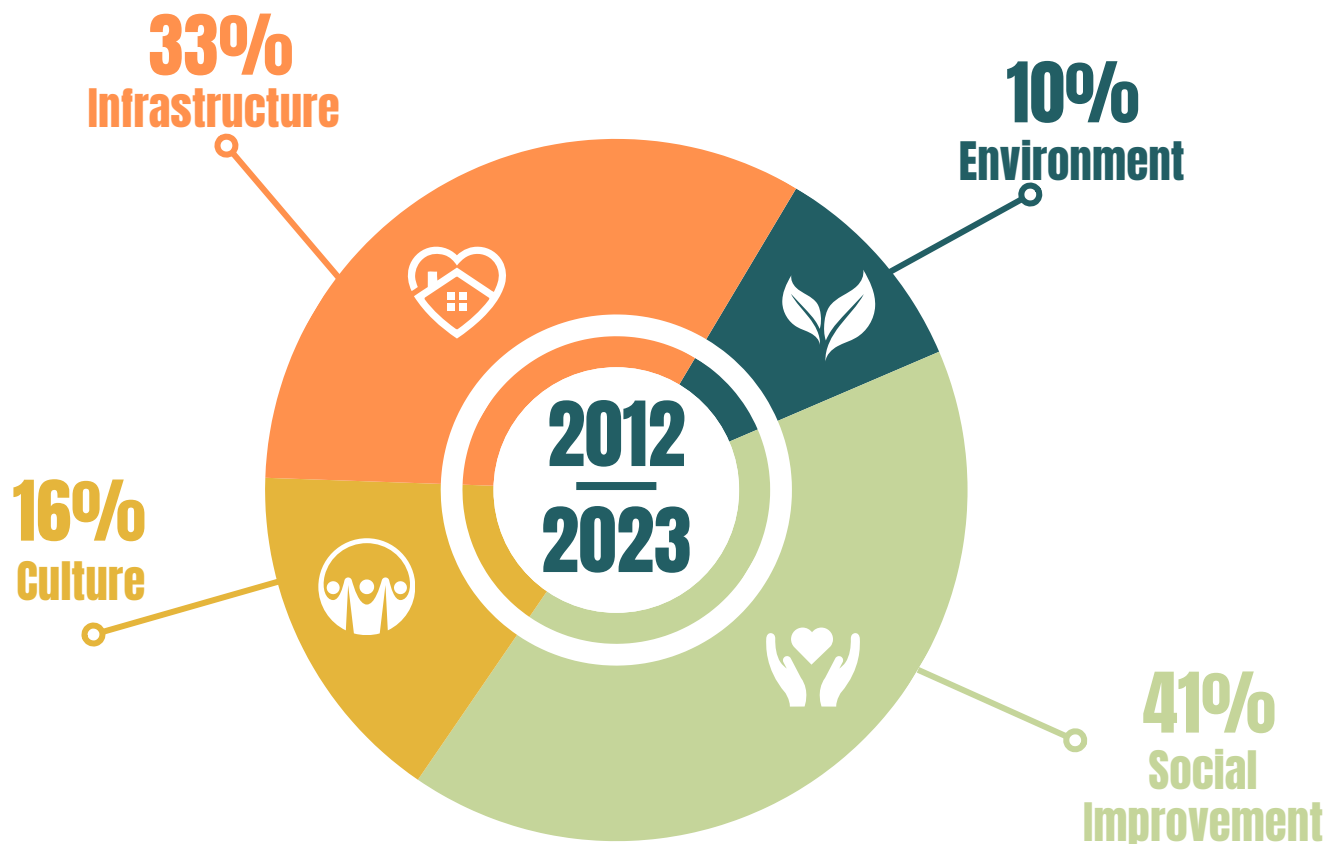


Figure 1 Shows allocation of funding across improvement themes over the lifetime of the fund.

Geographic Allocation

The funding is distributed to a wide range of projects, benefitting communities throughout the Dounreay Travel to Work Area (DTWA). The map below shows the Fund’s catchment area as well as a breakdown of the geographic allocation of the funding approved by the Fund’s Community Benefit Package Committee.

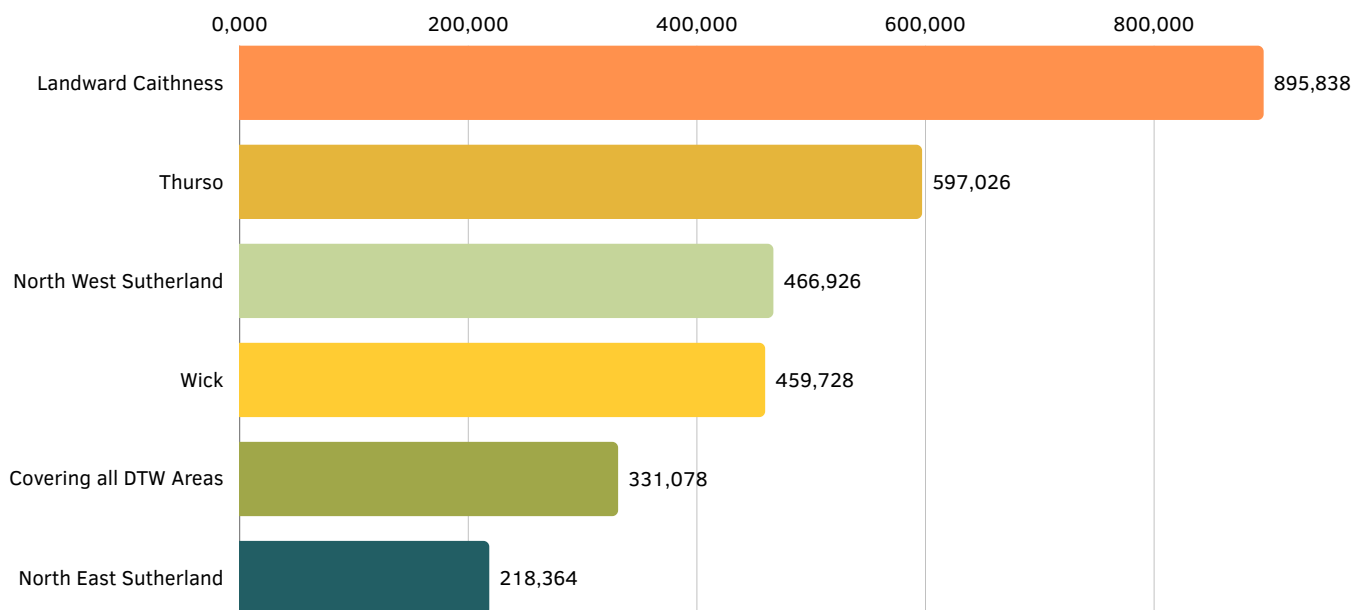


Figure 2 Shows allocation of funding over the lifetime of the fund by DTW area.

03. Year Funding Overview - 2022/23

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Projects Supported 2022/23

ESTIMATED PROJECT VALUE OF OVER
£630K

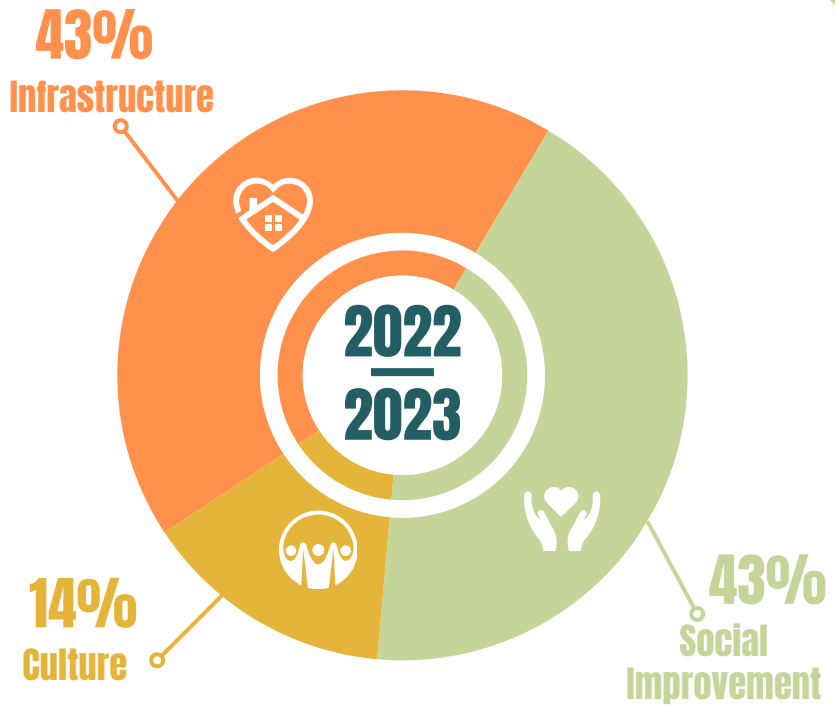


Figure 3 Shows allocation of funding across improvement themes over the 2022/23 period.

Project Investment Value 2022/23

14 improvement projects were supported by the CNSF in the year 2022/23. CNSF awarded nearly **£176k** to the projects, which are projected to attract over **£438k** in leverage funding. Community groups are also contributing an in-kind value of around **£16k** toward these projects. This gives a total estimated project value of over **£630k**.

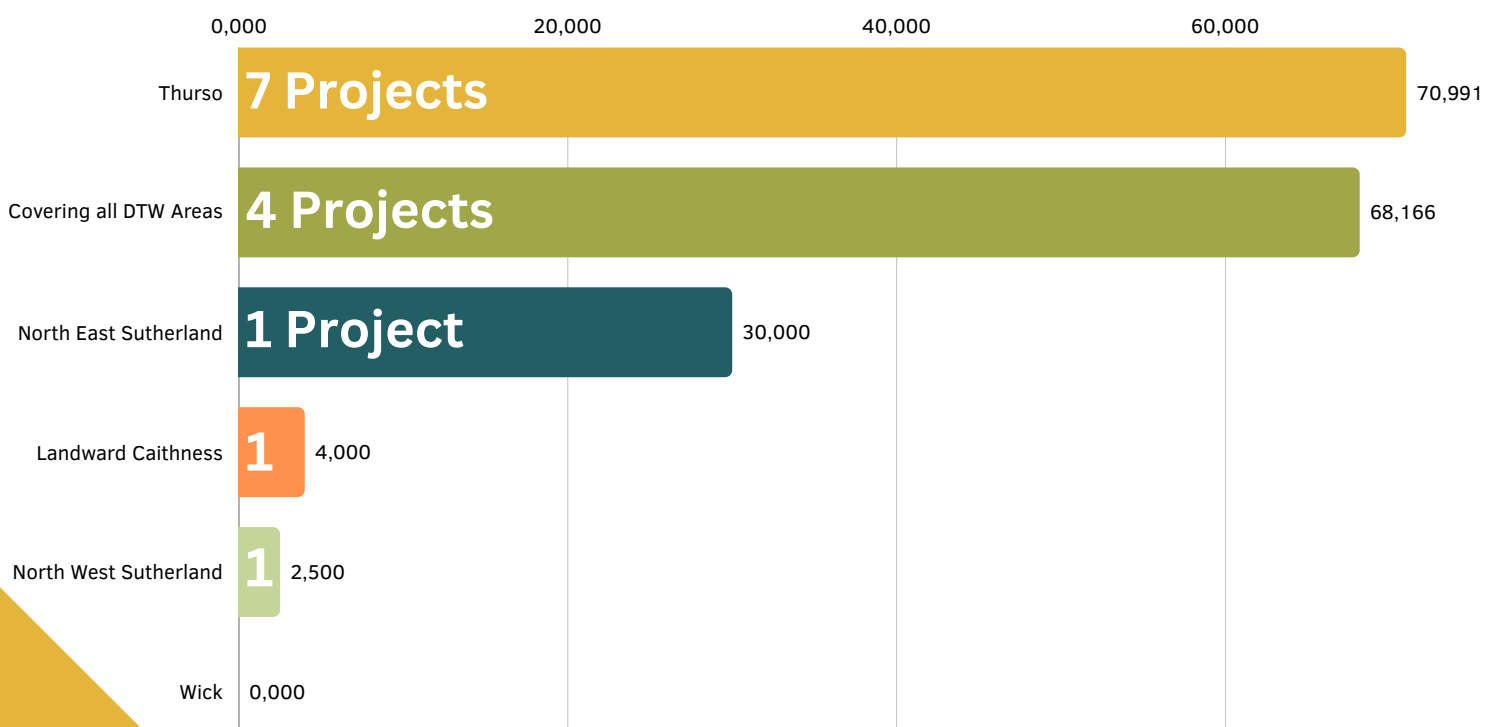


Figure 4 Shows the CNSF funding award, by area - highlighting the number of projects supported.

04. 3 Year Funding Overview

Project Investment Value April 2020 to March 2023

The following infographics highlight projects supported during the last 3-years which included the period of Covid lockdowns and post-Covid recovery.

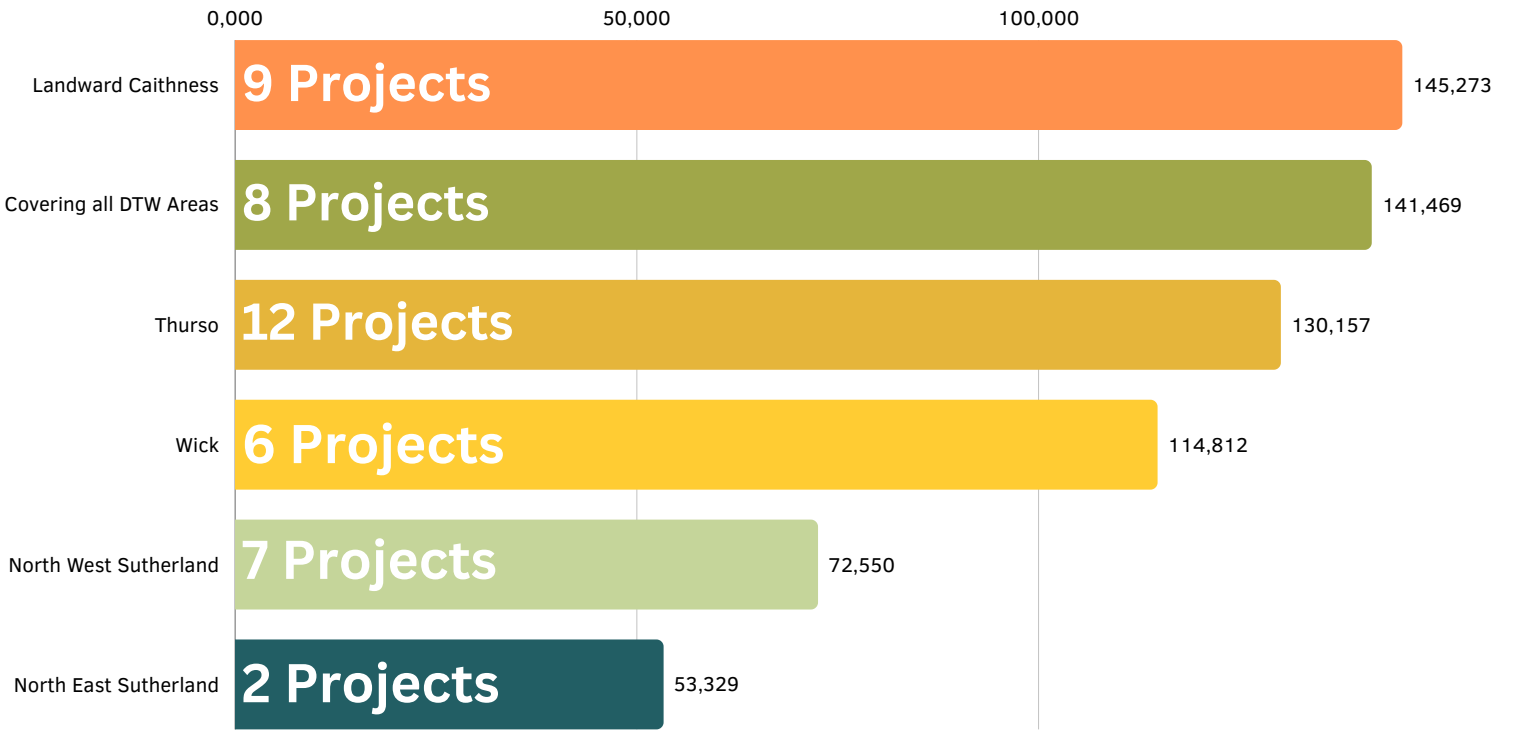


Figure 5 Shows the CNSF funding award, by area - highlighting the number of projects supported.

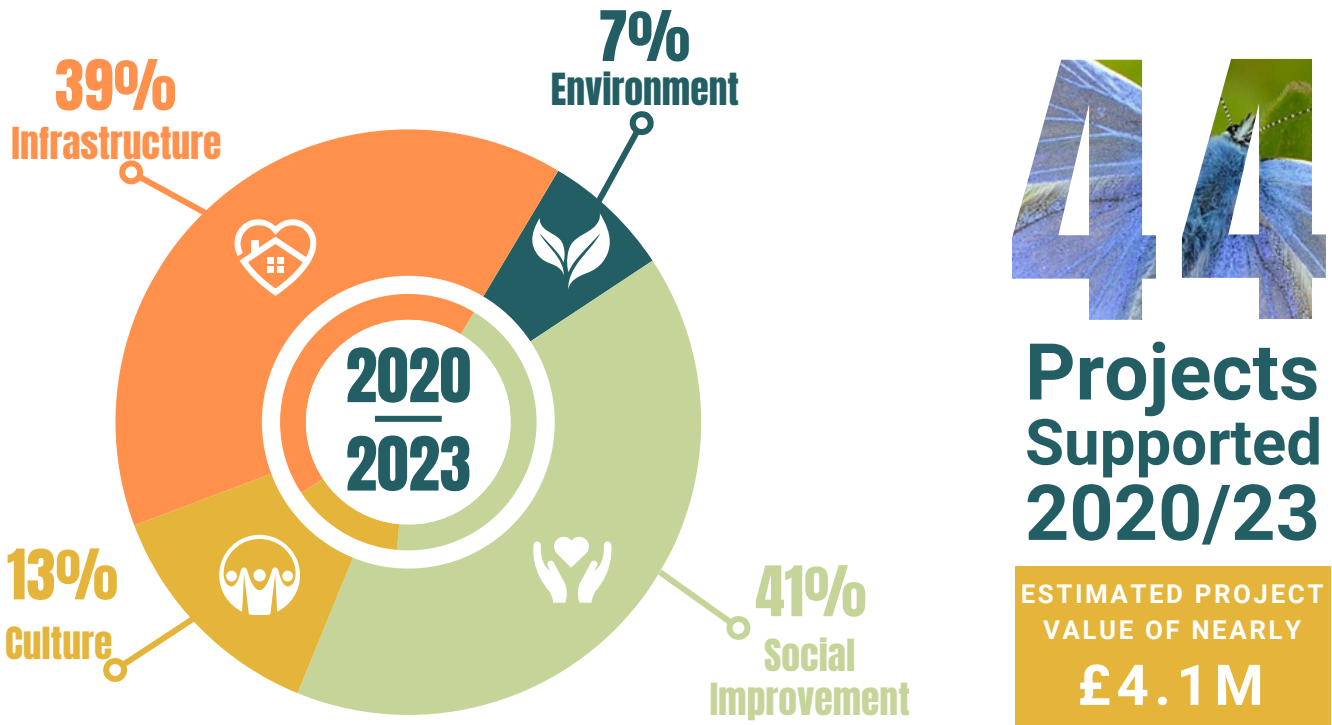


Figure 6 Shows allocation of funding across improvement themes from April 2020 - March 2023.

05. Reay Funding Review

Project Investment Value 2012 to March 2023

The following infographics highlight projects supported in Reay, which is the community nearest to the Low Level Waste facilities at Dounreay.

REAY



Projects Supported

SINCE 2012, WE'VE INVESTED
£117,666 IN REAY



Area	Total Project Cost	Leverage Funding	In Kind Contribution	CNSF Awarded
Reay	£ 486,297	£ 360,527	£ 8,104	£ 117,666

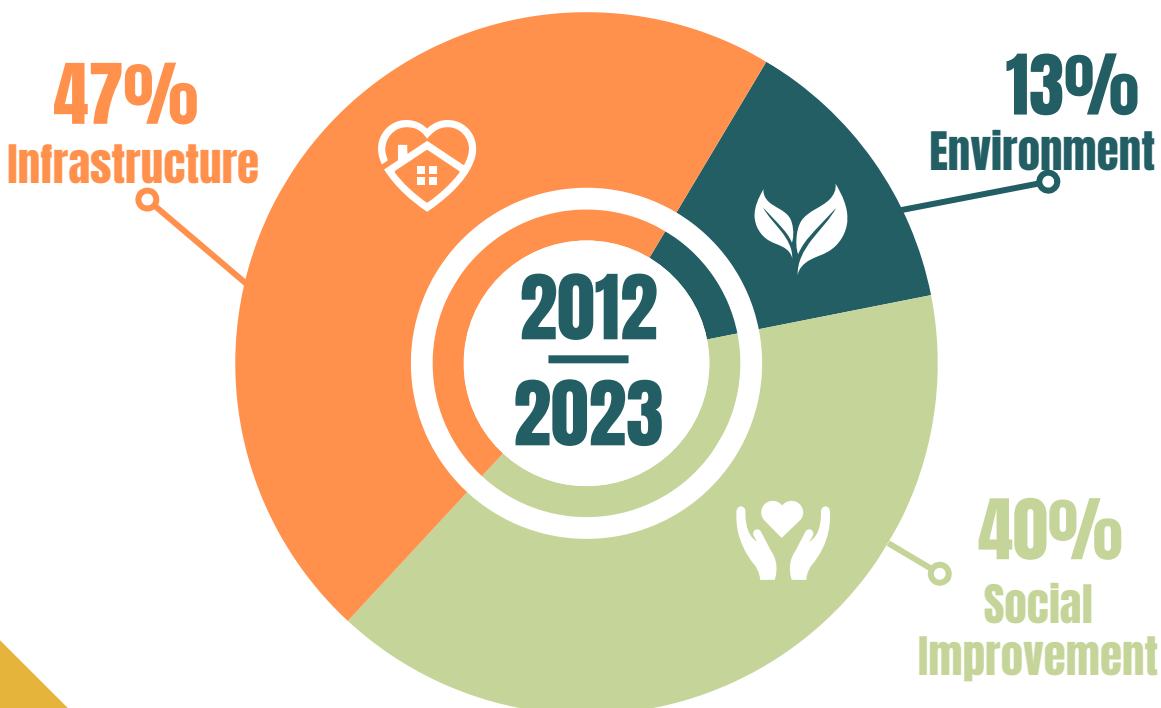


Figure 7 Shows allocation of funding to the Reay area across improvement themes since the establishment of CNSF.

06. Case Studies

OUR IMPACT

Wick Golf Club



Award: £30,000



Themes: Social & Infrastructure

Wick Golf Club is a community amateur golf club managed by a voluntary committee and operates on a not-for-profit basis. Established in 1870 to promote the game of golf available to all in the community, visitors are also welcome. Membership is both male and female ranging from 8 to 80 years of age and from throughout Caithness.

The new Workshop, Coaching & Welfare Facility at Wick Golf Club is located down at the picturesque Reiss Beach which is located three miles from the Royal Burgh of Wick in Caithness.

What we did

The award supported the club with the installation of their new Workshop, Coaching & Welfare Facility. An area for storage, maintenance and repair of equipment was created, protecting the equipment from the elements and prolonging their lifespan. In addition, the workshop has also made Reiss Beach a much more pleasant experience for visitors to the area.

£30,000 AWARDED
WORKSHOP, COACHING &
WELFARE FACILITY



"I feel our new Workshop has been of great help and tremendous success to Wick Golf Club through funding from Caithness and North Sutherland Fund and Beatrice BOWL. Allowing our vehicles and equipment valuable protection against our harsh weather and salt air environment thus helping them last longer and costing less to maintain. We have also utilised rainwater from our roof via roof ducts into our two storage tanks for use on the golf course, another saving. The cleared area is now very pleasing to the eye of the many visitors walking our precious beach."
Ali Mackay, Club Captain

06. Case Studies

OUR IMPACT

Crossroads Primary School Parent Forum

£ Award: £6,905.83

💡 Themes: Social & Infrastructure

Crossroads Primary is a rural school serving the villages of Brough, Scarfskerry, Mey, Barrock and Dunnet Head. The school is the most northerly on the UK mainland and its location looks onto Dunnet Head and the Pentland Firth.

The parent group was first established over 50 years ago and works in partnership with the school to create a welcoming school that is inclusive to all; to promote partnership between the school, its pupils and parents; to develop and engage in activities which support the welfare and education of pupils; and to identify and represent the views of the parents on education and other matters affecting the welfare and education of the pupils.

What we did

An award was made towards the costs of installing a new outdoor classroom cabin hut within the school grounds. The outdoor classroom facility can seat between 25-30 children and provides the children at the school with a new and exciting learning environment.

This project has provided a long-term infrastructure improvement within the school grounds that will enable young children increased opportunities for enhanced outdoor learning.



£6,905.83 AWARDED
OUTDOOR ACTIVITY FACILITY

06. Case Studies

OUR IMPACT

Castletown Football Club



Award: £17,668.78



Themes: Social & Infrastructure

Castletown Football Club is located in the village of Castletown, five miles from Thurso and round the corner from Dunnet Bay. The facilities at the club are used by the Castletown men's team, who play in Division One of the Caithness Amateur Football Association, the youth teams including children from age 7 to 15, and the Caithness ladies, who compete in the Scottish Women's Football Highlands and Islands League. They also hold an annual youth football tournament including participants from a wider area.

What we did

An award was made to assist in completely refurbishing the existing Football Pavilion which was in a very dire state of repair. The roof was replaced, rewiring and insulating the building carried out, and installing new heating and showers before redecorating. This has created a warm and inviting community space in the new Community Clubhouse. Both the junior and senior teams have benefitted from the project.



£17,668.78 AWARDED
FOOTBALL PAVILION
REFURBISHMENT



06. Case Studies

OUR IMPACT

North Sutherland Wildlife Group



Award: £1,785.00



Themes: Environment, Social & Infrastructure

The North Sutherland Wildlife Group are a community-run Natural History group, aiming to address the under recording of wildlife species in the area, by encouraging the study and enjoyment of wildlife, landscape and geology. They were originally formed as a consequence of the Assynt Field Club Tongue Parish Wildlife Audit Project which was funded by CNSF in 2017.

They organise events, training workshops, talks, field studies and recording surveys. They have also collaborated with the RSPB and Highlife Highland Rangers hosting family natural history events.

What we did

An award was made towards the costs of creating a new website to enable the group to provide a more permanent information and educational resource for the community. The website enables the group to reach a wider audience, giving them more opportunities to promote the study and enjoyment of our local natural history. By connecting more people with similar interests from across the areas scattered communities, it will encourage greater interaction, social involvement, and a sense of purpose in the common aim of making a positive contribution to the recording of species.

**£1,785.00 AWARDED
NEW WEBSITE DEVELOPMENT**



"Our committee and members would like to thank the Caithness and North Sutherland Fund both for the initial grant funding which got this group started and the continued support and help to develop our website. Without these grants this now successful community group would have struggled to exist." - North Sutherland Wildlife Group



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