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Message from Lady Mary Holborow

I am delighted to be able to contribute to this, our first Newsletter, and to thank all of you for your part in supporting the Cornwall Community Foundation. We are now over a year old and our first AGM is being held in Ladock Community Hall on June 24th.



I still feel, as do all the trustees, that an umbrella Charitable Foundation such as ours can and will make a difference to all the many charitable organisations and projects in Cornwall, and will help to support the communities which are such an important part of Cornish life.

We were sad to bid farewell to Allan Chesney on his retirement at the end of November last year but are delighted to have Andrew Middleton as our Executive Director. He, with the great support of Jan and Sarah, is doing a wonderful job in working with other organisations in Cornwall to make sure that we spend our funds wisely and look to different ways to build up endowment funds and our portfolio of named and flow through funds.

We would be delighted to hear from you if you have a particular cause or charity you would like us to support, or if you are able to help us with our fundraising. Thank you again for the help you have already given us.

First Grants from CCF top £436,000

Cornwall Community Foundation has got off to a flying start in its first year, awarding grants worth more than £436,000 to help people of all backgrounds across the county.

A total of 126 separate grants were made aiding young people, the arts, the elderly, people with disabilities and community schemes. Groups working on some of the major issues of our time such as equality, destitution and poverty also benefited from awards from the Foundation.

A large percentage of the funding has come from the Department for Education and Skills and has been distributed by the Foundation through the Local Network Fund for Children and Young People.

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- The Lord Lieutenant's Trust Fund for Youth aims to assist projects that may lie in fields of culture, the arts, voluntary and community service, industry, business and sport. However, the fund trustees, upon application, will consider all areas of excellence.
- Anyone wishing to support the work of the Trust can send cheques, made payable to The Lord Lieutenant's Trust Fund for Youth in Cornwall to Michael Galsworthy CVO, CBE, Vice Lord Lieutenant, The Cornwall Lieutenancy Office, County Hall, Truro TR1 3AY.

Youth Fund comes under Foundation Umbrella

Possibly one of the highest profile charities within the Cornwall Community Foundation is the Lord Lieutenant's Trust Fund for Youth. The Fund was launched last year in a hail of publicity and aims to help young people who demonstrate outstanding talent or enterprise but cannot for one reason or another go the last mile to achieve their ambitions.

The Fund aims to help youngsters who may have been victims of social deprivation and economic depression.



Michael Galsworthy, Vice Lord Lieutenant for Cornwall, said: "We're absolutely delighted with the way the trust fund is building so quickly and traditional Cornish generosity will I am sure help it quickly towards its target.

"I also value greatly the support and encouragement of the Cornwall Community Foundation which has given the trust fund charitable status. I have no doubt that we will be working together helping deserving young people in Cornwall."

Foundation Grants Help Cut Crime In Cornwall



Kids across Cornwall have been helping to tackle crime thanks to awards made to a special initiative by Devon and Cornwall Constabulary. Cornwall Crimebeat is a charity set up by the High Sheriff to encourage youngsters to develop crime prevention initiatives and to deter them from choosing a life of offending.

A total of £1,000 has been awarded to Cornwall Crimebeat by the Cornwall Community Foundation for projects ranging from school safety to anti-bullying during the past 12 months. PC Simon Dell, Cornwall Crimebeat Co-ordinator for Cornwall, says the Foundation has been a huge help to the charity.

Social Worker provides vital help to Foundation

Much of the work at Cornwall Community Foundation is done by a team of dedicated volunteers. One such helper is Audrey Carmichael, a social worker with Elim Church in Camborne, who specialises in child protection.

As a member of a Cornwall Community Foundation panel she sits with between six and ten others to help decide applications for funding. Being in a job with such strong community links, Audrey brings to the panel lots of expertise and helpful advice about various aspects of how proposed projects could help youngsters.

"I love being involved with the Foundation. I think the work it does is brilliant because it really brings money to a grass roots level. It's great to see money filtering through to projects that make a real change in the community," she said.

Lord George on why he supports the Foundation

Lord George relocated to the county after he retired in 2003. He was delighted to become involved with Cornwall Community Foundation when Chairman Lady Mary Holborow approached him because he was impressed with the thriving sense of community within Cornwall and the work of the foundation.

Funds administered by the CCF include:-

- BBC Radio Cornwall Appeal Fund
- The High Sheriff's Fund
- The Lady St Levan Fund
- The Lord Lieutenant's Trust Fund for Youth
- The Bishop's Fund, formerly the Destitution Fund.
- Sport Aid
- The Local Network Fund of the Department for Education & Skills



“When I was in work I found there were policies which apply across the whole of the country but there were still groups of people who fall between the cracks in those policies, and those people really don't fully share in the benefits of society. These problems are most easily identified by organisations like the Foundation and the community projects which it supports because they work at the grassroots level.”

As a Trustee and Board Member of the Cornwall Community Foundation, Lord George is actively involved in developing the Foundation to make a real difference to the county. With a keen interest in how funds are actually used, Lord George will be visiting Wadebridge in July to see how the Local Network Fund is being used by the Community Foundation to improve opportunities for young people in the area.

Fun and Games for Children this Summer

A dynamic initiative by a group of Cornish mums and dads is set to make sure children have plenty of fun activities to do during the summer holidays. The inventive parents of youngsters at Gorran CP School have created an eye-catching booklet featuring 50 of the best things to do with children in Cornwall.

Funded with £7,000 from The Local Network Fund of the DfES, which has been administered by the Cornwall Community Foundation, 6,000 copies of the booklet have been printed for distribution around the county.

Money raised from the booklet will help fund community projects in Gorran, such as providing play equipment and musical instruments.



Sue Hawken, one of the booklet's design team members, said: “Cornwall Community Foundation had been a fantastic help, they have moved heaven and earth and got the grant to us incredibly quickly. The money awarded by the Foundation has enabled us to cover printing costs for this year and next.”

The Kid's Cornwall guide costs £3 and is available from Ottakar's in Truro, the Lost Gardens of Heligan, the National Maritime Museum in Falmouth and www.kidscornwall.co.uk.

How you can help

Become a Friend

By becoming a Friend of the Foundation and pledging an annual donation you will become a Friend to the hundreds of individuals, children and families that we support. All you need to do is fill in a form, which you can obtain by making contact with our office.

Establishing a Named Fund

The Foundation offers naming opportunities for companies and individuals. A named fund requires a £5,000 donation but this can be built up over a number of years. This is a really good alternative to setting up an independent charitable trust, which can be expensive.

Legacies

Leaving a legacy to the Foundation is a very special way of ensuring that the Foundation will be able to support your community for many years to come.

Gift Aid

Registering for Gift Aid means that for every pound you give, we get an extra 28 pence from the Inland Revenue, helping your donation to go even further. Imagine what a difference this would make and it doesn't cost you a thing.

Gift of Shares

The tax relief on donations of shares is very generous, as these donations are exempt from capital gains tax, and you can claim tax relief against your income tax for the year.

First Grants from CCF top £436,000 (continued)

Executive Director Andrew Middleton says Cornwall Community Foundation couldn't have got off to a better start. "It's been a fantastic first year and much of that is down to the hard work and dedication of our staff, who have striven to give a highly valued service to a huge range of donors and beneficiaries. I'm very excited about the year ahead and am looking forward to seeing a number of exciting and extremely worthwhile projects receive a boost from the Foundation," he said.

Trustee David Bishop, of North Cornwall, said: "It's fantastic that the transition from Cornwall Independent Trust Fund to Community Foundation has been extremely smooth. The organisation is doing some excellent work in giving people across Cornish communities a boost with various projects, increasing self-confidence and self-esteem among groups which would not normally receive help."

The focus for 2005 is on building the Endowment and Named Funds with the emphasis on maintaining statutory youth funding under the Local Network Fund. Changes are also being made to the Foundation's grant making processes in a bid to increase the number of grants made, while strengthening its viability by working with supporters outside Cornwall.

Stop Press

- The Watergate Bay Hotel is kindly holding a Charity Dinner on behalf of the Lord Lieutenant's Trust Fund for Youth and the Cornwall Community Foundation on 12th May. Tickets are available from the Foundation Office.
- Come and visit the Foundation in the BBC Radio Cornwall marquee at the Royal Cornwall show on 9/10/11 June .



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Cornwall Community Foundation is an independent grant-making charity. Our purpose is to support community based projects that make a real difference to the quality of life for local people who are disadvantaged.

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