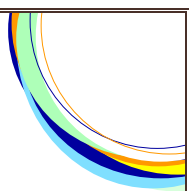


# Sussex Giving

News from Sussex Community Foundation  
Autumn 2007



## Good Progress – Much more to do

Sussex Community Foundation is very pleased to have been awarded Quality Accreditation by the Community Foundation Network, under a scheme approved by the Charity Commission. This demonstrates that our governance, finances, grant making and fund raising are in line with best practice across the UK.

One of the key strengths the assessor noted is that the Foundation is truly of Sussex and for Sussex, channelling local giving to meet local need.

The Foundation is making good progress. Thanks to the generous support of local people and companies, we have raised £393,000 for the local community and have supported 75 charities and community groups from Rye to Chichester. We have received legacy pledges valued at £600,000.

As you will see from the examples in this newsletter, your donations are making a significant impact, but there is so much more to do. We currently fund 20% of the groups that apply to us, and there are thousands more effective local charities that we have not been able to help. We need your support to reach more of these groups. We would be delighted to hear from you and donations of any size are very welcome.

## Light relief in the dungeon

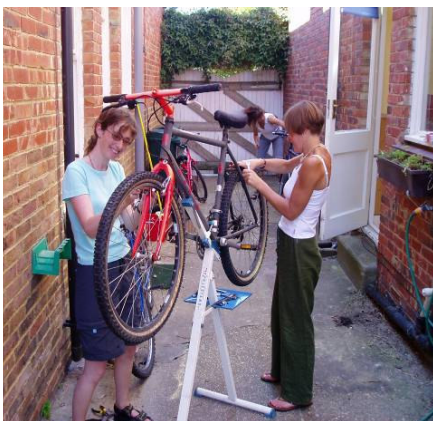
Brighton & Hove Unemployed Workers Centre organised a series of outings in the summer for children of asylum seekers and refugees and a number of children who arrived in this country unaccompanied.



The outings gave some fun and light hearted relief to children who often live in difficult circumstances.

A grant from the Marit & Hans Rausing Fund paid for summer trips to Chessington Zoo and the London Dungeon (pictured) and a residential stay at Knowles Tooth Family Centre in Hurstpierpoint.

## Environmentally friendly and personally empowering



Bike for Life received a grant of £3,400 from the Cullum Family Trust at the Foundation to run an exciting project in Brighton & Hove. Individuals from disadvantaged backgrounds will be trained in a professional bike workshop to dismantle, refurbish and rebuild bicycles that have been diverted from landfill. Participants will spend an average of 12 hours each in the workshop under the supervision of a professional mechanic and have the opportunity to attain a professional bike mechanics' qualification. At the end of the course they will have refurbished a bicycle which they can then keep, and use to travel around the city.

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## Affordable credit in Newhaven

A typical 'doorstep loan' of £300 with repayments of £9 per week could cost you £195 in interest and take you over 4½ years to repay. The same loan with the Credit Union would cost £42 in interest, but at the end of the loan you would have £155 in your Credit Union savings account. That's the message East Sussex Credit Union will be trying to get across to people in Newhaven to encourage them to turn away from high interest doorstep lenders.

Credit Unions are financial co-operatives owned and controlled by their members. They offer savings and loans and are a good source of affordable credit for people on low incomes. Members of a credit union pool their savings together; these savings then provide a pool of funds from which loans can be made.

East Sussex Credit Union will open a new service point for savers in Newhaven in November thanks to a grant from the Marit & Hans Rausing Fund towards salary and publicity costs. The Newhaven service point will be open one morning a week and also offer access to budgeting, benefits and money advice.

## Exploring new opportunities



'Learning Links' works throughout West Sussex to pair up people with Learning Difficulties with 'buddies' who can accompany them to Adult Education classes and beyond that to explore social activities such as ten-pin bowling. It is an almost unique service. Whereas many authorities offer special classes for people with such difficulties, Learning Links promotes the inclusion of people with learning difficulties into ordinary classes, fostering integration within the community and giving people with learning difficulties valuable opportunities to make friends. A grant from the Marit & Hans Rausing Fund was used in support of their running costs.

## Her boots were made for walking...

Congratulations to Laurie Oestreicher (pictured left, in the middle) who recently completed the Atlanta 2-Day Walk for Breast Cancer.

Originally from Fort Lauderdale, Florida, Laurie is a valued member of the Foundation team where she works as a volunteer sharing her considerable skills from a background in retail management and grant making.



## Online donations

Now you can make online donations to support groups making a difference in Sussex. Our secure web online donation service is hosted by the Charities Aid Foundation (CAF). Donate safely and quickly at a time that's convenient for you.

Log on to our website [www.sussexgiving.org.uk/donate](http://www.sussexgiving.org.uk/donate) to start giving to the causes you care about. Don't forget - if you are a UK taxpayer please ensure that you tick the Gift Aid option as this will increase the value of your donation by 28% at no cost to you.

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