

Current agreement:

Melbourn Parish Council has had the privilege of awarding over £430,000 during the last 10 years thanks to the generosity and support of Melbourn Solar. Support has ranged across transport schemes, sports & recreation, youth and age-related support, community action and nature projects.

The current agreement with Melbourn Solar continues until **2035**.

Request to Quintas

Email to Quintas project managers (April 2026)

As ever, we are grateful to Melbourn Solar (via Quintas) for its continued support of Melbourn through the Community Benefit programme, which has enabled a wide range of positive and lasting initiatives within the local community since the solar farm began operating.

I would also welcome your advice regarding the Community Benefit Grant agreement itself. The original agreement, entered into in 2015, was established for a period of twenty years. Given the recently approved extension to the operational lifetime of the Black Peak Farm solar asset ([25/02534/S73](#)), the Parish Council would be keen to explore whether there may be scope to discuss a corresponding extension to the Community Benefit Grant arrangement.

The Community Benefit programme has become a valued and well established part of the relationship between Melbourn Solar (initially Lightsource) and the local community, and we would welcome the opportunity to understand the appropriate process for considering how this successful partnership might continue for the duration of the asset's extended lifetime.

I would be grateful for your guidance on how best to take this forward.

July 2026 - Awaiting response (chased twice)

River Mel Solar

Initial meeting in May 2025 to discuss possibility of Community Benefit Grant Scheme.

Feedback from meeting was good and noted some updates on the planning application ([25/02739/FUL](#)).

We are keen to meet again, as you say, when we are further down the planning route. It was clear at our recent meeting that you have the experience and capability of managing such funds so we look forward to continuing these discussions.

July 2026 - Email sent for an update on progress of planning and to offer MPC support with Community Benefit Grants scheme.

Community Benefit Grants
2016 – 2026 (June)

