

# Inspiring Giving

June 2011

## Rising to the Challenge

**It is with great pleasure that we announce that Sussex Community Foundation achieved its target for the Grassroots Endowment Challenge, which came to an end on 31st March 2011.**

Our challenge was to raise £1.5 million from local people for an Endowment Fund in three years. In return the Government promised to match every donation pound for pound after Gift Aid. We were amazed by the enthusiasm and generosity with which you, our supporters, took up this challenge and the results have been tremendous.

Thanks to your support we are now responsible for an Endowment Fund for Sussex worth £3.5 million. This will generate a substantial grant fund every year for generations to come. Clearly, there are many people who share our commitment and who want to make sure that smaller local charities can continue to address the urgent need in our communities.

## Exploring the Sackville inheritance at Buckhurst Park

**The Foundation's latest event was hosted by the Earl & Countess De La Warr at their beautiful home, Buckhurst Park in East Sussex. Guest speaker for the evening was Lord Sackville whose recently published book, 'Inheritance', charts the history of Knole and the Sackville family over the course of 400 years and 13 generations.**

The Sackville family originated at Buckhurst Park, and the talk explored the fascinating history of the twin inheritances, Buckhurst in Sussex and Knole in Kent.

Kevin Richmond, Chief Executive of Sussex Community Foundation spoke about the passion for Sussex that many people living in the county share, and how this inspires people to get involved in their community. He highlighted the breadth of local groups that have received funding through Sussex Community Foundation.

As we travel around Sussex we are inspired by its people and in particular by the thousands of volunteers who give their time freely to help those most in need. As a local grant maker we are in a unique position to understand how local charities are fairing and it is worrying to see how many groups are struggling and even at risk of closing. They need your help now more than ever if they are going to continue making a difference in your community.

*We are delighted to have achieved our Grassroots target, but we remain ambitious to do much more.*

Our goal is to grow the Endowment Fund to £10 million and to give out community grants worth £1 million per year so that we can truly address local needs today and for generations to come. We hope you will continue to support us and help make Sussex a great place to live for everyone.

He said "Nearly half of public giving goes to just 0.3% of charities. The Foundation is trying to redress this imbalance and enable donors to support local groups at the heart of their community."

We are grateful to *Rix & Kay Solicitors* for kindly sponsoring the refreshments.



>> Buckhurst Park

## Fund matters

### Teams battle it out in Crawathlon

**The third annual Crawathlon event was held in April with eighteen teams from professional advisor companies competing to win the coveted trophy, as well as raising funds for local charities.**

The winning team this year was BDO, beating previous top dogs Thomas Eggar by just a few seconds. First prize for fundraising went to Santander Corporate Banking who had raised a fantastic £1,055. The company has also generously agreed to match the final sum.

The event was held at K2 leisure centre run by Freedom Leisure, who kindly offered their facilities for free. Founder and organiser of the event, Sarah Beauvallet from Santander, said, "it was a great privilege to be involved once again this



>> Winners of the Crawathlon, BDO

year and to see everyone enjoying the day as well as bringing in much needed funds for the charities."

The total amount raised was at least £13,000 which will be divided between four Charities: *Alzheimer's Society Crawley & Horsham, Olive Tree Cancer Support, St Catherine's Hospice and Rockinghorse.*

### Stepping up to the CADIA Challenge

**Sussex Community Foundation will once again be one of the recipients of funds raised by the CADIA Challenge event. This year a team of ten will be tackling the 'Snowdonia 15', the target being to summit all fifteen peaks in the Snowdonia Range over 3,000 feet high within 24 hours.**

The aim of the 2011 Snowdonia Challenge is to raise in excess of £10,000 for the 13 charities supported by the Gatwick Diamond Business Association (CADIA).

The team is currently seeking sponsors for the event. Chairman of Sussex Community Foundation, John Peel, has already generously offered to donate £3,000 to become the main 'Team Sponsor'. For more information contact Tim Griffiths on [tim.griffiths@hillingar.com](mailto:tim.griffiths@hillingar.com) or 07739 084602 or see the website [www.cadiachallenge.com](http://www.cadiachallenge.com)

### New Fund will support talented young musicians

**The Westdene Fund has recently been set up at the Sussex Community Foundation through a transfer of assets from the Westdene Trust. The Fund will continue the work of the original trust in providing grants for talented musicians interested in pursuing a career in music.**

Chairman Dr Bernard Eastwell OBE originally set up the Westdene Trust in 1994. However with the increasing age of the Trustees and the difficulty of finding replacements, a decision was made in 2010 to dissolve the Trust. Following discussions with the Foundation, it became apparent that the work of the Trust and its original objectives could be preserved by transferring the assets to the Foundation who would establish and administer a discrete Fund.

Trustee Vernon Hardman commented, 'The Chairman and Trustees have been very pleased with the help received from the Foundation, and the transfer of responsibility for the Fund has been easy and straightforward. In addition feedback will be provided on the award of grants which will enable us to maintain an interest in the Fund without the burden of management.'

For more information about the option of Trust Transfers to Sussex Community Foundation, please contact Janet Ormerod, Fund Development Manager on 01273 409440. Details and application forms for the Westdene Fund can be found at [www.sussexgiving.org.uk](http://www.sussexgiving.org.uk).



## Grants focus

### Homelessness in Brighton and Hove

**Over the last year we have awarded nearly £50,000 in grants to eight groups linked to homelessness in Brighton and Hove. Homelessness is one of the urgent and recurrent issues facing the city and can be linked with other fundamental difficulties such as family breakdown, substance misuse, unemployment, debt or mental health difficulties.**

Different voluntary groups tackle different aspects of the problem and it is noticeable how well the services co-operate to form an impressive network of assistance for homeless people in Brighton. *The Clock Tower Sanctuary, St Anne's Trust, Friends First, Emmaus, Off the Fence, St Peter's Safehaven Project* and *City Mission*, together with other hostels and organisations provide support for rough sleepers through to rehabilitation and independent private accommodation.

Most, if not all of the homelessness charities, are supported by *Citygate Fareshare* which delivers food surplus from supermarkets and restaurants to homeless charities in Brighton and Hove and Worthing. Last year the food they distributed contributed to over 14,000 meals a week for homeless and vulnerable people. Many of the volunteers at Fareshare are former clients of the homeless charities. *Fareshare* received £5,000 last year from the American Express Fund.

When we visited the drop in centre at *St Anne's Trust* in Kemptown in January there were 30 or so homeless people having breakfast, chatting and reading papers. No one is turned away. Three volunteers were busy preparing the lunch (food provided by *Fareshare*); a nun was buttering piles of bread for sandwiches, and talking with clients. A 20p donation is requested but not imposed and there are rules prohibiting drugs and alcohol. *St Johns Ambulance* visit once a week to offer health checks. *St Anne's Trust* were awarded £5,000 last year (from the Cullum Family Trust). It is well run, clean, safe and an excellent example of the crucial support such drop in centres provide.

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### Active at 60

**In February we held our grantspanel for Active at 60 – a pilot scheme set up by the Department of Work and Pensions.**

It was aimed at encouraging people of retirement age to get involved in their communities and avoid the risks of social isolation, inactivity and ill health.

The government sees the role of the Community Agent as integral to the success of this programme. These are 'peer role models' who are well placed to encourage others to take part. In Brighton and Hove £30,000 was awarded to projects ranging from swimming groups to U3As. In East Sussex £33,000 was distributed to dancing clubs, forums, photographic societies and gardening projects.

### Supporting your community

In our last newsletter we announced that we were joining up with *Localgiving.com*, a new website which will enable people to support voluntary groups which are working at the heart of their communities. All groups on the site have been vetted by your Community Foundation. You can give anything from £5 to £1,000 and your donation will go direct to the group of your choosing. *Localgiving.com* is a great way to support your community so take a look and get giving!

### Money Matters

**Groups in Brighton who find accounting a bit of a nightmare might be interested to hear about a new Accounts system which the Resource Centre has developed.**

They say it is ideal for groups who want to keep track of grant funding or specific project and it is completely free. For more information about this and other Money in Mind services take a look at [www.resourcecentre.org.uk/money-in-mind/](http://www.resourcecentre.org.uk/money-in-mind/)

The Resource Centre is tucked away at 6 Tilbury Place in Brighton and calls itself 'a really useful place for community groups'. It provides equipment for hire (it has a candy floss machine!), low cost printing facilities, access to computers and the internet and information and support about running groups and fundraising. Again more information is on their excellent website or ring 01273 606160 to speak with one of their advisors.

**Can You Help?** We are seeking volunteers to help us manage our grants for local charities. If you can help please contact the office on **01273 409440**.

## Other News

### Visit from the Goldsmiths Company Charity

**The Goldsmiths Company Charity awards £50,000 of grants per year through the Foundation. In April, three of their trustees came to visit some of the projects their funds have supported.**

Their first visit was to *Worthing Women's Aid* which seeks to protect, support and inform women of all ages and ethnicity who are at risk from domestic abuse. They run a refuge, outreach support, information and training sessions, as well as a dedicated children's service. They received £2,250 to help them continue with their Freedom Programme. The conference they organised aimed to inform people about the programme and how effective it can be in helping women in situations of domestic violence. With no statutory funding WWA and other Refuge organisations struggle to find funds to keep providing their vital services.



>> The Cafe at the Whitehawk Inn

Goldsmiths also visited *The Whitehawk Inn* in Brighton. This is an independent community led organisation which each year supports over 700 disadvantaged adults into learning and employment. They were awarded £4,980 to support their Stepping Stones Scheme providing additional practical support for residents who lack confidence and skills. In practice, this means they helped with course fees, childcare, travel costs, course materials, study support with a trained tutor, peer mentors and four short courses.

We were shown around the building, which was welcoming and lively, by the director, Frances Duncan. She explained the issues residents in the area face and the difficulties they encounter at school and at home which may prevent them achieving at school or finding work. The Inn, like many other charities and voluntary organisations in Sussex, is facing financial cuts and Frances explained the many different ways she is trying to augment their income and remain sustainable.

## Funding available to groups

Fund	Criteria	Application Amount	Next deadline
<b>Marit and Hans Rausing Fund</b>	Charities/groups across Sussex addressing root causes of disadvantage	Up to £5000	15 July 2011
<b>Goldsmiths Charity Fund</b>	Charities/groups across Sussex addressing disadvantage	Up to £5000	15 July 2011
<b>American Express Fund</b>	Charities in Brighton and Hove or Burgess Hill	Up to £5000	15 July 2011
<b>Cullum Family Trust</b>	Charities/ groups operating between Brighton and Worthing and addressing homelessness or supporting children	Up to £5000	15 July 2011
<b>William Reed Fund</b>	Charities and community groups working in the Crawley area and addressing social welfare issues.	Up to £3000	15 July 2011
<b>Southern Water Fund</b>	Community Garden and allotment projects across Sussex	£500 - £2000	15 July 2011
<b>Paul Rooney Fund</b>	Children with life limiting illnesses; both individuals and groups in Sussex may apply	Up to £5000	15 July 2011
<b>Sussex Community Foundation Grassroots Endowment Fund</b>	Small volunteer led community groups in Brighton & Hove, East and West Sussex	Up to £2000	15 July 2011
<b>Brenda Ford Fund</b>	Charities/community groups in Sussex involved in advice, support and services to women suffering from or at risk of domestic abuse	Up to £5000	15 July 2011
<b>Westdene Fund</b>	Grants to individual young people with outstanding musical talent	Up to £800	15 July 2011
<b>Little Cheyne Court Wind Farm</b>	Community groups based within 10km radius of the Wind Farm	Up to £5000	9 September
<b>The Rainbow Fund</b>	Charities/community groups in Brighton & Hove involved with Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual & Transgender issues	Up to £5000	14 Oct 2011
<b>Orchid Trust</b>	Wildlife and environment projects	Up to £5000	Open
<b>Live Lewes Fund</b>	Groups in Lewes building on community spirit and addressing climate change	Up to £2000	14 Oct 2011
<b>Rye Fund</b>	Community groups operating in Rye and surrounding villages	Up to £500	14 Oct 2011