

Inspiring GIVING

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Dear supporter,

We are approaching ten years since we first awarded grants in Sussex. Over that time, it has been a privilege to support a vast range of local community groups.

Since 2006, we have raised over £20 million for Sussex, £11 million of which is an endowment fund we continue to add to all the time. Over our 10th birthday year, we will be redoubling our focus on building that endowment. We have set ourselves the target of an endowment fund of £17.5 million by 2020. But that's enough figures. What's really important about our work is that we enable others to do theirs.

Brian O'Hagan's son James was born in 2006, the same year as the Foundation. At just eight weeks old, he was rushed to hospital and Brian was told his son would not survive the night. Somehow, he did and he is now nine years old. James was later diagnosed with cerebral palsy. During those dark and stressful days, Brian noticed that while he and James's mother



were receiving a lot of support for James, for which, of course, they were very grateful, they were not receiving a lot of support for themselves.

"We were fortunate enough to have a strong network of family and friends," says Brian. "But I wondered what it might be

like for those parents who were perhaps not so well connected. That's when I started thinking about what would later become Reaching Families." Working-based Reaching Families provides information, training and support for the parents of children with special needs in West Sussex. The group received its first grant from us in 2008 for parents' workshops and has gone on to be funded in a small but regular way ever since.

It is this little-and-often approach to funding in which we specialise. It makes it easier for groups to plan, be sustainable and grow their vital work. It is often that initial grant from us that can give confidence to other funders who don't feel so able to fund start-ups. We hope you will continue to help us to help groups like Reaching Families as we move into our second decade. Thank you.

Kevin Richmond, Chief Executive, Sussex Community Foundation

News in brief

LAST ROUND

We gave out a total of 110 grants totalling £289,987 to 86 organisations and a small number of individuals in November 2015. Twenty-one of our donor-directed funds gave a total of £195,332 with Sussex Community Foundation itself giving out the remaining £94,655.

NEW FACES

We are very pleased to be able to welcome Patricia Woolgar, who is a Partner at Thomas Eggar LLP, to our board of trustees. At the same time, we say farewell and a huge thank you to Neil Hart DL and to Trevor James. Their expertise in charity accounts, law and governance has proved invaluable.

Welcome also to Georgina Hovey who is a new Sussex Community Foundation Ambassador – a fine group of supporters who are our 'eyes and ears' across the county.

SUSSEX IN THE CITY

Our third Sussex in the City reception takes place at the Charterhouse in the City of London in April.

Invited guests will hear our keynote speaker and one of our donors, the distinguished investment banker, Anthony Bolton. Thank you to Quilter Cheviot Investment Management for sponsoring the event.

NEWSLETTER DELIVERY

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SUSSEX LUND

We are excited to announce the launch of **Sussex Lund**, a grants programme that supports small-scale, practical projects that will improve the ecology and landscape of the High Weald.

Grants will be of between £500 and £10,000. Recognised as an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB), the High Weald is an exceptional medieval landscape, with a wealth of wildlife and historic features that provide a strong sense of place, enrich lives and inspire community pride.

Projects that will be considered for funding are projects that will make practical, tangible improvements to the High Weald and can inspire wider change. Examples might include improvements to habitats such as woodland, wetland, meadow and hedgerow management, enhancement and restoration; orchard creation; removing non-native tree species; community gardening; greening of amenity spaces in and around villages; reducing sign pollution, dark sky projects; clearing litter and improving rights of way.

Applications are welcome from any organisation or individual for projects which demonstrate a clear improvement to the landscape and public benefit. Criteria and application forms are available from our website and the deadline for the first applications is Friday 15th April.



Amounts given out in the last round.

Name of fund	Amount
Aisbitt Fund	£6,658
Noel Bennett Fund	£7,314
Boltini Fund	£20,293
Carpenter Box Fund	£3,250
Cullum Family Fund	£21,510
Glenn & Phyllida Earle Fund	£11,550
Fleming Family Fund	£3,000
Arthur & Rosemary Kay Fund	£3,244
Lewes Fund	£1,550
Lewes and District Relief Fund	£3,701
Leyden House	£9,103
Milicent Mather Fund	£2,613
Brighton Rock Fund	£10,000
William Reed Fund	£8,600
Rye Fund	£5,653
Worthing and Adur Fund	£3,800
Cragwood Fund	£6,600
Cragwood Large Grants Fund	£23,550
American Express Fund	£37,800
Rooney Foundation Fund	£2,193
Westdene Fund	£3,550

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. Make an application on our General Application Form and we will put your application to the funder we think is most likely to fund you.

The following funds, where the donor wants to fund projects working in specific areas, are open for applications in this round. Aside from the Open Door and Comic Relief Local Communities funds, which have their own application forms, please apply on our General Application Form.

Call our Grants Team on 01273 409440 for more information or visit www.sussexgiving.org.uk/apply

Amy Hart Fund – open to charities and community organisations across East Sussex that offer support and services for people in need, hardship or distress.

ARDIS Fund – The aim of this new fund is to support research and services for people with dementia and their informal carers who live in Brighton & Hove. Grants from £1,500-£10,000 available.



St Johns Tuesday Group received an Amy Hart grant in 2015.

Brenda Ford Fund – open to charities and community groups in Sussex involved in advice, support and services to women suffering from or at risk of domestic abuse. Grants of up to £5,000 are available.

The Cragwood Fund - (small grants programme) – open to charities and community groups addressing disadvantage, with a focus on older people, youth projects for disadvantaged teenagers, and a preference for those working in West Sussex. Grants of up to £5,000 are available.

Gurney Charitable Trust – open to smaller charities and community groups in Sussex which address a range of charitable causes including health and medical issues, disability and disadvantage, natural history and the arts.

Nick and Gill Wills Fund – open to charities and community groups in Sussex supporting women who are vulnerable or at risk of abuse, exploitation or violence; promoting women's rights or equality between men and women. Grants of up to £5,000 are available.

Westoute Fund – open to small groups involved in preventative work to minimise disadvantage

including the fields of drug and alcohol rehabilitation, offending, mental health, young people and homelessness.

Open Door Fund – open to charities and community groups working in West Sussex who are embedded in their communities, and whose core work is with homeless people and/or in financial advice.

Please refer to the Open Door criteria and separate application form on our website. One grant of £10,000 is available. Equine Partners CIC received an Open Door Fund grant in 2015.

Comic Relief

Local Communities – grants of up to £10,000 are available for charities and community groups working to address disadvantages across Sussex.

Links to Comic Relief Local Communities online and downloadable application forms and criteria are available on our website. The deadline for applications to Round 1 16/17 is Friday 15th April, 5pm.



Summersdale Afternoon Club received a Cragwood Fund Grant in 2015.



Sound Architect received a Gurney Charitable Trust grant in 2015.



Equine Partners CIC received an Open Door Fund grant in 2015.

HASTINGS & ROTHER

We gave out more than £200,000 of NHS funding to groups in Hastings and Rother on behalf of NHS Hastings and Rother Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) to support people who experience the most significant health inequalities before Christmas.

The Hastings & Rother Reducing Health Inequalities Fund is a partnership between NHS Hastings & Rother Clinical Commissioning Group, East Sussex County Council, Hastings Voluntary Action, Rother Voluntary



Action and Sussex Community Foundation. It is part of the CCG's Healthy Hastings and Rother programme to tackle health inequality in the area. The Ore Centre Seniors Project was one of the lucky recipients of

a £1,000 grant. The group, some members are pictured here meets every Thursday and provides support services and facilities to older persons who live in the rural villages in Ore and surrounding areas of Guestling, Icklesham Three Oaks, Pett and north Hastings.

Another £200,000 of community funding has just been announced with a deadline for applications for standard grants of up to £10,000 of 29 May 2016. Fast-track grants are considered on a rolling basis.

COMING SOON

In Round 2 2016/17 (deadline: Friday 15 July, 5pm), a new fund, the East Brighton Trust Fund, will be open for applications. The aim of this fund is to support voluntary or not-for-profit community groups to run events or projects that benefit people who live in East Brighton (Moulsecomb, Bates Estate, Saunders Park, Manor Farm, Bristol Estate, Craven Vale, Whitehawk or Higher Bevendean) with grants of up to £500.

Grants may contribute to the costs of events, such as flamenco lessons, art classes, sports sessions, or new kit, supplies, room hire, travel or tuition.

SHOREHAM AIR SHOW FUND

The Shoreham Air Show Fund has now given out over £40,000 in grants to the families of the people that died at the air show tragedy last summer. So far, the Fund has made payments that have covered such expenses as travel, accommodation, loss of earnings, funerals, and counselling.

The purposes of the Fund were divided into three phases, with Phase 2 (up to six months after the event) providing longer term help to the families of those who lost their lives and those who were injured; and to help others who were directly and substantially affected by the incident, including people who suffer emotional or psychological trauma or other hardship. The local authorities have agreed that the Phase 2 period should be extended for a further six months. The position will be reviewed again later in the year. For more informa-

tion, call Laura Williams on 01273 409440.

Almost £190,000 was raised by a generous public after the terrible incident at Shoreham. Following fundraising at the fireworks display at the Sussex County Cricket Ground in Hove in November and thanks to sponsorship from Parafix Tapes & Conversions, based in Lancing, Sussex Cricket was able to make a donation of £5,000 to the Fund presented by Sussex's Shoreham-born left-arm seamer Lewis Hatchett, and Michael Punter, Managing Director of Parafix.



FOOTBALL

In 2015, the Professional Footballers' Association and our membership organisation, UK Community Foundations, joined forces to create 'Your Cause, Your Way', a scheme that gives players an option for charitable giving by setting up a fund that is managed by the player's local community foundation.

This enables footballers to swerve complex administrative requirements and give more effectively to the charities, community groups and individuals they choose to support. In 2010, ex-Liverpool FC footballer Jamie Carragher was one of the first players to set up his own fund, the 23 Foundation, for contributions to local charities, clubs and community initiatives. Jamie told the Guardian newspaper:



"To be honest, at first I was a bit unsure about what it entailed but that's why using the community foundation route was crucial as you have a team of people at hand when you need help."

Watch more at https://youtu.be/nucX_OKt_RO

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If you want to give to Sussex through the Foundation but are not ready to set up a named fund with us quite yet, you could consider becoming a Friend of Sussex Community Foundation.

Friends of Sussex Community Foundation make an annual gift starting from

£500 or £1,000. Your donations will support our day-to-day work, bringing in new funds, running our grants programme and helping us to plan for the long-term benefit of Sussex people. For more information, visit www.sussexgiving.org.uk/friends

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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