

## Intelligent Energy Charitable Trust

# Barrow Upon Soar Community Association



**Intelligent Energy's Charitable Trust** first launched in January 2019 with the aim of making an impact on the local community it operates within. The 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 Barrow Upon Soar Community Association who received £4,090 in 2023.

Barrow Community Association organise and run many community activities in the area including theatre groups, street markets and heritage activities. They also manage the community library and have recently looked to improve access to the facility.

With there being no access to the library from the car park, customers arriving by car had to make their way to the front entrance via a narrow and dangerous path. This route was not suitable for young children and those with mobility difficulties and therefore restricted the use of the facility.

With the funding from Intelligent Energy's Charitable Trust, the Association has been able to convert the existing emergency exit door at the library to an access door suitable for wheelchair users, those with mobility difficulties and parents with children in pushchairs.

The project has had a positive impact on all library customers and has supported those that may have once struggled to use the facilities.

Keith Butler said:

*"We are extremely grateful to the Intelligent Energy Trust for making this project possible. The door from the car park is now being used by many customers arriving at the library by car."*

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