

NewsLetter

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Helping the Givers and the Getters across Cornwall & The Isles of Scilly

A Quick Guide to Giving

Claire Thayers, CCF Fund Development Manager



“Giving money away may not seem difficult, unless you want to ensure that your gift is going to be effective. Firstly, is it going to help the right people?

At CCF we assess the grant applications to check this. If an organisation does not have a Child Protection Policy, for example, they may not be eligible immediately. We offer the group help in improving their practice which makes them more competent, safer and fundable. We also check that they are fulfilling a real need within the community and each grant that is given requires an end of grant report to check that all monies are accounted for. We also look at what the needs are within the county, utilising research from outside bodies like Devon & Cornwall Police to see that projects tackling anti-social behaviour will have most effect in reducing crime figures. We look at the applications we receive to see that funds to support sporting groups and shared community spaces are increasingly needed.

Secondly, what sort of donation should I make?

We run a number of different funds on behalf of private individuals, companies, trusts and statutory bodies, so we can discuss with our donors how best to utilise whatever they are able to give. Currently we are able to match fund donations which go into a new or existing endowment fund, so a lump sum would probably benefit best from this scheme. A smaller, regular donation might be better directed through our Friends scheme, which helps to fund our own work and the Friends Award which helps to fund one or two excellent groups each year as chosen by the Friends Panel. We are more than happy to discuss your options with you, so that your giving gets to the right people and makes the most difference.”

Cornwall Community Foundation ‘Crème de la Crème’ ladies event hosted by St Michael’s Hotel, March 2010



A Quick Guide to Getting

Kirsty Philpott, CCF Grants Manager



“Small, community based, volunteer led groups make so much difference to people in a community. Without the village hall committee, for example, other groups in the area from antenatal classes to bereavement support would struggle to find suitable premises. We encourage groups to be self funding but there can often be a shortfall especially in difficult economic times. All of our grant-

making programmes are listed on our website. Groups can download the guidelines and the application forms and check deadline dates. If you are confused, uncertain or do not have internet access then please phone our office for further assistance. We do our best to help you but can never guarantee success, especially as some grant programmes are very over-subscribed. In 2009 67% of all applications were successful. Please keep checking our website as more grant programmes will be coming up and look out for CCF funding days where you can meet our Grants team in person to discuss your best funding options, and hear from other groups how they found the process.”

Cornwall Community Foundations ‘Meet the Funders’ day held at Truro College, March 2010



View from the Chair



We are on a mission to recruit more Friends to CCF. If you are reading this and you are not signed up as a CCF Friend, please put this right! The form is at the back, and it can be filled in and returned with the minimum of fuss.

The Foundation is doing wonderful work through the County, as graphically illustrated in this newsletter. This is only a snapshot. However we need to be financially sustainable so that we can develop our mission in Cornwall to an even greater extent than we do already. It is not cheap to run a small grants programme, but it is effective. Friends' financial support helps us develop the Foundation, and will ensure that we are around to keep doing this work in the future. If we are not there to help these local projects, there is often no-one else.

James Williams, Chairman, The Cornwall Community Foundation

CORNWALL 100 CLUB SECOND ANNIVERSARY



Pictured above: Linda Whittaker, CCF; Liz Cook, Newquay Airport; Ian Taylor, Coodes and James Harding, The Cornwall.

Top right: A happy audience

Below left: David Cole, Watson Marlow, Bredel Ltd, and Simon Phillips, Swallowcourt Group talk to a South Petherwin resident.



Hosted at brand new The Cornwall Hotel, members of the Cornwall 100 Club celebrated the second anniversary of this philanthropic business initiative with some rousing speeches. They were especially proud of having given out more than £40,000, which has helped 27 groups with a combined 27,737 beneficiaries to date.

Members of funded groups also attended to meet and thank the businesses who have provided support for their various projects. South Petherwin Independent Volunteers and South Petherwin Village Hall were very pleased with the community spirit which has grown since they planted daffodil bulbs with local children and replaced broken tables and chairs in their hall. Treasurer, Peter Bailey explained; 'The children have a sense of ownership and responsibility for those areas in which they planted their bulbs and the scheme has forged strong links between the village and the school. Other projects have followed including a Gardening Club, litter picking through the village and a guided nature walk, fostering a deeper knowledge and interest in the environment.'

The Trevithick Society has been able to restore and show unique film footage of Camborne which dates back to the 1920s, and Troon Mission Community Centre has been able to employ an architect for the first stage of providing a vital community space which will help lift the spirits of an area in which unemployment and lack of transport and facilities have become an increasing problem.

Our thanks to

Members of the Cornwall 100 Club for providing rooms and parking for panel meetings which saved the CCF over £1,000 last year

Duchy Hospital for their brilliant extra fundraising

Healey's Cyder Farm for making us the beneficiaries of their Rattler Appreciation evening



All of our superb supporters at the Royal Cornwall Show— CLA, Coutts, Treagothnan, Cascade Springs, Healey's Cyder, BBC Cornwall and volunteers, including all our hard-working staff and trustees!

THANK YOU VERY MUCH!



Grants News



Summer months are here and we (optimistically) look forward to warmer weather.

Lots of community outdoor activities, many funded by CCF, will take place over these coming months; sports, carnivals, festivals and the chance to tend gardens and outdoor spaces, all of which helps to bond a community, to give it the resilience necessary to survive.

For those who might find themselves disconnected from community or simply in need through dire and unexpected circumstances, we also offer crisis funds for emergency food, clothing and travel.

Our 2010 figure for grants awarded, from January 1st to the time of writing this, amounts to £248,028.00 to 98 different groups and individuals, with a combined total of 41,901 beneficiaries. We have delivered now over £4m to over 1,400 groups, with grants ranging from £50 - £12,000.

Our grants and grant making experience have made a significant impact right across the county and right across the range of need from communal celebration to personal difficulty. We are an independent charity, not supported by government, and so we do all this with your help, which is wonderful, thank you.

We are still, however, one of Cornwall best kept secrets and we really want to change that. Please help us spread the word and tell everyone who we are and what we do - your friends, business colleagues and community groups!

Linda Whittaker, Executive Director, The Cornwall Community Foundation.

Case Studies

Loveny Male Voice Choir

It may surprise you to learn that Loveny Male Voice Choir was inspired by a house party in Borneo in 1963, where St Neot-born Alan Pascoe heard his fellow Cornishmen sing and decided his village needed to keep this traditional art alive and thriving. They played their first concert in 1972 at Bolventor Chapel, and have since performed in Wales, Brittany, Germany, Holland, Malta, and the Czech Republic as well as throughout Cornwall. It is hardly surprising that their uniforms became a bit worn out! To help them continue their impressive history they have received funding for a uniform revamp: 44 pairs of trousers to be precise, a pair for each participant, some of whom travel from St. Austell, Bodmin, Camelford, Tavistock and Plymouth, wanting to be part of the 'Loveny Sound.' They are keen to involve new members, of all ages and abilities, and wives and girlfriends are welcome to join the 'Loveny Ladies,' who meet and plan social events while the men are busy singing.



Liskeard and South East Cornwall Breathers Group



Formed by members of a respiratory rehabilitation class at Liskeard Hosptial who that realized that there would not be much follow up for them when the class finished, and so created their own, they provide support, information and activities for people with breathing difficulties and associated mobility problems, peer support to combat the isolation felt by people with heart and lung disease, and respite opportunities for carers. The NHS now refers cases to them. 20-30 people regularly participate in the exercise class, which has helped them regain confidence and achieve things, like taking a holiday, which they never expected to manage. They are a remarkably proactive group and visit local schools to inform youngsters about the dangers of smoking; since 2007 they have spoken to 3,500 young people, with good effect: 'I've smoked since I was 11...Today is the day I stop!! Thank you so much.' (Quote from student feedback)

Sundance

Originally advertised as 'Exercise with a Fig Roll,' Sundance provides dance and exercise classes suitable for the over 50s with physical conditions, as well as light refreshments and chat. They have received £500 from the Benefitting Older People Fund towards running these classes.

Participant Angela Jolmers explains some of the benefits, 'The exercise is really great. For the first half we sit on a chair, so if you have a bad back or a bad knee, for example, you can still join in.. Caroline concentrates first on loosening up muscles from head to toe, which makes you feel very relaxed and uplifted. It is surprisingly energetic sitting down! Everyone loves the music too, it is not just 'exercise music,' Caroline changes the tempo and uses everything from Swan Lake to jazz, it's interesting to listen to. Numbers are increasing, we sit in a circle and it's quite a big circle now. The social bit is lots of fun, people make real friendships and some travel quite far to join in.'



Diary Dates



4th July: Ayr Field Day. A great day out for all the family including over 20 community and craft stalls, affordable local food and refreshments, arts & craft activities, live music from local bands, a range of exciting performances and much more! Also, come and play at the brand new Nature Play Park!

Free admission. 11am-4pm



5th July: Crème de la Crème ladies foraging walk event at Bedruthan Steps Hotel, Newquay. Tea and cake will be provided, please do contact us if you are interested in some guilt free indulgence for a good cause.



12th July: Cornwall Community Foundation Annual Awards Ceremony 2010; invitation only event for Friends, donors, Fund holders, funded groups, staff and Trustees at Truro Cathedral. If you wish to attend please contact our office at the address below.

Friends news

Interested in joining the panel and wondering how the Friend's Award works?

A theme is chosen by vote or consensus of the panel members, and a list of appropriate previously awarded groups who fit this theme is produced by the CCF grants team. Each group is listed in order of preference by the panel members. These lists are collated and the most popular group is given the Award to support their work. This can all be done by email, or by letter.

'I think what I like most about the Friends scheme is that you can get involved even if you can't afford to make a large donation or set up a fund of your own. Lots of small amounts put together makes a huge difference – and then as a Friend you can suggest projects close to your heart and help decide what happens to the money too! It's good to be able to help decide what happens to your donation.' Michele Taylor, Friends Panel member

This year's Friend's Award, to be presented at the CCF Annual Awards, will be selected by the Friends Panel on their chosen theme which is currently at the voting stage. Watch this space!

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

Name

Address

Postcode

Telephone

Email

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I would like to become a Friend of The CCF, please find my contribution enclosed.

I would like to become a Friend of The CCF. I will make a donation by standing order, and will contribute (*please highlight or insert amount*)
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every (please highlight or insert frequency)

month / quarter / year / other :

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Account Number:

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