

Inspiring GIVING

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Dear supporter,

Plans are afoot for our tenth birthday summer and we have a number of events, launches and initiatives planned to celebrate the amazing work of the groups we fund and the continuing generosity of our donors.

We're looking forward to welcoming some of the charities and community groups that we have funded over the years, along with donors and other supporters, to celebrate their work with us in East Sussex (at Michelham Priory), in West Sussex (in Chichester) and Brighton & Hove (at the Amex Stadium), over the coming months. In thinking about what we've achieved, we can't help but come up against what we haven't been able to do. We've given over £10 million in grants over the past 10 years but there is so much more we could do. Last year alone, we were £400,000 short of the funds needed to support every good application. This is why our target for the next four years is to reach a total of £17.5 million in endowment funds for Sussex and to give out £1.5 million in grants each year. This means that we will have more money to give out but also that we will be more sustainable ourselves, making it easier for us to operate effectively and raise the funds to meet those unfunded applications.



who have had a grant-making fund with us for the last ten years, at the Amex Stadium in Brighton. There is still great need in Sussex, even though it can give a good impression of being an out-and-out wealthy county.

Yes, some parts of it are and fortunately many of the better-off residents in our cities, towns and villages are very keen to help those less fortunate than themselves by giving through us to the thousands of volunteer-led organisations that lie at the heart of Sussex. The more we can spread the word about our brand of community philanthropy, the more we will be able to help our fellow Sussex dwellers who, for whatever reason, need support.

Kevin Richmond, Chief Executive, Sussex Community Foundation

News in brief

LAST ROUND

Since our Spring newsletter, we have given out a record £566,623.75 in grants to charities and community groups across Sussex plus to a small number of individuals. One of those groups was Lewes Bridge View FC (pictured below) who received £600 from the Lewes Fund to pay the subs of young players from lower-income households.



NEW FACES

We are very pleased to welcome our new Development Manager (East Sussex and Brighton & Hove), Stephen Chamberlain, who started at the Foundation in April. Stephen joins us from the National Youth Jazz Orchestra where he helped develop opportunities and raise support for talented young jazz musicians. Stephen, pictured left with Development Manager (West Sussex) Lauren Lloyd, lives in Brighton.



SUSSEX IN THE CITY

We held our third Sussex in the City reception at the Charterhouse in the City of London in April.

Over 60 invited guests heard keynote speaker and Sussex Community Foundation donor, the distinguished investment banker, Anthony Bolton (pictured here) talk about his approach to investment banking and his highly-successful career. Guests were treated to a pre-reception tour of the Charterhouse by some of the 'Brothers', as the residents at the Charterhouse are known. Thank you to Quilter Cheviot Investment Management for sponsoring the event.



STOPHAM PARK

Seventy invited guests joined Sir Brian and Lady Barttelot at their Stopham Park home to hear more about our work.

Sir Brian spoke to guests about his intriguing family history and of the house. "We want to thank Sir Brian and Lady Barttelot for their generosity in hosting the reception for us," says Lauren Lloyd, our Development Manager (West Sussex).

"There was a great turn out and the weather was kind which meant we could all enjoy wonderful gardens at Stopham Park. It was also a new group of supporters for us and we were delighted to be able to tell them more about our work in their corner of Sussex."

Pictured below, left to right are David Allam, Chairman of the Board of Trustees of Sussex Community Foundation; Sir Brian and Lady Barttelot; Kevin Richmond, Chief Executive of Sussex Community Foundation.



SUSSEX LUND

The deadline for the first applications to Sussex Lund, a grants programme that supports practical projects to improve the landscape of the High Weald, has now passed.

Sussex Lund, established by Peter Baldwin and Lisbet Rausing is a collaboration between their charitable fund, Lund, and Sussex Community Foundation.

We received over 50 applications and applicants will hear whether they have been successful by mid-June. Sussex Lund will be open for applications again in Spring 2017 when criteria and application forms will be available.

NEWSLETTER DELIVERY

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THIS ROUND

Our General Awards are comprised of a range of funds which collectively help to address disadvantage and deprivation in communities in Sussex and to build resilience in those communities. In most cases, you do not need to specify which of our funds you want to apply for.

We will put your application to the funder we think is most likely to fund you. You can apply online or by email and you no longer need to send or deliver us a signed paper copy.

The following funds, where the donor wants to fund projects working in specific areas, are open for applications in this round. Call our Grants Team on 01273 409440 for more information or visit www.sussexgiving.org.uk/how-it-works

Unless stated otherwise, the deadline is 5pm, Friday 15 July 2016, grants are for up to £5,000 and you should make an application on our General Application Form.

Alta Fund - grants to charities and community groups in Sussex which support young people, promote education and achievement, children who are disadvantaged and/or use the arts to support disadvantaged people. Preference will be given to groups working in the areas around Uckfield, East Grinstead and Lewes.



St Johns Tuesday Club

Anjoli Stewart Fund – grants to support smaller charities and community groups working in Hastings and the surrounding area to address disadvantage and help people who have few choices in life to address their own problems and achieve their potential. The donors are keen to support new ideas and projects.

ARDIS Fund – to support research and services for people with demen-

tia and their informal carers who live in Brighton & Hove. Grants from £1,500-£10,000 are available.

Brighton & Hove Community Health Fund – Open to small community groups with an income of up to £35,000 working on community-led health improvement projects.

The fund has its own criteria but applications should be made on our General Application Form.

Brighton Rock – Supporting charities and community groups in Sussex, with a preference for those working to benefit the environment and/or older people.

The Cragwood Fund (large grants programme) – to support homeless or vulnerably-housed people in West Sussex. One grant of up to £20,000 per year for a period of three years is available. The fund has its own criteria and application form.

The Cullum Family Fund – open to charities and community groups in Brighton & Hove and West Sussex supporting children and young people, older people, young people with learning disabilities and people who are homeless or threatened with homelessness.



BLAST is a Lego club for people in Brighton & Hove who are on the autism spectrum. They received a grant of £2,750 from the Cullum Family Fund to help with start-up and ongoing costs, including 20 Lego sets.

East Brighton Trust – Small grants awarded at least twice a year to charities, community and voluntary groups undertaking projects and events that benefit people who live in East Brighton. Grants of up to £500 are available. The fund has its own criteria and application form and you can apply online.

Fangorn Fund – Open to charities and community groups in any part of Sussex but with a preference for West

Sussex, supporting a wide range of charitable causes with an emphasis on tackling disadvantage.

Ganas Fund supports charities and community groups, addressing disadvantage across Sussex, with a preference for Brighton & Hove.

Innes Fund – open to charities and community groups supporting disadvantaged people and promoting well-being in West Sussex.

Peter Baldwin and Lisbet Rausing Fund – open to charities and community groups across Sussex, providing end-of-life care and supporting people affected by terminal illness. Applicants must have a turnover of less than £500,000 per annum.



Seaview Project

Marit & Hans Rausing Fund – open to charities and community groups across Sussex seeking to address the root causes of social and economic disadvantage and deprivation.

Southern Water – open to community groups and charities in Sussex for projects addressing healthy living, educational opportunities and environmental initiatives, including community gardens, allotments and projects addressing water shortages. Grants of between £500 and £2,000.

Westdene Fund – Awarded to individual young people in Sussex (16-25 years) with outstanding musical talent. Grants of up to £800. The fund has its own criteria and application form.

William Alexander Fund – open to small community groups and charities in Brighton & Hove, supporting disadvantaged children and young people, the elderly, refugees and asylum seekers, those who suffer from drug and alcohol misuse, and support groups for veterans. Grants are mostly for £1,500-£2,000 but can be up to £5,000.

TRANSITION CHICHESTER

At the heart of what we do is the difference our donors hope to make by funding local people in their communities.

Transition Chichester is a great example of just such a group. Led and run by voluntary members of the local community, the group received a £2,500 grant from the Cragwood Fund last year to support work on its Grow Chichester project at the Bishops Palace Gardens vegetable plot.

The plot is a historical walled garden in the grounds of Chichester Cathedral and, thanks to the hard work of volunteers, the group has created a community garden with raised beds. The Cragwood Fund grant has enabled the group

to deliver 46 weekly sessions of low impact gardening tailored to the needs of older people, people with health conditions, disabilities or mobility difficulties of all ages. Ray Stewart and his mother Doreen (pictured here) are two people who have benefited.

Ray and Doreen moved into sheltered accommodation in Chichester, eighteen months ago. Ray had to take early retirement from his work as an engineer due to early onset Parkinson's disease. His mother, who is 86 years of age, is his carer. Before the onset of his illness, Ray was a very keen gardener who managed a large garden.



When he moved to sheltered accommodation, Ray began to suffer from depression and his health deteriorated sharply. He found out about the Grow Chichester project through a poster at the entrance to the garden. Since then, Ray and his mother have attended gardening sessions regularly and have made a big difference to the garden. Ray now has his own patch where he experiments with no-dig and permaculture techniques. He is also a mine of information about all things gardening, and shares his knowledge with other participants.

The group's therapeutic horticulturalist has worked with Ray to harness his strengths and to ensure that he does not overdo things. Ray's consultant at St Richard's Hospital has indicated that his general health and short-

term memory have improved considerably since he became involved with the garden.

Doreen also is actively involved with the garden and has made a circle of friends since she started to attend. The garden is very much a focal point for both their lives.



The Cragwood Fund gives out larger grants in our Round 2 (deadline: 15 July 2016) and smaller grants in Rounds 1 and 3 (next deadline: 7 October 2016).

For more information, visit www.sussexgiving.org.uk/apply

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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