

Inspiring Giving

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Mission accomplished: Part One

First Grassroots Endowment Challenge target achieved - £300,000 raised in nine months



**What's making Sussex smile?
Find out inside.**

"When we launched the Grassroots Endowment Challenge in July 2008, we knew that raising £300,000 in nine months would be no mean feat. Cool winds were blowing across the economic landscape and our target in Sussex was one of the toughest in the country.

But thanks to the wonderful generosity of the donors who supported us - **we did it!**

Government match funding means that we have boosted funds that will support Sussex communities by £600,000.

That's a fantastic gift and I am really proud to have the chance to help local donors to establish a

great local legacy.

This is just the first step in our goal to build a £3 million fund to support the needs of Sussex by March 2011. Our next target is to raise a further £600,000 by March 2010.

Daunting? Yes. Achievable? Yes, but only with **your** help.

So **thank you** to everyone who has helped us so far and we hope that you will continue to support the Endowment Challenge. Your donations will enable us to provide long term help for our communities by supporting groups like the ones featured in this newsletter."

Kevin Richmond, Chief Executive

Wind farm to support community projects

We are delighted to announce a new fund at the Foundation from RWE npower renewables.

The Little Cheyne Court Wind Farm Community Fund, which will be available throughout the operational life of the wind farm, has been set up to help support community projects within a seven kilometre radius of the Wind Farm boundary. After the first three years the fund will expand to support community projects within a ten kilometre radius of the Wind Farm boundary.

The area, which includes the town of Rye is on the Sussex/Kent border and we

will be administering the fund in partnership with Kent Community Foundation.

The annual fund of £60,000 is index linked and will support a range of environmental, educational, community and charitable activities.

Grants of up to £2,000 will be available and the fund will open to applications in July 2009. Full details will be available from our office in July.

RWE npower renewables
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From June the **Worthing & Adur Chamber of Commerce** will be taking a lead in developing a Fund for their local area in partnership with Sussex Community Foundation. To find out more please contact Janet Ormerod on 01273 409440.



Managed by the Community Development Foundation
Funded by the Office of the Third Sector

We've awarded 321 grants worth a total of £688,000 so far. Grassroots continues to be a great way to reach small groups across Sussex.

Grassroots in Sussex - fast facts:

- Grassroots was the first grant application for 21% of groups
- 55% of groups have an annual income of less than £5,000
- 80% of applicants are new to the Foundation
- Average grant - £2,100



Small grants tackling big issues

Horsham Debt Advice Service

Grant: £5,000

Kirstie and Phil from Channel 4's Location, Location, Location' have included Horsham in their top ten best places to live for the last three years. But the national problem of high levels of household debt have not bypassed the town.

Horsham Debt Advice Service offers a free and confidential service to people struggling with debt problems. Debt is an increasing problem facing many, even in seemingly affluent towns like Horsham.

“Without their help and guidance I would have drowned in debt.” HDAS client

The Service moved to new offices last year and the Grassroots grant enabled the offices to be re-equipped. They have also increased the number of volunteers who are trained debt advisers to accommodate more clients as the demand for help grows.

London House Open Door

Grant: £1,000

Based in the village of Mayfield, East Sussex, London House Open Door developed in response to requests from village residents who wanted to access information about a range of public services without having to travel to Tunbridge Wells.

A limited local bus service made the availability of an information point in the village important for people without a car or internet access.

The group approached the Foundation for a grant to continue to provide a weekly session delivered by an advice worker from the Citizen's Advice Bureau. The sessions were popular, as the nearest CAB is 12 miles away.

The grant means that villagers can continue to access specialist confidential advice on a range of complex problems including debt; welfare benefits; consumer and legal issues.

Previous Grassroots recipients, **Seaford Lifeguards** need volunteers for their support team, which patrols the beach helping lifeguards and members of the public.

If you are aged 20+, reasonably fit and able to swim (enough just in case you fall into the water, not to lifeguard standard!) give them a ring.

Full training and a uniform are provided. Volunteers are required to join Surf Lifesaving GB and Seaford Lifeguards (total membership fee £15).

Interested? Contact Peggy Crossman on 01323 892827



General awards: recent grants from our donor-advised funds

Bognor Can

Grant: £5,000

Fund: Marit & Hans Rausing

How the grant was spent:
Low cost Martial Arts Sessions for 3 to 14 year olds in Bognor Regis.

What were the aims?

To develop the children's respect for themselves and others, whilst boosting their confidence and improving their discipline. The low £1 per class fee ensures that they are accessible to children regardless of income.



Hastings Advice and Representation Centre (HARC)

Grant: £2,500

Fund: Veolia ES Resource

How the grant was spent:
On encouraging Hastings and Rother residents to recycle unwanted household goods at HARC's charity shops.

What were the aims?

To reduce the amount of bulky household waste dumped in the street and raise awareness of the importance of recycling.

Interact Reading Service

Grant: £2,000

Fund: William Reed

How the grant was spent:

Actors visit and read to stroke patients in Royal Sussex County Hospital, Brighton three times a week for up to two hours each visit.

What were the aims?

Stroke is the leading cause of serious disability in the UK. Many stroke patients spend long hours in hospital with little interaction with others. Interact alleviate the boredom, depression and negativity that can be associated with stroke.

Brighton & Hove Fareshare

Grant: £5,000

Fund: Cullum Family Trust

How the grant was spent:

Core costs. Fare Share distributes high quality surplus food from wholesalers, supermarkets and sandwich bars to a range of day centres and night shelters for homeless people.

What were the aims?

Food deliveries to 56 projects across Sussex contributing to 14,000 meals each week for homeless and vulnerable people.

Project Visits

We really enjoy visiting the groups we support to see first hand the fantastic work that they do in their communities.

Last month we were warmly hosted by members of **Chill and Chat** (pictured right) which runs at the Denton Island Community Centre in Newhaven.

Chill and Chat is a weekly support group for parents that includes a crèche so that they can enjoy some child-free time.



Later that day we dropped in at the busy **Community Wise Centre** in Eastbourne to meet the tireless **Zephyr Grayland** (that's her on the left, second row) and the team at **English in Community**. They received a grant for their 'Live Better for Less' event which featured over 40 stalls showcasing various ways of doing just that.

We also learnt about the diverse range of activities that take place at the Centre.

Thank You!



We would like to say a huge thank you to Hugh Burnett OBE and Judy Llewellyn Burke who recently stepped down as trustees - Hugh was also our vice chairman. Both have served on the Board from the start of the Foundation in 2006.

We are extremely grateful for their hard work and dedication in support of the Foundation and wish them all the best as they explore pastures new.

In May Lord and Lady Renton kindly hosted a drinks reception at their home on behalf of the Foundation. 60 guests enjoyed an update on the Foundation's progress and a fascinating talk by Lord Skidelsky, Emeritus Professor of Economics at

Warwick University and author of an award winning biography of John Maynard Keynes, who provided a unique insight into the current economic climate.

>>Pictured right (l-r) Kevin Richmond, Lord Renton and Lord Skidelsky



Enjoy a great day at the races and support Sussex Community Foundation



Southern Water is hosting the Super Irish Raceday at Fontwell Park racecourse, near Arundel on Saturday 3 October 2009.

Now in its third year, the event has attracted record crowds to Fontwell and is established as a fantastic fund-raising success and a great family day out. This year, the aim is to support a number of very worthy causes, one named for each of the seven races.

Sussex Community Foundation is extremely privileged to be one of those supported Charities.

The afternoon's horseracing will be followed with a concert by popular folk-pop band, Levellers.

Our supporters can buy tickets for the whole day for just £15 - a fantastic offer as it is a 75% discount on the normal admission price.

In addition for every ticket sold £5 will be shared equally amongst the nominated charities - Sussex Community Foundation, WaterAid, NSPCC, RNLI, Cancer Research UK, Chestnut Tree House and AAIR (Asthma Allergy and Inflammation Research).

To book simply call Fontwell Park on 01243 543335 quoting the reference "SW Charity" and Sussex Community Foundation.

In our last issue we told you about the first-ever **Crawathlon** event.

Nine Crawley-based teams of accountants, bankers and lawyers competed to raise money to support Crawley groups.

The final amount raised was a whopping £8,800.

The following local groups

have benefited: Jackdoors; Sussex ADHD Support Group; Cameo Club; Carib Aid; Crawley Citizen's Advice Bureau; Divas Dance Club; JCB Youth Group and Crawley & Horsham Home Start.

We hope that this successful event will become an annual fixture.



>>Pictured (front l-r) Janet Ormerod (SCF), Jackie Rose (Jackdoors) and Crawathlon organiser Sarah Beauvallet.



Congratulations to Gemma Smith (pictured left) who completed the London Marathon in April and raised £3,280 for the Rainbow Trust. Her employer William Reed Business Media, which has a Named Fund

at the Foundation, contributed £1,000 to the total. Rainbow Trust offers practical and emotional support to families who have a child with a life threatening or terminal illness. Running dressed as a

'hen' just weeks before her wedding, Gemma finished in 4hrs 55 min.

"I feel that the money I raise doesn't get lost in a huge collection pot. Running 26.2 miles is easier when you know it is for a great cause."