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Message From Lady Mary Holborow



Welcome to the Cornwall Community Foundation's second newsletter. Since our last update the CCF team have been extremely busy continuing their excellent work to help projects throughout the county find funding.

Our charity dinner and auction of promises held at the Watergate Bay Hotel in May was a tremendous success, attracting nearly 100 guests and raising just under £8,000 for the Lord Lieutenant's Trust Fund for Youth in Cornwall and the Cornwall Community Foundation.

The CCF were also at the Royal Cornwall Show in June thanks to the support of BBC Radio Cornwall who kindly provided space in their Show Theatre for the public to find out about the work of the Foundation and meet the team.

Since April we have awarded 47 grants worth more than £142,414 for projects that will make a valuable contribution helping community groups to help themselves make a real difference in their community.

I would like to take this opportunity to extend a very warm welcome to a new face at the CCF office as Rebecca Cremins joins Andrew Middleton and his team this month as a part-time grants co-ordinator. Rebecca will be a great asset to the team as she comes from a background of working in the charity sector and will help projects to prepare their applications for CCF's grants panels.

Thank you for the support that you have already given us. If you are involved with a group or charity that you think may benefit from our support, or if you are able to help us further with our fundraising, we would be delighted to hear from you.

Autumn Celebration Event

On Monday 24th October the Cornwall Community Foundation is holding a celebration event to showcase some of the best community projects in the county that have received funding through the Foundation.

The event will start at 6.30pm at the Combined Universities in Cornwall Tremough Campus in Penryn and promises to be a truly entertaining evening to include theatre and music as well as the opportunity to hear first hand how CCF is making a real difference to the lives of people of all backgrounds from across the county.

Please do put this date in your diary and RSVP to the office (01566 779333) if you would like to join us for this exciting evening.

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- Sport Relief was set up by Comic Relief and BBC Sport to use the power and passion of sport to tackle poverty and disadvantage, both in the UK and in some of the world's poorest countries.
- Grants from £250 to £5,000 are available to groups that are using sport and exercise to strengthen communities and provide opportunities for people who are excluded or disadvantaged.

CRCC Projects which have gained funding through the CCF include:

- Hear our Voice - A county wide project working with young people who are experiencing or at risk of experiencing mental health difficulties.
- Swamp Circus – The project provides facilities, workshops and classes in circus and physical theatre to promote and develop the therapeutic and educational qualities of circus and theatre for young people in all districts of Cornwall.

Boost to community sports projects through Sport Relief



Community sports clubs in Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly are set to receive a boost over the next two years as the CCF distributes a total of £30,000 on behalf of the Comic Relief and BBC Sport charity Sport Relief.



A number of applications to Sport Relief have already been assessed by the CCF and some of the first community projects to receive funding have included the Zebs Young People's Project, which have run a summer programme of sport and fun activities in Truro, and the Shallal Dance Theatre which have received funding towards running a beginners' weekly workshop in dance and theatre skills to help young people in Penzance increase their physical fitness and self-confidence whilst encouraging teamwork and providing a sense of belonging.

Working with the Cornwall Rural Community Council

The Cornwall Rural Community Council (CRCC) is a charitable company working for communities and the voluntary sector in Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly to help them realise their potential and improve local conditions.

Working closely with community groups across the county, the CRCC is well placed to identify projects eligible for CCF funding and where necessary can provide assistance and support for groups with their applications or to get their projects off the ground.



Paul Green, Social Inclusion Officer, describes how the CCF is now a valuable ally to help community based projects, such as Swamp Circus, secure the investment they need to flourish: "Over the past two years I have been involved with over 40 projects which have received grants from the Local Network Fund through the CCF.

"Groups often find that they have great ideas, but converting initial ideas into real projects requires a great deal of commitment and drive, as well as the all important funding. The Cornwall Community Foundation is doing a great job administering grants locally on behalf of the Local Network Fund.

"Their appreciation of local issues and ability to make decisions on applications in a short timescale means that quality community projects are given the best possible start to make a difference to people's lives."

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 Relief
- The Local Network Fund of the Department for Education & Skills

Project Updates

The Cornwall Community Foundation is committed to investing in projects that will make a real difference to the lives of groups and individuals across Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly.

Below you will see a snapshot of the diversity of projects that the CCF has provided grants for in the last year. To request a full list of grant awards please contact the CCF office.

Gazelles Gymnastics Club – A £7,000 grant from the Local Network Fund is helping young gymnasts from **Camborne and Redruth** to train to a high standard using modern equipment. The club has a strong local membership which will all benefit from training with new gymnastic equipment. The improvements to the club's facilities will also enable the Gazelles to host gymnastic events and local competitions at their hall in Pool, near Redruth.

Charlestown Rowing Club – A £4,597 Local Network Fund Grant is helping young rowers in **Charlestown** to enjoy the sport of gig rowing thanks to the purchase of a new 15 ft skiff which is perfectly suited to teaching technique to newcomers of the sport. The new training boat will also be used by the club to participate in a young people's community warden scheme to teach disadvantaged young people how to row in a crew.



Tintagel Skate Park – Young people from **Tintagel** and the surrounding area will soon have a safe place to hone their skills and become the potential champion skateboarders of the future after a project to develop a permanent skate park received its first stage of funding through the CCF.

The £6,000 grant on behalf of the Local Network Fund is enabling ground preparation work to take place at the Tintagel Memorial Playing Fields, providing a flat area suitable for skating away from the danger of the roads. Further fundraising is being carried out by the Tintagel Skateboard Club towards the £50,000 target to equip the park with ramps.

Would you prefer e-postage?

For those with internet access CCF newsletters can be emailed, enabling Cornwall Community foundation to make considerable savings on printing and postage charges. If you would prefer to receive future newsletters by email please contact the CCF office on 01566 779333 or email office@cornwallfoundation.com

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 penny.

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.

Poverty Forum Update

In April the Cornwall Poverty Forum held its second major hearing to hear first hand testimonies from those who face the daily struggle and challenges of living in poverty in Cornwall.

The Forum, which is made up from members across a wide spectrum of organisations and individuals in Cornwall who have a particular interest, heard about the experiences of individuals suffering from extreme poverty, homelessness, addictions and disability, who all share the common drive of wanting to find useful employment but had encountered barriers.

Workers from voluntary sector organisations told of the gaps in statutory provision which lead some people to slip into desperate situations.

Six key themes were identified at the Poverty Hearing and two working groups on Substance Abuse and Housing and Homelessness issues have already been formed. A follow-up event will be held on Saturday October 1st from 10am to 1pm at Truro Baptist Chapel and is open to all.

Community Assisted Projects

Communities across Cornwall are benefiting from tidier beaches, housing estates and recreation grounds thanks to a range of schemes set up by a project to co-ordinate volunteers with the needs of local projects and individuals.

The Community Assisted Projects Scheme links members of communities that want to put something back into their local area with individuals and projects in need of help.

CCF have supported the project with a grant of £7,000 from the Local Network Fund to buy equipment for volunteer groups to improve the appearance of public playing parks and housing estates and a grant of £1,000 towards office accommodation for the project. The scheme has also set up a Junior Park Wardens initiative to encourage young people to take good care of their recreation grounds and become active and constructive members of their community.



Stop Press - Sand chairs for disabled beach users

Three beaches in Cornwall are to have specially designed wheelchairs which can be pushed on sand from next summer. The sand chairs have been bought by the Cornwall Disability Forum with money from the Local Network Fund of the Cornwall Community Foundation.Details in next newsletter