

£3m distributed in grants for Cornwall & the Isles of Scilly

The Cornwall Community Foundation (CCF) has been in existence now for 6 years, having previously been the Cornwall Independent Trust Fund which was created in 1998. Since then over £3 million in grant funding has been awarded to over 1,000 community groups and individuals.

That's a grant of £2,085 for every square mile of Cornwall & the Isles of Scilly or about £6 for every person living here.

Grants are key to what The CCF deliver and are a lifeline for so many community initiatives. We offer a wide range of funding to help sustain and improve the huge variety of projects delivered by the voluntary sector in Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly. Requests that we receive for support range from the usual: equipment (such as kitchen, play and IT), newsletters, minor building repairs or upgrades and sports coaching, to the more unusual, such as helping to restore Cornish artefacts, learning to surf for young parents who haven't ever seen a beach and a community composting project.

There are many misconceptions about grants available for community projects, for example that they are only available from the National Lottery; only for large amounts of money; just for registered charities. It is not true. There are thousands of grant making organisations across the UK, who like us offer grants that can be as small as a couple of hundred pounds, which are often as crucial as larger donations. Small grants really can make a big difference. For example, a friendship society for older people could find their rent increasing by £50 a week and may not be able to fund the shortfall for the next couple of months. £400 could help them to keep their group going and avoid closure whilst they find other ways to meet that shortfall.

Almost all voluntary and community groups can apply to us for grants, and they don't need to be registered charities. Some of our grant making programmes have very specific criteria, for example for single parents living with their children. Others have an almost 'anything goes' approach. If one fund does not suit, another often will. We currently manage 15 programmes and they continue to grow.

We really want to help communities help themselves. We may not be able to resolve all the issues we face in this amazing county, but we can help people to address them. For example, where public transport is limited a grant request can include the cost of transport to and from an event or venue, or help towards a community transport project. Full details of all our current grant programmes can be found on our website. So if you work with, or know of a community or voluntary group who could benefit from some financial help please do talk to us. Or, if you are inspired by the work we do and the groups we support, please do get in touch. You can help make these projects become reality, and see first hand how your money has helped others. Thank you.

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View from the Chair

“We have the funding for three specific regions so far. Caradon is off and running, and the Restormel and the Penwith & Isles of Scilly district funds now have the seed cash generously provided by benefactors with local interests in these parts of the county. This takes our mission a step nearer the local level, ensuring that anyone’s devotion to a particular part of Cornwall can be rewarded with grants made in their own back yard. We hope to cover all of our county with these regional funds in time.

We are just finalising our annual report for 2008. We are pleased but not complacent that there has been a substantial increase in the funds within our Endowment, helping to fulfil an objective of greater financial security for our Foundation. We take nothing for granted in the present economic climate, however. We recognise that those who support us often do so out of a diminished income. We also know from our experiences on the ground that many fine local volunteer groups are not receiving the funding that they need from different sources. In short, demand for our grants is greater, as the pressures on funding rises. We continue to cherish the wide-spread support we receive from people and companies in all walks of life in Cornwall”.

James Williams, Chairman, The Cornwall Community Foundation.

The Cornwall 100 Club is One

The Cornwall 100 Club is our corporate philanthropy scheme that we launched in March 2008. Businesses with an interest in Cornwall are invited to join by contributing a minimum of £1,000 per annum, and are offered a variety of benefits including profile raising, networking, and of course the professional grant-making service given to all our donors. This is our way to help the Cornish business community to support local needs. We know most businesses are already involved locally in charitable giving. The Cornwall 100 Club is to help businesses, not to replace, but to streamline their giving. A major attraction for members is that we take care of all the red tape and administration, and that we know which Cornish projects really need their help. We have almost 40 signed up or pledged members so far. Inevitably, take-up has been slower due to the economic uncertainty most businesses are experiencing, but we are pleased that the club has already built a reputation within the county and anticipate its accelerated growth as confidence returns. The Cornwall 100 Club panel, made up of the members themselves, meets twice a year to distribute grants. So far over £17,000 has been distributed to 10 projects which met the criteria established by the panel, which includes poverty, crisis, transport needs and local environment.

The Cornwall 100 Club First Anniversary Celebration was held in March at The Royal Cornwall Museum. Members Watson-Marlow Bredel Pumps, Williams and Martin and Doble foods kindly sponsored the event to which members and their guests were invited. Representatives from organisations that received grants from The Cornwall 100 Club Fund in September 2008 were also invited. James Williams congratulated the members on their first year and explained how the committed support of some of the most respected business names in Cornwall is invaluable to The Cornwall Community Foundation.



Ian Taylor (Coodes), Chairman, The Cornwall 100 Club panel, Claire Thayers (Coodes), Jenny and Ian Doble (Doble Foods)



Mark Mitchell and Martin Phillips (Cornwall Glass and Glazing), and Sue Sargent (Cornwall Community Foundation)



Penny Bailey (South Petherwin Independent Volunteers) and Liz Olive, (Active 8)

Lord George 1938 – 2009

“I was privileged to meet Lord and Lady George when they came to Cornwall and soon after that Lord George agreed to become a Trustee of the Cornwall Community Foundation. He had a real interest in, and concern for the communities in Cornwall and gave us immeasurable help in building up both the reputation and funds of the Foundation. Lord George always had time to listen to anyone, would always be prepared to speak to groups of professionals, business groups or anyone who could help or needed help from the CCF and of course his financial expertise was invaluable. I have never heard anyone ever say a critical word about Eddie – he was loved and respected by everyone who had the privilege of knowing him. He will be greatly missed and we would like to offer all our sympathy to his family at this very sad time.” **Lady Mary Holborow, Trustee.**

We have produced a memorial edition of one of Lord George’s recent speeches for The CCF. Please do contact the office for a copy, or to make a contribution to The Lord George Memorial

Grants News January to April 2009: 157 applications processed, 101 awards made

- We are pleased to announce our first **COMMUNITY GRANTS PROGRAMME (ESF)** panel meeting on 5th June. This is a European funded programme aimed at supporting people from the hardest to reach communities, and individuals experiencing multiple disadvantages. It is to help them with accessing mainstream European Social Funding, domestic employment and skills provision. Grants range between £1,000 & £12,000 .
- Since our first **GRASSROOTS GRANTS** panel meeting in August 2008 we have awarded grant monies to over 100 organisations in Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly, with 78% of the applicants successful in their requests. This continues to be a popular fund supporting many organisations at a grassroots level. The programme runs up until 2011 and £5,000 is the maximum grant any organisation can receive.
- Thank you for the £5,000 we have received from The Carew Pole Charitable Trust for grant making in the **CARADON AREA COMMUNITY FUND**, which has already distributed grants such as those below.
- Thank you to The Tanner Trust who have donated £5,000 to the **LORD LIEUTENANT'S FUND FOR YOUTH** specifically for future Olympic Athlete hopefuls, who appear often amongst applicants to this fund.
- We have received £2,000 from the 2008 St Martin-in-the-Field BBC Radio 4 Christmas Appeal to help our **CRISIS FUND**, in addition to the £1,000 received in January 2009. This will assist many people who desperately need small amounts of money to help them in times of crisis, and is needed more than ever.
- We will be administering the **SPORT RELIEF** grant monies again later on this year. Details of the fund and how to apply will be published on our website shortly.
- The **BBC RADIO CORNWALL APPEAL** will be grant making again early next year.

Case Studies

JUMPING JACK FLASH

ONE of the first grants awarded from the Caradon Area Community Fund was for just over £400 to the Caradon Kangaroos Junior Netball Club. This relatively small sum of money will allow some of the squad of 14 players – at the moment all girls aged under 16 – the chance to participate in some training to become umpires.

The Club was formed three years ago and its Chairman is June Jack, past President of the All England Netball Association. The girls are all pupils at Looe, Callington and Liskeard schools. This season they played in the Cornwall under 14 league and although they were not amongst the winners they had some hard matches and scored some good goals. Their Coach is Maria Jordan, at present Level 1 qualified and working towards Level 2. In 2008 they fielded an Under 16 team in the Cornwall



League and were awarded the title of “most sporting team” for their consistent good humour and sporting attitude. Pictured is 15 year old Alice Reynolds, holding the Players’ Player Cup voted for by her team mates.

GET ACTIVE 8!

Active 8 is a charity for young people with disabilities which runs 12 residential weekends a year, at an Outdoor Education Centre, for which The Cornwall 100 Club Fund has given £2,500. In Cornwall, young people with major physical disabilities go to mainstream secondary school. This is good, but they also live in a rural county, and are dependent on parents for transport, and can be isolated socially at an age where it's really important to have friendships as well as family. Other people's low expectations are a big disadvantage for these young people, who are aged 13 to 15



and are still finding out who they are. Active 8 introduces the young people to new activities and a whole lot of fun. Being in Active 8 can increase the confidence of the young people who take part. They become more able to take responsibility, to support each other, and it widens their experience. Canoeing, film-making, skating (mostly in wheelchairs), and archaeology are among the things they've done so far.

CINEMA BY THE SEA



Looe's 'Cinema by the Sea' - run by local charity Looe Film Society - has successfully opened its new venue supported by two grants totalling £1,320 from Grassroots Grants and the Caradon Area Community Fund: The Community Hall, Looe Children's Centre. This new venue has the very latest technology: a much bigger screen, high definition projection, full surround sound and much more comfortable seating. The venue was opened in April, and a packed hall then watched the classic silent film 'Sunrise' with a live accompaniment by the St. Germans based band 'Wurlitza' who specialise in providing accompaniment to silent films. The film finished to a standing ovation. Looe is at the centre of a national 'hot spot' of community cinema groups based around South East Cornwall, including established groups in Lerryn and Downderry . The nearest commercial cinemas to Looe involve a round trip of over 30 miles.

Fund Development News

We are delighted to welcome **CORNWALL GLASS AND GLAZING** as a new Acorn Fundholder. Their fund - which they are aiming to build to the £25,000 required for a named fund with the help of the Grassroots Endowment Challenge - will be used to make grants at the discretion of this family company which provides the latest products and services in glass processing and supplying that aren't available anywhere else in the South West,

Thank you to **THE WESTERN MORNING NEWS** which has launched their 150th Anniversary Challenge Fund at The Cornwall Community Foundation, as part of their Think Local campaign, and have invited their readers to contribute and take advantage of The Grassroots 100% match challenge. Interest from the fund will be distributed as grants to support Older People, as voted for by their readers.

We are excited to be involved in an innovative venture by **THE CORNISH CRISP COMPANY** which combines the spirits of entrepreneurialism and altruism in a way that we hope will inspire other companies. The Cornish Crisp Company is a family business based at Kelly Bray near Callington that uses local hands, produce and skills to make high quality crisps. They will donate 1p from every bag of of *Gratertater* (cheese & onion) crisps to the Cornwall Community Foundation, which will be used to make grants to exceptional community initiatives.

CALLING ALL OUR FRIENDS

Your Foundation needs YOU!

We are looking for volunteers to be on our Friends Panel, to help decide on how the Friends Fund grants should be distributed this year. The only requirements are that you are a signed-up Friend, and have access to an email address as this will be a virtual panel. We will send you a shortlist of eligible applicants, and all panel members (which will include some of our trustees) will vote by email.

The grants will be presented at our 2009 Annual Awards Ceremony in the Autumn. This is a chance to have a say on how your contribution is spent, and we invite as many Friends as possible to join. Please do get in touch if you might be interested. We'd love to hear from you!

How would you like us to manage your contribution?

Please tick one of the following alternatives

- 50% Friends Fund grants
25% development
25% endowment + Grassroots match funding
- 100% endowment + Grassroots match funding,
interest to Friends Fund grants.

Would you like to be a Friends Fund Panel member?

- YES NO

Would you like to become a Friend or make a donation? THANK YOU! Please complete & return ALL parts of this form to us.

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