

The Community Foundation for Staffordshire

A Year In Review

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Chief Executive

Welcome to our year in review,
covering the period from April 2022
up until the end of March 2023.

The Community Foundation has been working across Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent for more than 20 years, and since 2016 we've also been covering Shropshire and Telford & Wrekin. We connect people that want to support their community with those that need help and support – that could be private philanthropists, local business, local authorities or statutory bodies, or individual donors. Although we are based in Stafford, we have a team drawn from all over the county, and with links to Shropshire too. It means that we have in-depth local knowledge of our communities, and that we can identify needs that exist within them. We can help to mobilise local resources quickly and effectively to help to deal with those needs.

At the start of the year there was still some uncertainty in how much planning we could do for the forthcoming year. Although we had largely said goodbye to Covid related problems, there were a new set of problems rising to the surface, particularly related to fuel and energy costs, and the wider cost of living crisis. Russia had invaded Ukraine, and we were unsure what effect that would have on national, and more importantly for us, local, needs. We made the decision that whilst we would plan what we could, the most important thing for us, and for our communities, was the ability to be flexible and resilient. We wanted to make sure that

we could respond to emerging and new needs as quickly as possible.

A few years ago, our annual grant giving increased dramatically, as a result of Covid-related support, but we expected this to fall back to pre-covid levels. However, rather than dropping, the amount of funding we issued increased. This means that in every year since our inception, we have increased our grant-giving year on year. There is good and bad to take from that. Good in that we are responding to more need than ever before, and helping to ensure that the VCSE sector across Staffordshire and Stoke on Trent has the support that it needs, but bad that we need to offer so much support. Some organisations found it difficult to get back on track following several crises in a row, but the fact that they have come through those crises is testament to the fantastic work and resilience in our local voluntary sector.

We thought that our endowment building would also take a hit, but again, it surpassed our expectations. We took on new endowment funds in excess of £100,000, which will eventually be worth the low millions. Those new funds will help us to plan for the future and ensure that we can continue to support our local voluntary sector.

Our reputation has been enhanced due to the speed and depth of our response to the issues facing society, and people and businesses are recognising that should they want to support their local community then there is no one better placed to help them than the Community Foundation.

They know that through our emergency appeal funds we can respond quickly and get funding to those people that need it most, and where it will have the biggest impact. However, we have to strike a balance between being able to respond immediately to those emergencies, and also planning for the longer term, to help to build sustainability and resilience into our work, and the work of those people that support us.

The Best Kept Village & Community Competition was relaunched, with many previous entrants, and quite a few new entrants, taking part, eager to showcase the work that they had undertaken over the last few years. It wasn't just the aesthetic work, but also how they had pulled together as communities to support one another with the challenges that they faced. We also continued our Donate IT projects with Staffordshire County Council and Stoke-on-Trent City Council. The schemes refurbish old laptops and tablets so that they can be provided to those who don't have regular internet access. We're grateful to the support of Richard Hinton at First Class Technologies, who helped with some of the technical work.

We continue to operate on a hybrid model, with people working at home and in the office. The office is open and staffed every day, but by combining with homeworking it allows our team to make the most of the work-life balance, and to get the best of both worlds. Productivity has also increased, which is good for the foundation and testament to the hard work and commitment of our team. We also spoke to lots of other voluntary sector organisations that are now working in a similar way, and determined there was a need for more flexible workspace. As part of our work in 2023/24 we will be offering that space as part of our social impact.

To close this introduction I'd like to take the time to thank everyone who has helped and supported us on our journey this year. I'll start with the fantastic team at the Community Foundation, which will be expanding again soon. We recruited in the 2022/23 financial year, although they won't start work until April or May 2023. There is a lot of work that goes on behind the scenes and I'm fortunate to work with

some fantastic people, who view their role as far more than a job. They care about our communities and our residents, and genuinely want to help them to succeed and thrive. It is that commitment that allows the Community Foundation to grow.

Our President, Ian Dudson, HM Lord Lieutenant of Staffordshire, who has had an exceptionally busy year in his own right as Lord Lieutenant, due to the Platinum Jubilee, the death of HM Queen Elizabeth II, the succession of Their Majesties King Charles III and Queen Camilla and the planned coronation. Despite this, he has continued to support us, and we are all exceptionally grateful to his commitment, not only to us, but to the county as a whole.

Our trustees, who are always there on hand when support is needed and offer suggestions as to new ways to help and support people that they may come into contact with. This year we have also benefitted from a boardroom apprentice, Kayzi Ambridge, who is part of a government backed scheme to open up trusteeships to people that would not normally consider them.

All the members of our sub-committees, who are drawn from the communities that we serve, to help us make decisions on our direction and the support that we need to be offering to help people.

All of our donors, to our endowment funds, to our grants funds, and in response to our emergency appeals – we really couldn't do what we do if we didn't have your commitment and support. Your donations and efforts across the county really do improve the lives of local people, and we would all be poorer without your involvement.

With increased grant-giving and a higher value endowment fund, as well as lots of new projects in the pipeline, there come increased challenges. With our new expanded team in place, and with the support of our donors and trustees, I have no doubt that we can meet those challenges head-on, providing more in-depth and vital local support to our local communities than ever before.

Staffordshire

The Creative County

Bordered by the Black Country in the south and the Peak District in the north-east, Staffordshire is **home to 1,280,195 people**. It covers 1084 square miles and is probably **best known for its former industrial heritage, with mining, steel and pottery** the principal industries, but it also has **154 miles of canals, 7 National Trust sites, and 4 National Nature Reserves**.



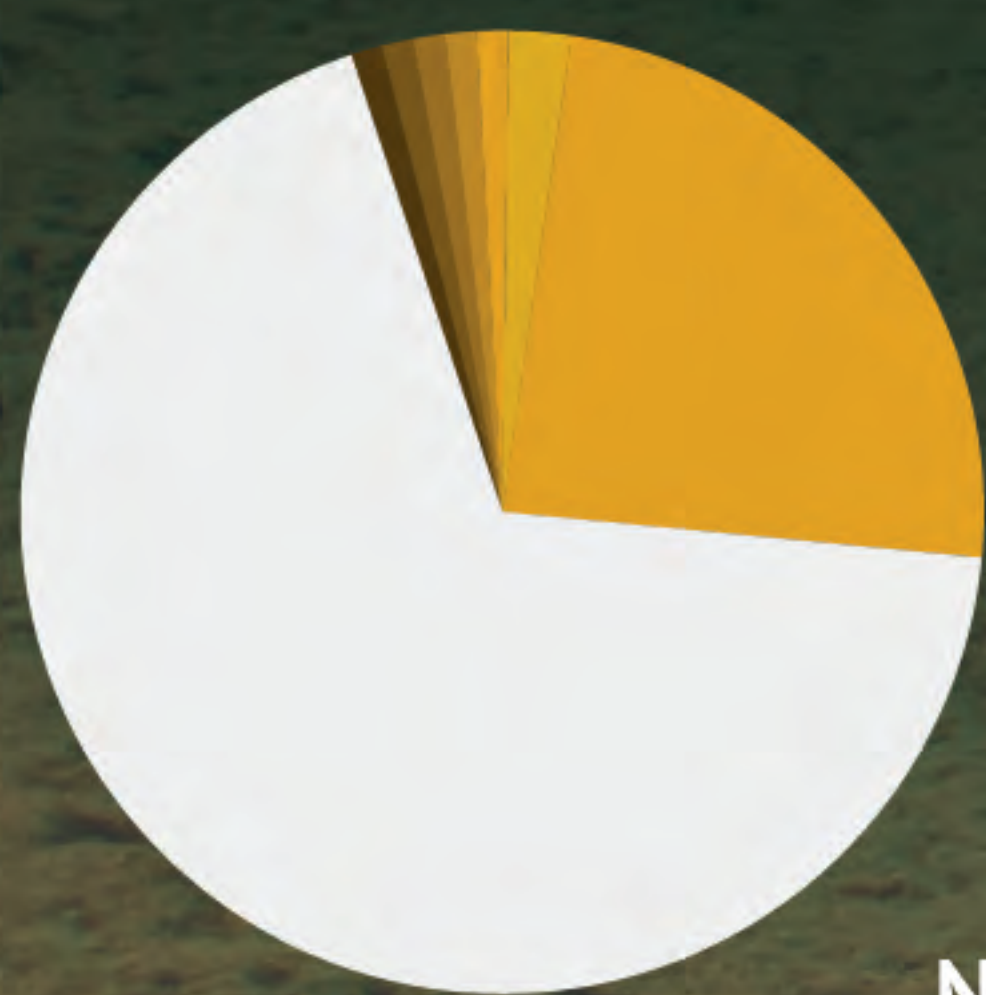
Ethnicity

Staffordshire	Stoke-on-Trent
White 93.6%	White 83.4%
Asian 3.3%	Asian 9.9%
Black 0.8%	Black 2.3%
Mixed Race 1.7%	Mixed Race 2.7%
Other 0.5%	Other 1.7%

£ **30,000k**

Staffordshire Average Salary £33,501
Stoke-on-Trent £33,080
National Average £33,000

Religion



Staffordshire	Stoke-on-Trent
Christian 53.9%	Christian 45.8%
Muslim 1.9%	Muslim 9.2%
Hindu 0.4%	Hindu 0.5%
Sikh 0.5%	Sikh 0.2%
Buddhist 0.3%	Buddhist 0.3%
No Religion 42.9%	No Religion 43.9%



81Yrs

Life Expectancy In Staffordshire

22%



People in Staffordshire without a passport

42Yrs

Average Age of Residents
NatAvg 40 Years Old



Young People - 21%
NatAvg 21%



Older People - 22%
NatAvg 19%

3.9%

Staffordshire Unemployment Rate



Stoke-on-Trent 4.1%
National Average 3.9%



20%

Of people in Staffordshire live in rural areas

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All About Us

About Your Community Foundation

The Community Foundation is the local expert in grant giving.

We work with many businesses, donors, philanthropists, and funders to help them to achieve their aims; maximising their impact whilst minimising their costs and workload. Everyone is different, and everyone wants to approach their charitable giving in a different way, and so we specialise in helping people to achieve what they want to, on their terms.

We manage many different types of funds, with some more suitable for immediate grant giving, some for longer-term, ongoing grant giving, and some designed to generate growth that adds to sustainability for our communities, where funding is not susceptible to changes and restrictions in funding cycles.

1 Permanent Endowment Fund

Donations to permanent endowments are 'locked in', meaning they cannot be spent. Instead the fund is invested, and the returns and dividends generated are used to award grants. This type of fund generates less in the first few years, but much more as time goes on, and so is very good for long-term sustainability.

2 Long-Term Endowment Fund

Long-term endowment funds work in a similar way to a permanent endowment fund, but have a fixed time horizon, usually of at least 10 years, but less than 25 years. The capital sum that is invested can be spent at the end of the period.

3 Expendable Endowment Fund

An expendable endowment is where a sum of money is invested within our endowment fund, but is designed to be spent over a fixed time period, perhaps five years as an example. The fund is spent equally each year, but accrues income from the investment, allowing more funding to be awarded than was originally invested.

4 Held Fund

A held fund is invested in a similar way to the endowments but is designed to benefit specific named organisations. The aims of the beneficiaries must still be charitable. A Held Fund could also be where we manage the administration of a charity on behalf of others, but it does not 'belong' to The Community Foundation.

5 Flowthrough Fund

This is a fund where a set amount of money is donated to, or managed by, The Community Foundation. It is not invested. It is awarded as grants over a pre-agreed timescale, and usually to a pre-agreed remit, and so is very good for short-term giving where people want their impact to be more immediate.



Being A Thoughtful Funder

The Community Foundation is probably most well-known for our grant giving, awarding more than £2m per year to help support causes across Staffordshire.

Our grant giving is drawn from many different sources—some from government provided schemes, which is distributed through the Community Foundation due to our local insight, knowledge and connections; some from local authorities, who work with us due to our reach, connections and our way of providing a high quality grant giving service that is cost effective; from national and regional charities, who want to reach local people; and through our endowment fund, which is made up from donations and funds from businesses and local individuals who want to give something back to their local area or communities.

Most of these funds are highly specialised, and they all have their own criteria and terms and conditions, but the Community Foundation helps to bridge the gap between the needs of the funder, and the needs of the community.

The Community Foundation regularly reviews its grant giving guidelines, procedures and practices, to ensure that we are still meeting the needs of the communities that we serve. In 2020 we signed up to the Institute for Voluntary Action Research (IVAR) managed ‘thoughtful funder’ scheme. It is based around eight commitments that make things easier, clearer and transparent for grant applicants.

- 1. We will not waste applicants’ time and we will explain our priorities clearly, and be open and transparent about requirements
- 2. We will only ask relevant questions and only collect information that is necessary
- 3. We will accept our share of risk and be realistic about how much assurance grant applicants can provide
- 4. We will act with urgency working at a pace that meets the needs of applicants and make our decisions as quickly as possible
- 5. We will be open about our decisions giving feedback and publishing success rates and providing reasons for unsuccessful applications
- 6. We will enable grantees to respond to changing needs by giving unrestricted funding where possible, and making any restricted funding as flexible as possible
- 7. We will be clear about our relationship from the start, being realistic about time commitments to ensure our contact is positive and purposeful
- 8. We will use light touch reporting where possible, ensuring that our formal reporting requirements are well understood, proportionate to the amount of funding awarded and meaningful

Emergency Response

Cost of Living Crisis

Throughout 2022 there has been a significant amount of attention on the cost-of-living crisis. Even people who were able to previously pay their bills found themselves struggling. Rising prices for food and fuel affected everyone in society, but particularly those that could least afford it.

Older people and families with young children found themselves disproportionately affected. In October 2021 the average energy bill was £1271, but 12 months later that had risen to £2500, leaving many more households experiencing fuel poverty.

The Community Foundation has a long history of responding to those crises which affect our community, and launched public support funds for both the cost-of-living crisis and the fuel poverty crisis in winter. We also worked with Staffordshire County Council, Stoke-on-Trent City Council and Beat the Cold to administer the Household Support Fund. This programme, and our public appeals, have helped a huge number of people across our county to cope with the cost-of-living crisis, and helped to remove some of the worry and stress from the most vulnerable people in our society.



The Community Foundation worked in partnership with Beat the Cold and Staffordshire County Council to deliver two separate programmes which assisted residents with the rising costs of heating their homes. Over 5000 applications were processed, with less than 20 ineligible applications received, and nearly £1.8 million was awarded. Help was targeted towards households with young children, elderly adults, people with disabilities or those living with long-term health conditions, as well as those on low incomes.

Payments were made to pay people's fuel bills, to top up pre-payment meters, or to provide fuel vouchers for those who had to top up their meter manually.

"I would just like to thank all of your team for the brilliant work you do to help people through this fuel poverty nightmare. Today has been the first time in a while I've been able to put the heating on this morning and be warm. Thank you all so very much."

“Thank you very much indeed for helping us in this way. It is hard to express how relieved it has made us feel about the coming winter.”



We worked with Stoke-On-Trent City Council and Beat the Cold to offer support to low-income households who were struggling with rising heating costs. We ran two programmes, which helped to support more than 1200 people in more than 600 households. More than £50,000 was awarded to households across Stoke-on-Trent.

“I just wanted to send a little email to say that the work you do is very important to some people and you are helping people in a very big and special way. Thank you for all the help, you are an angel. Bless you what you did for me is really helping. I am emailing because many people may not notice how you help so you don't get enough praise so I wanted to give you my praise you all deserve it.”

“Thanks for the top up. You and your team have put a big, big smile on my face”



Emergency Response

Heat or Eat?

Across the country people have been experiencing extreme hardship.

Rising costs have proven to be extremely challenging for many, which has exacerbated existing issues. Loneliness and isolation, and being unable to eat warm and nutritious meals, has forced many to live in cold homes, and led to increased problems with health and wellbeing. In turn this can have a knock-on effect on demand for doctors' appointments and pressure on the health service. There is an existing network of food banks, and many voluntary and community organisations already offer support, but many who have never needed help before found themselves in a position of need.

The Midlands Partnership NHS Foundation Trust (MPFT) was working with some of Staffordshire's local

authorities to support organisations that were running 'warm spaces'. The Community Foundation was running a public appeal to attract donations that would do the same thing, and so by working together we launched a scheme worth more than £250,000. This allowed us to create a network of warm and welcoming spaces which offered people a period of relief, gave them a warm and friendly welcome, a friendly ear to talk to, whilst having a warm meal and hot drink. Following further donations from the Department for Culture, Media & Sport, M&G investment managers and the British Red Cross we were able to expand the scheme to cover the whole of the county.

In total more than 61 organisations were supported, with remaining funds being retained to support people through winter 2023.

Changes Tamworth

Changes Tamworth work with vulnerable people who are suffering from mental ill-health or conditions of emotional or mental distress requiring advice or treatment.

They promote and protect physical and mental health within the community by the advancement of education and provision of facilities and services promoting health, social welfare, personal development, work and recreation, and social inclusion.

They were awarded funding to open their hub as a

welcoming Warm Space. The space opened every Wednesday from January through to March, a place for people to meet, socialise and feel supported in a warm environment.

“How great to come out and meet people to help with my anxiety and to stop the worry of paying the utilities bills” - This lady now comes every week to Changes Tamworth



Community Together CIC

Based centrally in the castle grounds in Tamworth, Community Together aim to help people to 'Grow Well, Live Well and Age Well'. They provide a range of holistic services and grant funded projects based on the needs of the communities they serve, including The Hub, Tamworth's Befriending Centre, a telephone support line, meals on wheels and NHS social prescribing.

They used their grant to open their facilities in response to the cost-of-living crisis, as a "Warm Space". They offered soup and a roll and a hot pudding with tea and coffee at the Community Hub throughout the week.

"The warm space on a Tuesday and Thursday is definitely getting popular and people using the session not only for the hot food and drink but are

also taking part in the activities. We have had people comment on how lovely the homemade soup is we have been making.

A couple of people we have also sign posted to other services as when talking to Volunteers they have been struggling so have been able to refer to CAB for Benefits Review and we have also issued Winter Warmer Packs as part of a Partnership with Staffordshire Fire and Rescue Tamworth Station."



Emergency Response Ukraine

In February 2022 Russia invaded Ukraine, displacing millions of people who were desperate to flee the attacks across the country.

People were doing all they could to move away from the front lines, and many European nations showed their support by welcoming refugees. Over 700 Ukrainian refugees have arrived in Staffordshire, many who were homed by local families who had signed up to a support scheme. People arriving had to flee with nothing, and so did not have access to essential resources that form part of daily life.

As an organisation with the ability and resourcefulness to respond to immediate crises, the Community Foundation recognised the need to step in and assist where we could. We managed two schemes to support Ukrainian refugees, with a third due to launch in early 2023.

Global Challenges Local Solutions

In August 2022, the Community Foundation began working with Global Challenges Local Solutions (GCLS), who support organisations and communities to solve global problems on a local level. We supported 5 organisations, awarding over £12,000.

Rotary Club of Cannock used our grant to provide Ukrainians with food, hygiene products, school uniforms, and a weekly meeting offering guidance and advice.

Stoke on Trent Helping Ukrainians Group (SHUG) used their grant to run meet and support sessions in their local community. They provided a safe and comfortable space for Ukrainian families to meet and access much needed support. They hosted activity sessions including traditional craft sessions, cooking sessions, where they cooked traditional borscht, and were even able to host a Ukrainian Christmas event.



Our Grants

Arts, Culture and Heritage

The Community Foundation supports organisations across the county to connect people with the participatory arts, encouraging them to take a more active role in their community.

In addition to arts & culture, we also support local causes that aim to inspire and enthuse people by engaging with our local history and heritage. Whilst lots of focus is often placed on the academic subjects, community arts often provide a way to appeal to a wider demographic, bringing people from very different backgrounds together to share knowledge, skills and support one another.

A Case Study

Staffordshire Cultural Events

Staffordshire Cultural Events, based in Stafford, host many different community events. They aim to build better community relationships, provide safe environments for community celebrations and entertainment, and encourage social interaction. They were awarded a grant from Stafford Borough Small Grants fund to help them deliver a Jubilee Celebration event in Stafford town centre. The Market Square and the town centre hosted street food vendors, retail & market stands, and arts & crafts. There was live music on stage with Stafford FM and a children's competition for the best dressed Queen.



A Case Study

Friends of Shenstone Tower

Friends of Shenstone Tower are trying to repair their church tower in Shenstone. Once the repairs have been completed, they aim to open the tower for the local community to visit and enjoy, for local schools to use as an educational resource, and to host visits from interested groups from Lichfield and the surrounding area.

We awarded them a grant to purchase benches to be placed at the base of the tower, as a place for people to rest after climbing the tower and to sit and enjoy the monument.

‘We are now fitting out the Tower for visitors, and rather than buy new benches we have used your grant to make 3 benches from the old bell tower timbers using a local craftsmen, and thereby preserving some old materials. They are installed & look great’



Our Grants

Crime Prevention & Community Safety

Working in partnership with the Staffordshire Commissioner's office...

the Community Foundation has provided funding for communities to enable them to address issues in their community which concern them. By engaging with local communities, we have been able to provide funding for projects that really make a difference to everyday life in communities. Funding awarded so far has included alley gating projects, community parking solutions, grants for groups supporting women and girls affected by violence, support for youth projects and community garden schemes.

A Case Study

Lichfield Litter Legends wanted to find a solution to problems in their area that included fly tipping, litter, overgrown gardens and untidy communal areas. They wanted to bring back a sense of pride in their community, and to help residents to keep the areas around their homes tidy and welcoming. Our grant enabled them to hold an event called 'Pride in Your Community Day', and provide skips, litter picking and gardening equipment, and bulbs and seeds.

"6 skips were delivered to various locations throughout the area and residents were encouraged to bring items that they no longer required and fill the skips. Within the first three hours of the day, the skips were filled to the brim and taken away. There were lots of thanks and a few tears from grateful residents who were struggling to get rid of their unwanted bits and pieces.

Over 30 volunteers from Lichfield Litter Legends gave up their Saturday to help man the skips, litter pick and generally make the area look tidy. At the end of the day 29 bags of litter had been collected, together with other rubbish that was piled into the skips.

Rock painting and colouring for the local children proved to be very popular as did the sweets and snacks and drinks provided.

Just a great day that everyone involved should be very proud to have been a part of."

-Bob Harrison, Lichfield Litter Legends



Our Grants

Education, Employment & Work

As administrators of the European Social Fund Community Grants scheme for Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent

we worked with the Department for Education and the Local Enterprise Partnership to support community groups with grants to help people to

progress into further education, volunteering, or paid employment. We awarded grants of up to £20,000 to more than 50 groups, who engaged in excess of 700 people.



A Case Study

Frontline Dance

Frontline dance is an artist led organisation based in Stoke-on-Trent, placing disabled people and those with long-term health conditions at its core as leaders, dancers, artists, and audiences. They helped people with disabilities to gain confidence and transferable skills through various creative workshops over a 12 week period.

“Participants took part in weekly workshops that used tried and tested methods, tailored and designed to support improved communication skills, awareness of self and others, networking, organisation, greater perception of how others may see them, self-belief, ability to express needs to others, team working and an excellent work ethic.

Participants learnt how to portray confidence through posture & body language, and learnt methods of relaxation and mindfulness, to help reduce and manage stress levels and anxiety. Those who had an aspiration to dance as a career took part in more advance and technical dance training, choregraphed their own work, with one excelling to train alongside and perform with our professional dancers.

An attendee was diagnosed with sight loss, then later Multiple Sclerosis. He'd had a number of long stays in hospital, and he'd be out of work for eleven years. He felt unable to look for work or physically able to. The work he had done in the past was no longer an option. He came to the first session very unsure, and cautious of moving. It was the first time he had done anything like this.

He wanted to explore what jobs he could do with sight loss and MS. He wanted to have greater self-esteem and confidence particularly in what he could and couldn't do realistically with the conditions that he had. He knew working part time wasn't an option but hoped a volunteering role or flexible part-time permitted work could be. He'd like to be in a role that was helping people and that his lived experience would complement. In his words he felt about 30% he could achieve this.

With a lot to offer we are pleased that he now feels around 75% confidence he'll be able to finally get into some paid part-time, permitted work to develop from what he's gaining as a volunteer.”

Our Grants

Environment

People are now more aware of the dangers that are presented by climate change, and the effects that it is having on our world.

It poses a threat to our planet, our communities and our health. At the Community Foundation we are committed to reducing our environmental impact, and supporting communities across Staffordshire to improve their own environment and surroundings for the benefit of local people. Organisations are encouraged to incorporate the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals into their projects in order to spread the initiative across the county. Many of the schemes that we manage have criteria that allows organisations to apply for support where they are working in the fields of environmental and climate change.

A Case Study

Tea Valley Meadow Nature Trust

Alan and Sylvia Williams took over a piece of unimproved farmland and used it to establish a nature reserve. They transformed it with a huge variety of habitats including planting new woodland, wildflower meadows, digging a wetland and more. Sadly in 2018 Sylvia died and the Tea Valley Meadow Nature Trust was established in her memory to maintain and protect the reserve for the future. As well as ongoing reserve conservation and improvement work, the trust works closely with the local community, with a programme of craft courses which they deliver to scouts and guides, through talks and visits with local groups and volunteer work.

In February 2023, Tea Valley Meadow Nature Trust were awarded a grant from the TopCashback Sustainability Fund to enable them to continue running the courses, such as bird box making, bug hotel making and barn owl awareness.

“We design our courses to ensure the young people who go on them leave feeling enriched and have memories to take forward. They learn about how habitat is key to the conservation of local native

species, what habitats exist in their area and how we can protect and improve them for the future. They learn about sustainable materials, and how they can be used to construct solutions for the future, to help with the fight against climate change. They get practical experience with tools and can use their creative skills to add their own personal touches to their creations.”



A Case Study

Climate Action Group

The Moorlands Climate Action Group work with organisations to develop and deliver a plan to reach Carbon Neutrality by 2030. They were awarded a grant through We Love The Moorlands to support the opening of a new Repair Cafe project in Leek. The repair café gives household items a longer life by fixing them rather than throwing them away. This reduces the volume of raw materials and energy needed to make new products, and cuts CO2 emissions by reusing products instead of manufacturing new ones. The café also supports community cohesion and gives opportunities for community members to engage with the volunteer fixers and share knowledge.



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Our Grants

Health & Wellbeing

Since September 2022, the Community Foundation has been working in partnership with local NHS organisations, Midlands Partnership NHS Foundation Trust (MPFT) and North Staffordshire Combined Healthcare Trust (NSCHT), to transform the way adult community mental health care and support is delivered locally.

The Community Mental Health Transformation programme forms part of a national programme set out in the NHS Long Term Plan to enable adults with severe mental illness to access services in a new, more joined up and effective way, regardless of their diagnosis or level of complexity.

The Community Mental Health Framework for Young Adults and Older Adults (CMHF) model means that NHS community mental health services will be developed with community organisations working together in a seamless way, with people who use the services being put at the centre of service provision, and much more involved in their own care and support.

More than £900,000 will be awarded across the

county to deliver innovative and impactful projects, and since September 2022 more than £260,000 has been allocated to 15 organisations. The programme will run until March 2025, with a further 4 rounds scheduled.

A Case Study

Veteran Support Network

Veteran Support Network CIC were awarded a grant to run their “Veteran Art Recovery” project to reduce loneliness, isolation, and exclusion amongst the veteran community. Art therapy sessions were designed to introduce veterans of all ages to similar people, so that they can forge new friendships and access the mental health and welfare services that they need.



A Case Study

Katherine Allport Foundation

The Katherine Allport Foundation were awarded £5000 for their 'Cosy for Chemo' project, supporting those starting cancer treatment in South Staffordshire.

People going through chemotherapy often have difficulty in keeping warm, and with rising fuel costs and the cost-of-living crisis people needed more support than ever. In an attempt to support those most in need, the group used the funding to purchase fleeces and distributed them to cancer patients across Staffordshire.

“The fleeces have genuinely kept people cosy for chemo this winter. There has been some cold weather this winter and due to this grant we have been able to keep people comfortable, even with them not using their central heating as much due to the cost of living issues.”

We have received overwhelming praise and thanks for the fleeces such as:~

“My husbands (fleece) was a god send, thank you for all your hard work” -Debbie H

“I’m currently at Hospital having Chemo. The nurses have just come

around with them (the fleeces) thank you so much” - Teresa A

“I’m currently having treatment and received one of these (fleeces) yesterday. It is oh so lovely, soft and toasty, thank you” - Sue P

“Thank you so much for my lovely cosy fleece which came yesterday, it’s so warm” - Linda E



Our Grants

Strong Communities

Strong communities are essential if people across our area are to feel valued and involved.

Building the capacity and ability of local organisations to respond to the need in their own communities, helping them to have a direct effect on where they live, is a key part of the work of the Community Foundation. A large proportion of grants to organisations are focused on helping them to address the need in their local communities, and to help them strengthen community cohesion in their local area.

A Case Study

Loveinspire Foundation

The Loveinspire Foundation aim to prevent poverty & hardship by offering early intervention & preventative support services across Burton-on-Trent. We supported them to open their Eton Community Hub on Sundays, which offers people the opportunity to meet, chat and seek advice. It also helps to reduce loneliness and encourage community cohesion.

“As the only community centre or space in the ward this grant has made a huge difference to beneficiaries who have attended. We have had people in tears as they have not felt safe & confident enough to socialise with other people since lockdown.

Friendships have been formed and the information for vital services have been distributed leading to families receiving additional food vouchers & support with fuel poverty. All attendees are hoping that the food hub continues.”

“Miss B is in her 70's she has lived in the area for over 30 years. She was formerly very active organising activities in the area but unfortunately her health deteriorated due to a stroke. The stroke has left her struggling with her mobility and speech. (She) read about the food hub via a flyer that was posted through her door and an announcement at

her local church. She rarely has visitors and so the community food hub has been much welcomed, a place that she is respected, heard. Somewhere she is able to meet with old friends and make new ones. Miss B is our eldest beneficiary she is remarkable and tries very hard to maintain her independence, she enjoys sharing life experiences and is very happy that the food hub will continue. (She) has carer come in just once a week and sometimes struggles with isolation & cooking meals and has not missed a session and has since invited several other local friends who have benefited from the group”



A Case Study

Farm Fresh Revolution

Farm Fresh Revolution aims to educate and inspire families to eat more fresh food and thereby improve public health. We supported their 'Market stall extension' project in Burton-on-Trent to enable them to set up market stalls at Anglesey and Winhill Neighbourhood Community Centre.

“Giving our fresh produce to families via the market stall encourages parents to cook from scratch more, feeding their families healthier meals. Children's earliest experiences with food can shape lifelong habits so by providing easy access to quality fresh food we are trying to instil good cooking habits. Not only are we providing the ingredients, we also give a recipe at each delivery that contains at least one of the

ingredients on the stall. This encourages families to broaden their cooking knowledge and perhaps try a vegetable they wouldn't normally cook with”



Nikki Winmill
Programmes
Officer



Joe Palmer
Programmes
Officer



Find Out More

To find out more about our available grant programmes please contact the Programmes team via email or by phone:

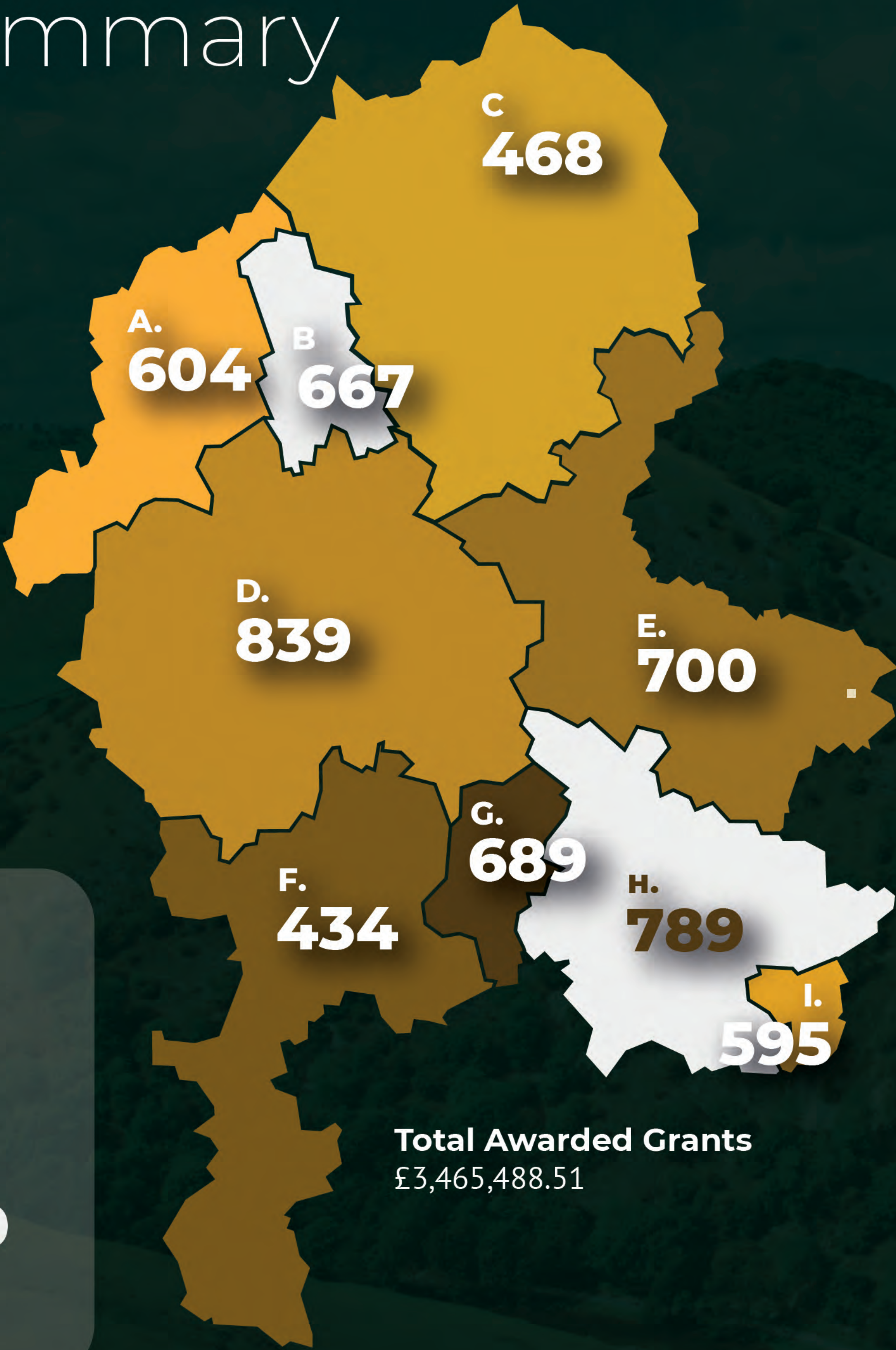
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Financial Summary

Grants Awarded by Area

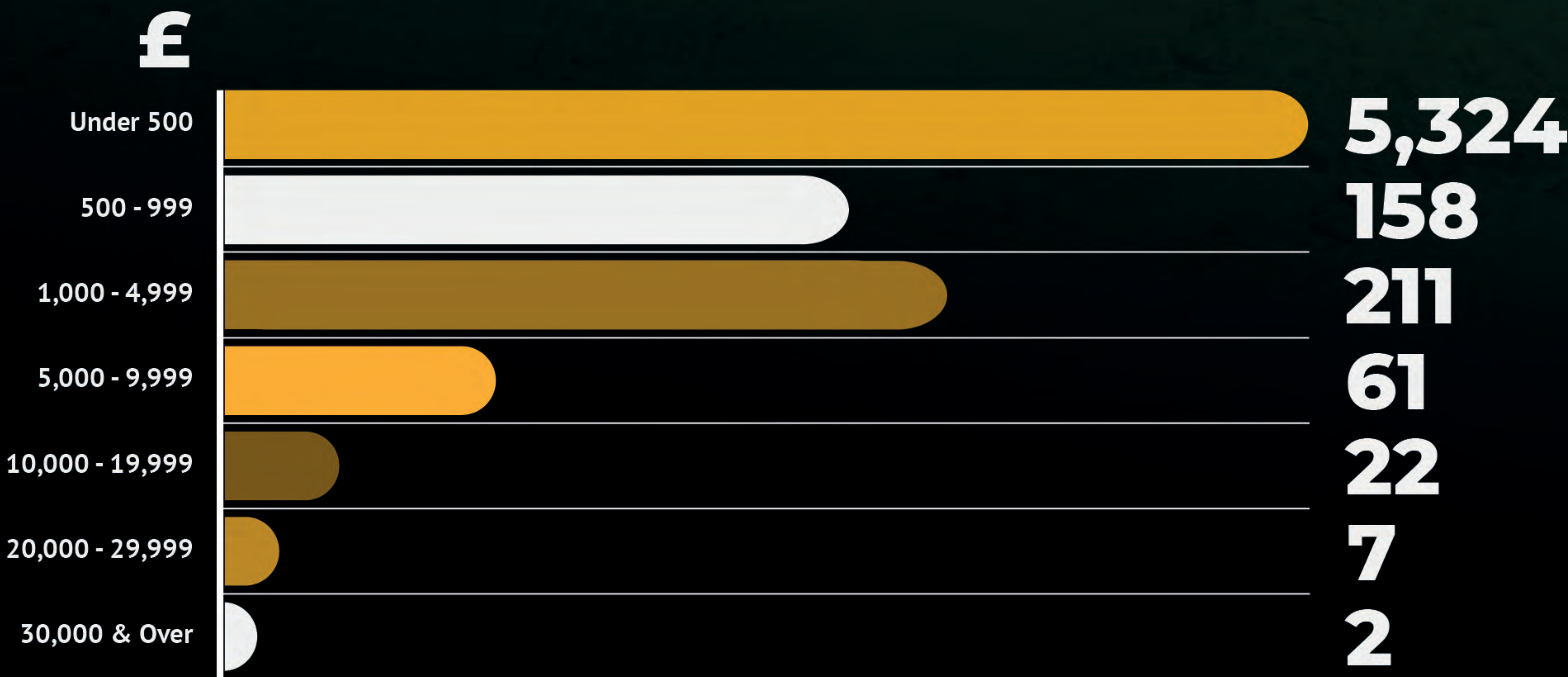
- A. Newcastle-under-Lyme £337,067.54
- B. Stoke-on-Trent £656,524.73
- C. Staffordshire Moorlands £308,683.19
- D. Stafford £414,302.97
- E. East Staffordshire £468,959.19
- F. South Staffordshire £213,839.89
- G. Cannock Chase £402,452
- H. Lichfield £367,992.60
- I. Tamworth £295,666.40



Grants Awarded by Beneficiary Number



Grants Awarded by Financial Band



Financial Summary

Grants Awarded

by United Nations Sustainable Development Goals



The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development was adopted by all UN member states in 2015. At its heart are the 17 Sustainable Development Goals which are an urgent call to action.

They recognise that ending poverty and deprivation must go hand in hand with strategies that improve health and education, reduce inequality and spur economic growth, whilst tackling climate change and working to preserve our oceans and forests.

The grants that we award, and initiatives that we are involved in, can empower communities, boost capacity, and create positive change at a grassroots level. They can improve the health, wellbeing and education of people, and help to create new and better opportunities for all.

When we award our grants, we allocate them to the most appropriate of the 17 SDGs. Whilst most grants can fit into two or three different SDG categories, ensuring that all categories are met, the three most common, (according to total amount of funding awarded in the 2022/23 financial year) are:



If you would like to learn more about the UN Sustainable Development Goals or the Community Foundation's work in this field, please contact Jo Cooper on 01785 339540 or email via office@staffordshire.foundation

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Initiatives

Best Kept Village Community Competition

Celebrating Community Spirit and Heritage

As the sun-drenched countryside of Staffordshire came alive in 2022, so did the heart and soul of its vibrant communities through the esteemed Best Kept Village & Community competition. This celebrated event not only showcased the breath-taking beauty of Staffordshire but also served as a testament to the remarkable community spirit that thrives within its towns and villages. With a rich history and a commitment to preserving its heritage, this competition holds immense importance for the present and future generations.

The competition brought together people from all walks of life, uniting them under a common goal: to showcase the best of their village or community. It was a true celebration of togetherness, where neighbours came together as a collective force, working tirelessly to enhance their surroundings and create a sense of pride.

Staffordshire's Best Kept Village & Community competition of 2022 was a resounding success, showcasing the unwavering commitment and dedication of its communities. From the

meticulously manicured gardens to the well-preserved historical landmarks, the effort and passion put forth by the participants were evident in every corner of the county. The competition truly highlighted the strength and unity of Staffordshire's communities, and they should be immensely proud.

It is through events like these that we recognise the power of community and the impact it can have on our surroundings. The Best Kept Village & Community competition is a testament to the beauty and history that Staffordshire possesses. It is a reminder to cherish and preserve our heritage, while also fostering a sense of belonging and pride in the hearts of all who call this county home.

As we look ahead to the future, let us continue to support and encourage such events that celebrate the community spirit and heritage of Staffordshire. By doing so, we ensure that the next generation will inherit a legacy they can be proud of—a legacy that reflects the love, dedication, and shared values of this remarkable county.



The winners of BKVC 2022 are:



Winner of the Richard Winterton Auctioneers Award for Community Spirit
BREWOD



Winner of the CPRE Staffordshire Sustainable and Green Initiative Award
IPSTONES



Winners of the Large Village/Community Category
1st **BREWOD**
2nd **YOXALL**
3rd **ABBOTS BROMLEY**



Winners of the Small Village/Community Category
1st **ACTON TRUSSELL**
2nd **BEDNALL**
3rd **KINGSLEY HOLT**



It was also a chance to congratulate the winners of the children's poster competitions and Spirit of BKVC with certificates and vouchers:

Runner up in the 5-7 years **AMELIA SMITH**
Winner of the 5-7 years **SAMUEL CULVERHOUSE**
Runner up in the 8-11 years **AMBER KINNERSLEY**
Winner of the 8-11 years **FLORENCE HICKMAN**
Spirit of BKVC Winner – **ELLA THORLEY**



And finally, a note of sincere thanks to our generous sponsors for 2022:

Richard Winterton Auctioneers Ltd (Headline sponsor), Canalside Farm Shop and Café, Homes Plus Group, The Owen Family Trust, and to our supplementary competition sponsors: The Mill Dam Trust and KGL Estates



The Community Foundation

Our Partnerships



UKCF

The Community Foundation is a member of UK Community Foundations, (UKCF), a national membership organisation that secures national grant funding to be distributed through local community foundations, and offers national representation for the support of empowered local communities.



The Living Wage

The Community Foundation is a Living Wage employer, and a Living Wage Funder, which means that not only are staff and contractors paid at least the Living Wage rate, but that any grants awarded to other organisations allow for their staff to be paid at least the Living Wage rate. The Community Foundation is also a member of the Living Wage Funder's Committee.



Clinical Commissioning Group

Clinical Commissioning Group Local Equality Advisory Forum

The Community Foundation is a member of the CCG LEAF group, which aims to ensure services provided by the CCG are appropriate for, and accessible to, all communities across Staffordshire.



High Sheriff

Continuing our work with successive High Sheriffs, the Community Foundation was honoured to work with Ben Robinson, High Sheriff for Staffordshire 2022/23, raising funds for the voluntary sector and making the High Sheriff Awards 2022.



Donate IT Stoke

The Community Foundation partnered with Vast and Stoke-on-Trent City Council to take IT equipment that was no longer needed and to recycle and refurbish it so that it could be distributed to those people that did not have access to suitable equipment for work or education.



Staffordshire County Council Donate IT

In Spring 2021 the Community Foundation began working with Staffordshire County Council to take IT equipment that was no longer needed, and to recycle and refurbish it so that it could be distributed to those people that did not have access to suitable equipment for work or education.

The Community Foundation works in partnership with many organisations, to help bring greater benefit to the community than one organisation alone could.



Surviving Winter

Surviving Winter is a scheme managed by community foundations across the UK, and raises funds to help people in our communities who may suffer disproportionately through the colder months, particularly due to heating costs, loneliness or isolation. More than £350,000 was awarded to Staffordshire residents through the scheme.



Staffordshire County Council

We again worked in partnership with Staffordshire County Council to deliver vital help to people who were struggling with the cost of heating their homes.

Other programmes included helping organisations to recover following the pandemic, and supporting residents with the challenges of the rising cost of living.



Stoke-on-Trent City Council

We worked with Stoke-on-Trent City Council on a few initiatives throughout the year:

Household Support Fund, which offered support to low-income households who were struggling with heating costs. Homes for Ukraine IT support programme, which provided digital equipment to Ukrainian refugees hosted under the Stoke on Trent City Council Homes for Ukraine scheme. This ensured Ukrainian families were not digitally isolated and could stay connected with family and friends.



Staffordshire Commissioner

The Community Foundation are delivering two programmes in partnership with the Commissioner's office - the Community Change programme and a programme combating violence against women and girls. The schemes encourage local communities to make their voices heard and to help make change within their communities, tackling issues of anti-social behaviour and violence.



Lichfield District Council

We continued our partnership in 2022/23 with the delivery of the Small Grants scheme, The Lichfield Community Lottery and the Lichfield District Council Members Fund.



Stafford Borough Council

The relationship between the Community Foundation and Stafford Borough Council continued in 2022/23 with the delivery of the Small Grants scheme, the Stafford Borough Sports fund and the new Warm Spaces programme.

Working In Partnership

We Love... Place Based Funds

These funds are to support specific geographical areas and are made up of pooled donations from businesses, trusts and individuals.

we love

CANNOCK CHASE BURTON **LICHFIELD**
THE MOORLANDS **NEWCASTLE**
STAFFORD **SOUTH STAFFORDSHIRE**
STOKE ON TRENT **STAFFORD**
UTTOXETER TAMWORTH
STAFFORDSHIRE



We provide individuals and companies ways to give back to the community that ensures long-term benefits. Many local businesses have a vested interest in the communities in which they operate, as it is these communities that are the source of their workforce, and often their valued customers.

Businesses and local people often receive requests for support from many notable and worthy causes, ranging from raffle prizes to financial contributions and donations. It can be difficult for a business to support all of those requesting help, and difficult to decide which ones to support. What makes one charity or cause more worthy than another? There is also the issue of philanthropy versus charitable giving. Some people want to make a long-term change, where results are not seen for a few years.

They are prepared to invest in that and forego the immediate impact for longer term benefit. This is a more strategic way of giving and has its own unique approach.

On the other hand, some people want to address issues currently affecting our community. They want to deal with current issues and make an immediate impact on their own doorstep. They want to look around and see the improvement in lives or

immediate problems. At the Community Foundation we balance one with the other, so we can make the long-term strategic changes, whilst also dealing with the immediate need.

Our place-based funds create connections between people and businesses who want to offer support to their local area and to local people. They help to support causes and communities that hold personal significance for people, their business, their staff teams, and their families. They are a way of directing charitable giving to those that need it most, and the Community Foundation ensures that all due diligence and legal requirements have been met. It means that businesses or people supporting our place-based funds get all the good stuff – the credit for supporting their local community, photo opportunities with funded organisations, invitations to presentations and grant giveaways. But it also means that they don't have to deal with the time consuming or labour-intensive side of the work - sourcing applications, vetting organisations to make sure that they are able to deliver what they

say they can, making sure they have all appropriate insurances in place, the list goes on. It means that people supporting our place-based funds get all the good stuff, but none of the bad.

When you engage with the Community Foundation, you join a collective effort to build a better future. We can foster a nurturing environment where people can make a lasting and positive impact. Together, we can help to shape a community, so that it thrives, ensuring that our actions today lay the foundation for a stronger tomorrow.



To learn more about how you can support your local community through one of our place-based funds, please get in touch with Jo Cooper on 01785 339540 or office@staffordshire.foundation

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Be Part of It!



Help to Give Something Back

At the Community Foundation we recognise that charitable giving is a deeply personal decision, and everyone's approach is different, based on whether they are giving as an individual, a business, or as a legacy. It will vary dependent on whether people want to have an immediate impact, or whether they want to set up something that lasts long into the future.

That's why we work closely with you to create a unique and tailored plan that aligns with your

needs and aspirations, allowing you to support communities in your area of choice in a manner that resonates with your values.

We understand that donors come from diverse backgrounds and circumstances. While some may possess significant wealth and resources, we also recognise that many individuals simply have a strong desire to make a positive impact and support causes they deeply care about, regardless of their financial means. We value and appreciate the contributions of all donors who share a passion for creating meaningful change in their communities.

By working with you, we ensure that your philanthropic support is tailored to your specific interests, enabling you to see the tangible and life changing difference that your support can make. Our team is here to guide and support you throughout the process, using our expertise and resources to maximise the effectiveness of your charitable giving.



If you would like to learn more about how you can establish your own fund please contact Faye Williams on 01785 339540 or email via office@staffordshire.foundation
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Here's How You Can Help to Give Something Back...

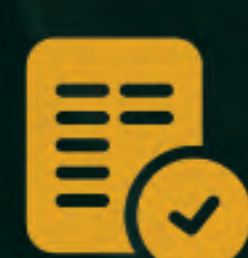
Personal Endowment Fund

You may want to establish your own tax efficient fund, in your name, or the name of something that you care about. An endowment fund is particularly good for long-term, sustainable benefit, that will ensure you help people long into the future. Learn more on page 29.



Legacy Fund

You can leave a gift to a cause or area you care about by working with the Community Foundation. We will support you to ensure that your chosen cause continues to benefit after you have gone. Learn more on page 31.



Held Fund

You may want to retain personal financial responsibility for your fund, but you may need some help with the administration of it. We can support you every step of the way, so that you can spend time on the things that you care about, whilst leaving the legalities to us. Contact us to learn more and discuss your options. Learn more on page 32.



Business Endowment Fund



Like a personal endowment fund for your business. A fantastic way to show your commitment to your local area, workforce or customers. A great way to build employee buy in and loyalty, and enhance your businesses reputation. Tax efficient giving options are also available. Learn more on page 30.

Contribute to an Existing Fund

You might want to give something back but don't want to establish your own dedicated fund, or you don't want to give a significant sum of money. You can support one of our place based funds, which pools similar donations to have a greater impact than working alone. Learn more on page 25.

Personal Endowments



Sometimes when you give you want people to be aware of your passion or cause. It might be that you want to set up a memorial fund in a loved one's name to support something that they cared about.

It could be that you've worked hard and are now in a position to give something back, and you want to bring attention to a particular cause, or something that you care deeply about. Perhaps you think there is an imbalance in society and want to do something to address it.

The old solution used to be setting up a charity or trust, but this can be arduous, lead to further work, and add costs to your charitable giving. Most people want to give something back and spend their time helping people, rather than producing endless

reports or completing endless due diligence.

We can establish a fund in your name, the name of a loved one, or, within reason, any name that you choose. We can handle all of the set-up administration and the continual reporting to the Charity Commission, and to you. We can manage the administration of the fund, ensuring that your funds go to where you want them to.

You can have as much or as little involvement as you would like. You may want to be involved every step of the way and consulted at all times, or you may not want any involvement at all. The Community Foundation can work with you to ensure that your money goes to where you want it to, in a way that you want it to, without having to set up a separate charity, and incur the costs that go with it.

Case Study

In 2021 we were approached by someone who wanted to increase his charitable giving. He was particularly interested in supporting his local area but was concerned that he would be inundated with applications. He didn't feel able to handle the approaches he would receive and wasn't sure how he could make sure that his money went to where it was most needed.

We met with him over the next few months to discuss his interests, passions, and the causes he cared about. We discussed how we could use his donation to establish a fund that would generate grants each year, without him needing to continually fund it. Now it is like he has his own charitable trust, without having to pay all the fees and costs – for marketing, promotion, due diligence completed by legal representatives, accounts prepared by accountants and so on. It means he can spend his time on what he cares about – supporting his local community, whilst leaving the management of the fund to us.



Business Endowments



More and more businesses are looking to give something back to their local community through Environmental, Social and Governance aims, or through their social responsibility policy. Supporting charitable causes makes good sense, from a fiscal point of view as well as a community point of view.

It can be an excellent way to show customers and suppliers your charitable credentials, and many people prefer to support socially

responsible businesses. It can be a good way of taking advantage of positive local publicity, and having a direct impact in the area in which you are based, where your workforce is drawn from, or where your customers come from. Many people think that giving away money is easy, but if you want your money to have a significant local impact, and you want to ensure that you are supporting organisations and charities that are properly set up and managed, as well as having appropriate safeguarding and insurance policies in place, it can be a time-consuming task. Many businesses want to support their community, but need their employees to work their day jobs, without being distracted by activities that won't financially support the business. The Community Foundation can take care of all of that for you, and work with you to ensure that your giving is tax efficient, maximising your impact, whilst minimising your workload.

Case Study

In 2022 we set up the TopCashback Sustainability Fund, following a donation from TopCashback, the UK's leading cashback shopping website. Based in Stafford they have a particular passion for addressing the environmental challenges facing our planet. They wanted to invest in schemes that simultaneously benefit the environment and their local community, and position themselves as agents of positive change. The fund now supports activities that benefit the natural environment and address broader environmental issues, as well as engaging people and promoting healthy living within our communities.

The TopCashback Sustainability Fund has been designed to create lasting change and ensure a brighter and more sustainable future for Staffordshire and its people. Over the next few years it will fund more transformative and innovative projects which will have a long lasting benefit to people across the county.

"We have grown from humble roots in Uttoxeter into a global brand, but Staffordshire is still our home. We have always taken our commitment to our local community very seriously and this year we really want to ramp-up our impact. We want to create a positive future for the community we exist in. We want to support people and organisations local to us, and we want that support to have a beneficial and sustainable impact.

One of the ways we can do this is by helping our environment. Everyone knows the environmental challenges facing our planet, and we hope by investing in schemes that help our planet and benefit our local community, we will have a positive impact."

Olly Ragg, Founder and CEO of TopCashback



Legacy Endowments



There was a time when discussing legacies was frowned upon. However, we want to change that. Nowadays more and more people are leaving a gift to charity in their will and it is especially important in the circumstances to ensure that their wishes will be followed when they are no longer here to see them through.

It used to be the case that people had to leave a gift to the 'best fit' for their wishes, but the Community

Foundation offers a new option.

We can establish a legacy fund in your name, or add your contribution to one of our existing funds if you would prefer. Your wishes will be carried out after your death, ensuring that people benefit from your gift, in the way that you want them to. We can even provide the relevant wording for you to include in your will.

There are 2 key types of legacy – a pecuniary legacy, where a fixed sum is left as a gift, or a residuary legacy, where a certain proportion of your estate is left to charity. In both instances the amount of inheritance tax the estate is liable to pay may be reduced. In addition, any donation made to us in the seven years before your death is exempt from inheritance tax.

Case Study - Terry Walsh Fund

Having been drawn up in his will, the Terry Walsh Fund will be created after his death, with a legacy from his estate. The purpose of the fund is to help individuals in Stoke-on-Trent who are caring for a friend or family member.

Terry recognises that unpaid caring can be a stressful role, and it's not unheard of for a carer to die before the person they're caring for. Terry wants to do something that will provide support and respite to carers, who spend so much of their time supporting others.

The Terry Walsh Fund will be used to cover the cost of a holiday for the unpaid carers and pay for a respite carer to take over their caring duties whilst they are away. If a carer is in difficult financial circumstances then holiday spending money can also be provided.



Solicitors & Wealth Advisers

It is commonplace for solicitors, accountants, banks and wealth advisers to be approached by clients who are looking to give something back to their community, or to establish a charitable fund.

This can then lead to referrals over to STEP (Society of Trust & Estate Practitioners) registered solicitors or advisers. When looking to meet a client's needs this will often involve finding a charity that acts as a 'best match' for the client's wishes or is somewhat close to what the client is trying to achieve. Sometimes it can lead to professional advisers setting up a new charitable fund, which brings extra costs for the client and labourious administrative duties for the adviser. The Community Foundation provides a recognised and recommended alternative to the establishment of a new charity.

As we are cause neutral, we can support any cause or charitable concern within our communities. It also means that we have the flexibility to offer a tailored package of options to clients, and a greater range of specificity in charitable giving.

The Community Foundation is a charitable giving specialist and can work with professional advisers to establish a fund within its portfolio. This helps to ensure that clients can achieve their personal giving aims, and that advisers are able to maintain their professional impartiality. We can even work with advisers so that they act as a single point of contact - the adviser retains their relationship with the client, but we handle the administrative duties behind the scenes. This can help to reduce a client's costs, an adviser's workload, and make it is easy for advisers to do the best for their client, ensuring the welfare of the fund and charitable giving is the primary concern.



Revitalising Trusts

Many people know of the work of the Community Foundation through our many grants programmes, and through our efforts to encourage local philanthropy and sustainable giving, but unlocking assets of other trusts and charities is just as important.

Revitalising Trusts is a partnership between the Charity Commission and the Community Foundation's national membership body, UKCF, and by extension community foundations across the country.

It seeks to help and support those trusts and charities that may be facing difficulties in their operations by facilitating a transfer of management to the Community Foundation. Existing trustees can still remain involved, but the bulk of the burden of work will pass to The Community Foundation.

The Charity Commission Statement says:



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

The Charity Commission acknowledges that community foundations have a reputation for the effective management of charitable funds in order to maximise their impact at local level.

The Charity Commission and community foundations have worked closely in recent years to ensure that trustees seeking to revitalise moribund (dormant) or ineffective trust funds (and who are looking for effective ways of carrying on their good work in future years) can release their funds to a community foundation as part of their appraisal of options. The Charity Commission welcomes and supports this initiative and encourages all charities to ask themselves whether they should work with community foundations as an alternative to continuing, particularly if they agree with one or more of the following statements:

1. We find it difficult to identify beneficiaries.
2. We cannot spend the income of the charity.
3. We find ourselves providing money to the same people or groups every year.
4. We find it difficult to attract trustees.
5. We would like to be involved in how the money is spent but we do not want the legal responsibility of being a trustee.
6. The work of administering the charity and its investment is becoming onerous or disproportionate to the level of funding.

We wish that we knew more about local issues and opportunities and who else was funding what.

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We're very grateful for the help and support of The Community Foundation. Without you we would have been unable to support as many people as we now do, and without your help I doubt we would be around now.

The Edward Malam Convalescent Fund - Trust transfer in 2009

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The Community Foundation has worked with more than 20 local trusts and charities to help release their assets and increase their involvement in the local community. Altogether, more than £5 million has been brought back into use.

The smallest trust transfer was for £1890, whilst the largest was for more than £1.5 million. The size of the trust is less relevant than the commitment of the existing trustees to ensure that their impact is maximised, that they can make the biggest difference to the people that they wish to help, and that the local community continues to benefit from their efforts, and those of their forebears, for years to come.

A Case Study

THE ROGER HINTON FUND

Roger Hinton lived in Castle Church in Stafford, an area that was established around the Newport Road. He established a fund in the 1600s to support people in 4 different districts of Staffordshire. He wanted to make awards for general community use, that would help to alleviate poverty and disadvantage. The funds for grant giving came from the rental income of a few parcels of land in Stafford. The terms of the trust stipulated that there should be five trustees, of which four should be the elected mayors of the four different districts. This meant that whilst there was representation from each area it was difficult to manage the trust, as the skills and expertise were lost each time the mayor changed. In the early 2000s the reporting requirements became more arduous, and with a constantly changing board of trustees, sometimes without the relevant background knowledge, the trust became unmanageable. The Charity Commission removed it from the register in the 2010s, and the trustees in place at the time started to make enquiries about ways to secure the trust's future, whilst bringing it

up-to-date and ensuring it was fit for the future.

The trustees transferred the management of the trust, and its assets, to the Community Foundation in 2021. Since the transfer the fund has already grown by at least £70,000, as we have been able to locate dormant assets belonging to the fund. The trustees have remained in place as advisers, so they still make decisions about how the fund is spent, without having to carry any legal responsibility.



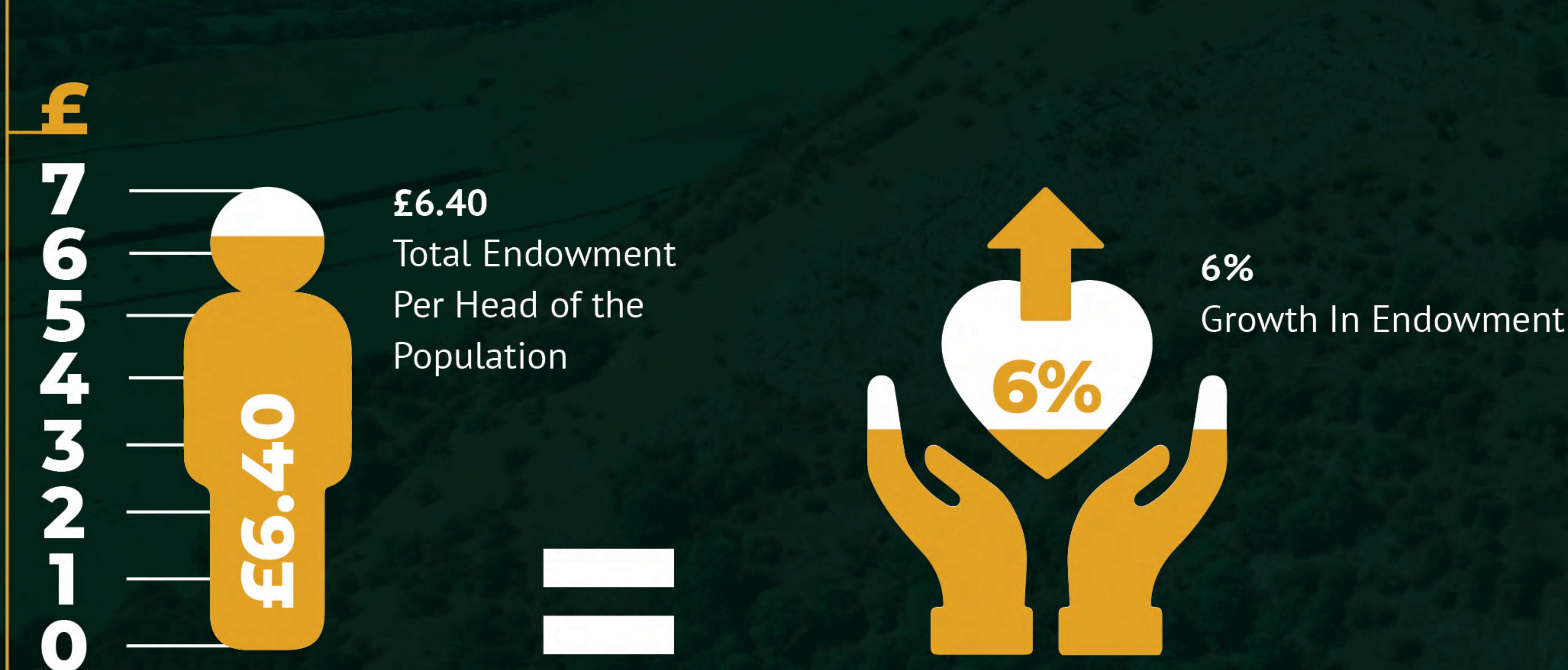
If you would like to learn more about how your trust could be transferred to the Community Foundation so you can reduce your work but increase your local impact, please get in touch with Faye Williams on **01785 339540** or **office@staffordshire.foundation**



Our Financial Summary

2022 / 2023

£7.3 Million Total Endowment



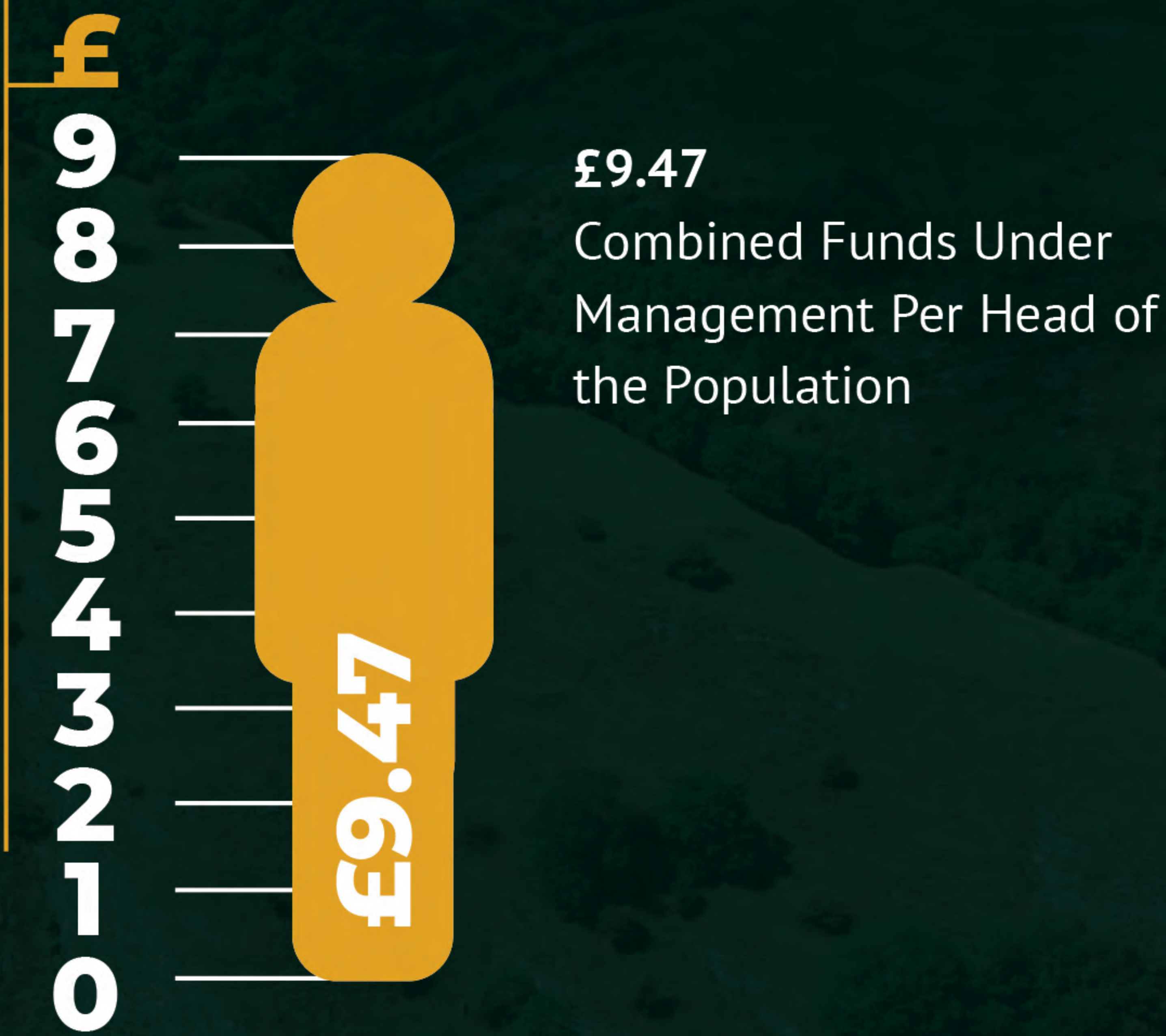
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£3.5 Million Grant Giving

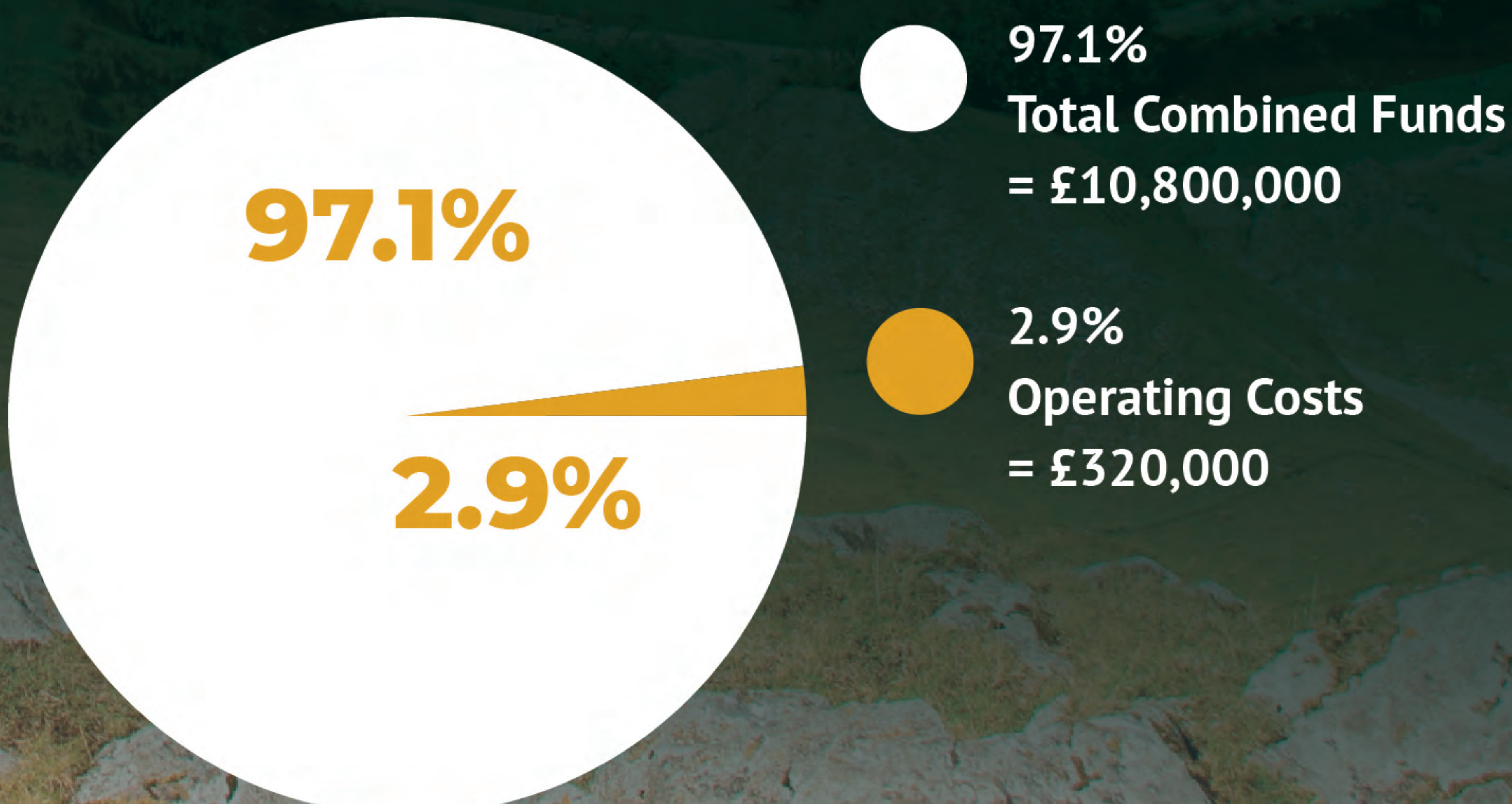




£10.8 Million Combined Funds Under Management



Just a £320,000 Operating Budget



Meet Our Team

Our Team



Steve Adams
Chief Executive



Adam Berrisford
Head of Operations



Leanne Macpherson
Head of Programmes



Faye Williams
Endowments
Development Manager



Jo Cooper
Projects & Partnerships
Officer



Sian Emery
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Benjamin Hilton
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Joe Palmer
Programmes Officer



Nikki Winmill
Programmes Officer



Yasmin Hargrove
Programmes Administrator

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Programmes Officer
To Be Recruited
Starting 2023

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Meet Our Team

Our Trustees



Roger Lewis
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Jonathan Andrew
Vice Chair



Simon Price
Vice Chair



Jeremy Lefroy
Treasurer



Charlotte Almond
Trustee



Charles Bagot-Jewitt
Trustee



Ashley Brough
Trustee



Adele Cope
Trustee
Until September 2022



Alan Durose
Trustee



Dean Harris
Trustee
Until September 2022



Judy Scott-Moncrieff
Trustee



Terry Walsh
Trustee

Upcoming Initiatives 2023/24

What's on the horizon?

As we enter the 2023/24 financial year we are busy planning new initiatives and services supporting our communities across Staffordshire and Shropshire.

DCMS Know Your Neighbourhood Fund

Launched as a preliminary round in early 2023, this major new grants scheme, funded by the Department for Culture, Media and Sport, looks to reduce isolation and loneliness through volunteering. The fund will be available to organisations working in Stoke-on-Trent and will offer grants of up to £150,000. In total we will award more than £1,000,000 over the 2023/24 financial year.

Household Support Fund

Although inflation may show signs of falling, there is still a cost-of-living crisis, and people are still finding it difficult to pay their heating and fuel costs. The Community Foundation will again work with Staffordshire County Council and Stoke-on-Trent City Council to support local people who are struggling to meet these higher costs. The Household Support Fund will start to award grants in Autumn 2023, with a follow up round in Winter 2023/24. It is expected that this will be the last year of the scheme, and so grants will taper towards the end of the financial year, to try to help increase residents' resilience.

Community Offices

The Community Foundation recognises that the

landscape for charities and community groups has changed significantly over the last few years and that more charities are now working with the majority of their staff based at home.

In 2023/24 the Community Foundation will be offering low-cost office accommodation to charities, community groups and social enterprises, in bright, modern, serviced offices. The offices are at Staffordshire Technology Park, just outside Stafford town centre, and offer free parking, and excellent connectivity to the north and south of Staffordshire, with easy access to the A51, A34 and M6. Offices will range in size from being suitable for one or two people, up to ten people. We will also have meeting rooms and conference facilities available on site. We will also offer virtual office services, such as post box addresses and answering services. Contact us to find out more.



Get In Touch With The Community Foundation

Contact Us

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