

Inspiring Local Giving

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New Donors on board

We are delighted to announce that the Cullum Family are the latest donors to set up a Named Fund at Sussex Community Foundation.

Peter Cullum is a successful entrepreneur, building Tovergate Insurance into the largest independently owned insurance group in Europe. In 2006 he established the Cullum Family Trust, managed on a day to day basis by his daughters Claire and Abi (pictured).



The Cullums will work with the Foundation to support projects in an area stretching from Brighton & Hove to Worthing. Claire and Abi are particularly interested in projects working with older people, the homeless and animals. Friends First, a charity helping single homeless people, was one of the first to benefit from the new fund, receiving £4,000 for a training programme for residents at their supported housing unit in Hove.

“Our work is about giving people the chance to make choices”

Sam Gregory, Training Assessment Progression (TAP)

‘TAP’ provides work opportunities for people who would otherwise be excluded from real work experiences, because they need additional support.

Adults with learning difficulties, young offenders, youngsters excluded from school and people with mental health issues, are among those who receive help.

A grant from the Foundation in March 2007 bought equipment for a ‘Home and Garden Support Project’ where trainees carry out gardening tasks and external repairs for the elderly and disabled.



A celebration of giving



Pictured: The Duke of Richmond and Gordon and Ian Robertson

The award-winning Rolls Royce plant played host to the Foundation to mark the first anniversary of grant-making in Sussex. Over 80 guests enjoyed a reception and a tour of the site.

Ian Robertson, Chairman and Chief Executive of Rolls-Royce said “Rolls-Royce is committed to supporting the West Sussex region, playing an active part in the economic life, welfare and development of the local community. We believe the Foundation plays a vital role in linking local donors with local needs.”

**“We make a living by what we get,
but we make a life by what we give”
Winston Churchill**

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First steps on a journey towards independence

Finding a way out of homelessness can be a struggle. The small caring community provided at Friends First's supported housing unit, helps people to take the first steps on a journey towards independent living.

Many of the referrals to the unit are young people aged 18-25 and in addition to being homeless, 80 per cent have other problems. At Friends First they receive a programme of support and training to help them to gain employment and live independently. This valuable work impressed two of our donors and Friends First received a grant from the American Express Fund and The Cullum Family Trust Fund to support their 'Meaningful Occupation Programme' for a year.

Getting Etchingham moving

In the small rural East Sussex community of Etchingham 22 per cent of residents are over 65. The Mature Movers Project provides weekly sessions of gentle exercise and stretching for older people in the village hall. The sessions also provide a chance for older people to socialise afterwards with cup of tea. A grant of £904 from the Marit & Hans Rausing Fund will pay for a qualified instructor, equipment and promotion.



We need your support

In June we made grants of £45,000 to local groups – however we also had to turn down applications worth £520,000! With your help we can reach many more local charities. To discuss how you can donate, contact our Chief Executive, Kevin Richmond on 01273 403980.

Saying thank you



We thanked our Founder Donors for their support at a special event in June at Goodwood Racecourse. Vital funds from Founder Donors have made it possible for the Foundation to begin work supporting Sussex, without worrying about initial operational costs.

Donors were updated on the Foundation's progress in its first year and enjoyed hospitality in the Duke of Richmond's private box for a great evening's racing.

To find out how you can work with the Foundation to make a difference in Sussex and explore a variety of options for giving, contact Kevin Richmond on 01273 403980.

Wanted: friendly hosts with a spare room



Nine friendly households are being sought to host international volunteers who will spend three months in Brighton and Hove as part of the first ever Global Xchange in the city later this year. Hosts must be able to accommodate two young people for 2-10 weeks. The programme is funded by BAA Communities Trust and youth volunteering charity v. It will bring together nine young people from Nigeria with nine British youngsters to give 6000 hours of voluntary service to the local community. Sussex Community Foundation is supporting the Xchange in finding projects for the volunteers. If you would like to be a host or for more information about Global Xchange, contact Alison Barton, programme supervisor on 07968 691664 or email alison.barton@vso.org.uk.

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