

Intelligent Energy Charitable Trust

Birstall Methodist Lunch Club

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Intelligent Energy Charitable Trust first launched in January 2019 with the aim to make a positive impact on the local community it operates within. The Charitable Trust supports charitable and voluntary organisations, local to Intelligent Energy's headquarters in Loughborough, which support and aid amongst others; community groups, young people, sport and lifelong learning.

The Trust currently distributes £100,000 each year and several organisations have already benefited from funding awards, including the Birstall Methodist Lunch Club who were awarded £2,000 in 2019.

The Birstall Methodist Lunch Club has been running for 50 years and provides retired residents of Birstall (some in their 80s and 90s) with a place to meet and socialise once a week.

The club is run by 25 volunteers and takes place every Wednesday for 48 weeks of the year. Not only does this give elderly members of the local community an opportunity to socialise, but the club also provides the members with a home cooked two-course meal and transport where needed.

The £2,000 grant awarded by Intelligent Energy has enabled the lunch club to purchase 15 new, colourful chairs for their weekly event in replacement of their existing ones that were not suitable for their elderly members.

In addition, the Lunch Club hold many events throughout the year for their members including a Christmas lunch and Nativity hosted by local schools and the provision of the new chairs has made these events much more comfortable for those attending.

Mary Downs from the Lunch Club said: "Those that use the club really appreciate the support from Intelligent Energy and the chairs have made such a difference."

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