

Inspiring GIVING

SUMMER 2015



Dear supporter,

Since our last newsletter, we've seen the end-of-the-financial year and our accountants are getting down to crossing the T's and dotting the I's on our annual accounts.

What we know so far is that the Government's Community First four-year endowment match-funding programme that came to an end in April has been a great success for Sussex. Our parent organisation, UK Community Foundations, released league tables showing how all of the 48 UK community foundations had done and we are delighted that we exceeded our target (the amount of money we said we could raise to be matched by the scheme) by a very healthy 185%.

Over the course of the three years, we drew down over £2.2 million for Sussex from the Government's available pot which placed us fourth in the national ranking. With Community First donations from our funders plus Gift Aid where eligible, this means we were able to add another £7 million to our endowment fund for Sussex, bringing it to over £11.5 million. Given that our target, when we began in 2006, was £10 million endowment by 2016, we are delighted with this. We are backing UK Community Foundations' call for the new Government to continue to provide match-funding for community foundations as the leverage it brings is very attractive to the donors and philanthropists that we seek to attract.

As we head into our tenth year and look back on the success we've had so far, we are re-doubling our efforts to show prospective donors the benefits of developing their philanthropy. We're helped by the words of Dame Stephanie Shirley, one of the UK's most inspiring philanthropists who, when asked what advice she would give to people starting out on their own philanthropic journey, said:

"Concentrate on things you know and care about, start small and local and voice your support to encourage others."

By becoming part of Sussex Community Foundation, we can help you do all of this by maximising the impact of your giving at a local level by putting you in touch with the communities and people you want to support.

Kevin Richmond, Chief Executive, Sussex Community Foundation

News in brief

ANNUAL MEETING

Our Annual Meeting this year will be on Wednesday 9th September, 4pm, at the Rotunda Café, Preston Park in Brighton. We'll be announcing what we have planned for our tenth birthday next year. Invitations will be sent out in July but you can also request an invitation by emailing miranda.kemp@sussexgiving.org.uk

GRANT GIVING

We gave out 70 grants totalling £207,567 in our last round of grant-giving in March and over £150,000 to more than 50 groups in June. Included in those grants were one to the crime diversion scheme for young people, KeepOut, based at HMP Lewes, and another to Bridging Ages which works to bring together older and younger people in Forest Row. You can read about both projects on the Our Stories page of our website here: www.sussexgiving.org.uk/our-stories

NEXT GRANTS DEADLINE

Our next grants deadline is on Friday 17th July 2015, 5pm. Visit www.sussexgiving.org.uk/apply for more information and to apply online. Or call 01273 409440.

ACTION

We've produced three new short films in which Kevin Richmond, our Chief Executive, explains how our Named Funds, Endowment Funds and our Friends scheme work. You can see them on our website at www.sussexgiving.org.uk/films

NEWSLETTER DELIVERY

Want to get this newsletter by email? If so, you can sign up here www.sussexgiving.org.uk/newsletter

Guests enjoyed the early evening April sunshine at our recent reception at Hendall Manor Barns, Heron's Ghyll, near Uckfield.

Over forty guests joined trustees, staff and ambassadors at the reception to hear more about the work of Sussex Community Foundation from our Chief Executive, Kevin Richmond, and Trustee, **Jonica Fox**.

Jonica spoke about the surprising levels of disadvantage and poverty that exist in places such as Forest Row and Mayfield, places where most inhabitants might appear to be comfortably-off. Our 2013 Sussex Uncovered report showed that people living on low incomes in rural areas face a double disadvantage and this disadvantage is not always visible until you look a little deeper.

Indeed, the report showed that the nearby wards of Hartfield, Framfield, Fletching, Buxted, Maresfield, Cross-in-Hand and Five Ashes are all in the top 10% of the most deprived wards in England when it comes to access to housing and services.

We were grateful to event hosts **Peter and Nicola Young** of Hendall Manor and our sponsors **Adams & Remers LLP** for a great evening.



Liz Bennett and Francis Nation-Dixon of Adams & Remers



Peter and Nicola Young with Kevin Richmond

By kind permission of Tony Mould



L to R: Denise Patterson, Jonathan Lucas, Baroness Hale of Richmond, Chris Gebbie and Juliet Smith.

In May, our Chief Executive, **Kevin Richmond**, took the new High Sheriff of East Sussex, **Juliet Smith**, to visit two groups that we have funded: The Brighton Women's Centre and Grassroots Suicide Prevention, also in Brighton. Mrs Smith is pictured here when she made her declaration of office at Lewes Crown Court in March, with the new High Sheriff of West Sussex, **Denise Patterson** (one of Sussex Community Foundation's founder donors), the outgoing High Sheriff of West Sussex, **Jonathan Lucas**, and the outgoing High Sheriff of East Sussex, **Christopher Gebbie**.

The High Sheriff is a title which dates back to Saxon times when the incumbent was responsible for collecting taxes and upholding law and order on the king's behalf. Today, it is used to promote and encourage voluntary sector initiatives, crime prevention agencies and emergency services.

Our Development Manager, **Janet Ormerod**, and trustees **Charles Drayson** and **Neil Hart** hosted another in our series of Seeing is Believing visits. They visited St Ann's Hall in Midhurst, where Midhurst Parish Church leads other local churches in the provision of a food bank service, a satellite project of the Chichester Food Bank that we have funded previously.

They also visited organisers at the Midhurst Community Bus and a new Midhurst youth club. These visits keep us and our supporters informed about the needs of local communities and how charities on the ground are addressing them.

DONORS

Key to our success at Sussex Community Foundation is our strong local knowledge.

It's what makes philanthropists want to work with us to ensure their giving gets to the places they want it to benefit.

However, as we grow larger, we want to keep ourselves firmly rooted in that local approach in all corners of the county but that's harder to do with a relatively small staff team. So we've started an Ambassadors scheme by inviting a small group of people to be our 'eyes and ears on the ground' in a particular area of Sussex, helping to draw in new supporters, as well as being a link with local groups. Ex-Foundation trustee Kathy Gore DL is heading up the scheme. If you want to make contact with any of our Ambassadors, their patches are listed right.

Email us at ambassadors@sussexgiving.org.uk and we'll put you in touch.

Our current ambassadors:

Kathy Gore	Uckfield
Margaret Johnson	Chichester
Steve Allen	Seaford
Jonathan & Caroline Lucas	Horsham
Andrew Blackman	Fairlight
Nikki Glover	Pulborough
Jo Hudson	Sharpthorne
Caroline Nicholls	Worthing
Denise Patterson	Bognor Regis
John Peel	Edenbridge
Graham Peters	Robertsbridge
Bill and Annette Shelford	Chailey
Juliet Smith	Brighton
David Tate	Crowborough



L to R: Kathy Gore DL, David Tate, Jo Hudson, Bill and Annette Shelford

FRIENDS

We're delighted to tell you that, since its launch earlier in the year, our new Friends scheme is doing very well. Quite a number of current and other donors have decided to support us in this way. If you want to give to Sussex but the time isn't right to make a larger donation, you may be interested to hear more about the scheme which will help to fund us to fund others. www.sussexgiving.org.uk/friends



William Alexander

In Round 2 (deadline 17 July), we'll be giving grants from our William Alexander Fund which gives grants to groups supporting children and young people in Brighton & Hove.

What makes William Alexander slightly different is that, like our William Reed Fund, the company's staff are consulted about which grant applications they want to support. You can make applications on our general application form via our website or call our friendly Grants Team on 01273 409440 if you need more information – we're more than happy to help.

We gave out 70 grants totalling £207,567 in our March round of grant-giving (Round 4 2014).

If your group applied for a grant in Round 1 2015 (deadline date 17 April), you should have heard the outcome by now. The next deadline (Round 2 2015) is Friday 17 July 2015, 5pm and groups will hear the outcome, successful or otherwise, by Friday 18 September 2015. Below is a list of the amounts given out in the last round by our funds. Remember, in most cases, you don't need to apply to a particular fund when you put in a grant application. Call our Grants Team on 01273 409440 for more information or visit www.sussexgiving.org.uk/apply



City Angels

Secret Garden

Bridging Ages

Name of fund	Purpose of fund is to support:	Amount
William Alexander Fund	Children and young people in Brighton & Hove.	£5,995
American Express Fund	To promote leadership in the non-profit sector, volunteering and community engagement, diversity, social inclusion and equal rights, and to help disadvantaged people into work.	£37,404
Brighton & Hove Community Health Fund	Groups in Brighton & Hove addressing health issues.	£12,151
Cragwood Fund	Older and homeless people.	£14,150
Cullum Family Fund	Children's and older people's projects, homelessness projects in Brighton and Hove and surrounding areas.	£21,310
Arthur & Doreen Green Fund	Small community groups in Sussex.	£1,225
Gurney Charitable Trust Fund	Small community groups in Sussex.	£1,626
William Reed Media Fund	Groups in the Crawley area concerned with social welfare.	£5,217
Rooney Foundation Fund	Small grassroots groups that support families with children with disabilities.	£19,808
Southern Water Fund	Community allotments and gardens, particularly with water-saving strategies.	£3,000
Westdene Fund	Talented young musicians.	£7,400
Comic Relief Fund	Groups tackling deprivation and disadvantage.	£25,985
Dementia Fund	Groups tackling dementia.	£2,500
Marit & Hans Rausing Fund	Groups tackling the root causes of disadvantage.	£26,931
Surviving Winter Fund	Older people to keep warm, stay active and eat well over the winter.	£11,489
Brighton & Hove Grassroots	Small grassroots groups in Brighton & Hove.	£950
East Sussex Grassroots	Small grassroots groups in East Sussex.	£3,604
West Sussex Grassroots	Small grassroots groups in West Sussex.	£6,821
Total		£207,567

Sussex Community Foundation raises funds for and gives grants to smaller charities and community groups across East Sussex, West Sussex and Brighton & Hove. We make it easy for Sussex people to give money to local causes close to their hearts and ensure that those donations reach the people that need them. Our endowment fund enables our donors to benefit Sussex people for generations to come.

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