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OUR IMPACT

Last year Wiltshire Community
Foundation awarded over £1.66 million,
supporting over 120,000 people across
Wiltshire and Swindon.



46,236 PEOPLE

had access to projects to improve their health and wellbeing

26,861 PEOPLE

had access to projects to reduce loneliness and isolation

25,805 **PEOPLI**

had improved access to and engagement with arts, culture, heritage and the environment

20,540 PEOPLE

were supported to improve education, life skills and employment opportunities

1,350 PEOPLE

benefitted from projects building stronger and safer communities

INVESTING IN WILTSHIRE AND SWINDON

In 1975 times were tough. The UK inflation rate was spiralling out of control, reaching 24.2% and the price of petrol had increased by nearly 70% in one year. People were struggling to heat their homes, feed their families and feared for their futures. Sound familiar?

Thankfully, that year, a small number of forward-thinking, philanthropists came together with the idea of building a long-term community asset - an endowment fund invested to yield returns to support local community projects for people in need and so the first seed of the Wiltshire Community Foundation was sown. Over the last 47 years, this community asset has been added to, nurtured and grown to almost £30 million with over 150 endowment fund holders playing a vital role in its growth. In 2022, we reached a huge milestone in the Foundation's history, having awarded over £20 million in grants to support local people since we began.

This year, we've once again seen spiralling inflation resulting in huge increases in our cost of living and an energy crisis. Following hard on the heels of a pandemic, the small grassroots community groups have stepped up yet again to provide a lifeline to

many local people who are faced with the harsh realities of trying to make ends meet whilst knowing that no matter how hard they try, the gap just seems to get wider and wider.

Thankfully the community spirit which started the Foundation 47 years ago, lives on, as we see yet more funders coming forward to set up new endowment and flow through funds with us. Additionally, our Poverty Hurts campaign and Welcome Fund were both set up because donors wanted to do something, and they trusted us to ensure donations would reach those people most in need.

We are so proud to work with our incredible team delivering exemplar grant-making, advice and support for the voluntary sector, playing our role in community leadership and helping inspire and channel charitable giving to where it is needed most. Our team of 15 staff (11 full-time equivalents) work tirelessly with the support of

over 50 volunteers to deliver our mission which is to maximise the impact of charitable activity by connecting people, information and resources with a long-term vision of a county in which everyone has the opportunity to thrive.

We cannot thank you enough for the support you give and for all that you do to help our county and improve the lives of our local communities.

In the inspiring words of Margaret Mead 'Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has.'



Fiona Oliver
Joint Chief Executive



Vicky Hickey

Joint Chief Executive

OUR NEW CHAIR

Earlier this year Ashley Truluck retired from his role as Chair of Wiltshire Community Foundation at the end of his term. We would like to thank Ashley wholeheartedly for his support and dedication and all his efforts to make a difference to the lives of people in Wiltshire and Swindon. We are delighted to announce that our Vice Chair, Angus Macpherson, has been appointed as our new Chair by our Board of Trustees.

"It's a great honour to become the Chair of Wiltshire Community Foundation. I am looking forward to working with Fiona, Vicky and my fellow trustees to build on all that's been achieved over the past 47 years.

"We are lucky to have experienced, professional, people running and working for our organisation and my role as Chair is to enable them and the Foundation to flourish. My main objective is to support the development and growth of the Foundation so that its capital base is still here in a hundred years' time and still producing income to help communities in Wiltshire and Swindon."



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— Angus Macpherson, Chair



INSPIRING LOCAL PHILANTHROPY

CONNECTING PEOPLE WHO CARE WITH CAUSES THAT MATTER

Philanthropy is an essential building block in creating stronger communities, without it many needs would go unmet and people would not thrive.

It is a vital resource that powers grassroots charities, voluntary groups and social enterprises who are there to support the vulnerable and disadvantaged. It improves community life by providing opportunities to enjoy nature, heritage, sport or the arts. And it builds the resilience, knowledge and capacity of communities so that they are able to grow, adapt and rise to the challenges they face.

We are one of Wiltshire and Swindon's largest and most experienced funders. Our commitment to Wiltshire and Swindon is to create a reliable, flexible and effective platform for philanthropy in partnership with



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the people, businesses, trusts and other organisations who live and work here. Our goal is to continue building sustainable, resilient funds that provide enduring support to local communities.

As we approach our 50th year we are proud the partnerships we have forged over the years have built an endowment of almost £30 million – made up of over 150 individual funds. This endowment is the cornerstone of our work and provides a vital resource that has helped thousands of disadvantaged people in Wiltshire and Swindon every year since 1975.

In 2021/22 we were delighted to welcome five new endowment funds to our portfolio. One of the funds, the Alfred and Noreen Moxham Fund, which was established as a result of a legacy, will support our education grant programmes for children and young people.

A further three – Millie's Fund, the Teal Barnett Swindon Fund and the Mary and David Holder Fund – were matched pound for pound by our Give Swindon Match Fund which was set up with an initial donation of £94,500 from Swindon Borough Council in 2018. The fund, which has awarded grants of £30,857 and grown to £417,083, will provide enduring support for community groups and education grants for individuals in Swindon.

Thanks to the ongoing generosity of our supporters, 21 existing funds were also added to, taking overall endowment donations to £404,814 for the financial year.

Another important aspect of our support for the voluntary sector and local communities is establishing 'flow through' funds from donors who want to see their donation make an immediate impact. In 2021/22 we attracted eight new flow-through funds including one from a national funder.

The Let's Create Jubilee Fund came through a partnership between UK Community Foundations and Arts Council England and enabled us to bring £50,000 into our county to help disadvantaged communities celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. We are delighted that community foundations are

increasingly recognised as an effective and efficient way for national organisations to inject funds into local communities.

Our ability to shape grant programmes that meet donors' charitable giving objectives was never better illustrated than with our newly established South West Enterprise Fund, which provides grants for young, disadvantaged entrepreneurs to start or develop their businesses. You can read more about this on page 9.

The success we have in tailoring programmes is also demonstrated by the long-standing partnerships we have with organisations like Wessex Water and the Science Museum Group Wroughton, with whom we have continued to deliver targeted grant programmes with their annual flow-through funds. In 2021/22 overall donations to flow-through funds totalled £752,780.

Our Surviving Winter Appeal, now in its 12th year, has continued to make a huge difference to older and vulnerable people living in fuel poverty, and in the coming years it will become even more vital. 2021/22 saw it achieve its highest ever fundraising total.

Alongside Surviving Winter we launched two new appeals to address growing needs in our county. The Wiltshire and Swindon Welcome Fund supports groups helping refugees and asylum seekers building new lives here, not just in response to the crises in Afghanistan and Ukraine but as a consequence of conflicts and oppression all over the world.

In March we launched our Poverty Hurts Appeal in response to the escalating cost of living crisis. We know that the far-reaching effects of poverty impact on mental health, family break-up, homelessness, domestic abuse and young people's wellbeing and progress. Funds will assist frontline groups working to meet the extra need caused by the crisis.

In 2021/22 these three appeals raised a combined total of £225,000 towards our flow through funding and were kindly supported by individual donors, trusts and businesses including our long-term partner, Nationwide.

CHANGE LOCAL LIVES

Many people want to give something back to the community where they live or work but are uncertain where to start or how to make sure their donation makes a difference. That's where a community foundation's experience, knowledge of local issues and links to groups and charities running vital services can provide a solution.

Our expert team is here to guide you in your charitable giving. We know that no two donors are alike so we can help you define how you would like to give and find the best way to support the causes you care most about – right on your doorstep.

For more information please contact our Development Team or email info@wiltshirecf.org.uk



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- Nick Robinson

Mary and David Holder Fund

David Holder was already familiar with our work thanks to his previous role as Treasurer and Grants Panel member. It was this, and the inspiration he got from hearing another donor speak passionately about the importance of our endowment, which motivated him to set up a fund in memory of his wife Mary.



"Mary and I had previously talked about our wish to set up a fund with Wiltshire Community Foundation.

We had attended one of its events in 2018 where another supporter spoke very eloquently about why he had started endowment funds in memory of his two wives who had both sadly passed away.

"He talked about the permanence of his funds and how knowing they were there in perpetuity to support local causes was extremely comforting and important to him. His words stuck with me.

"During the Covid pandemic I watched as the Foundation stepped up to support local charities and voluntary groups. I have no doubt that without this support some of these brilliant organisations would not have been able to respond in the remarkable way that they did, and many would not have survived.

"The Foundation acted very quickly and adapted their processes to ensure that money and support got to where it was needed quickly. This underlined to me the efficient and professional way the organisation operates, which I had also seen first-hand during my time as a Trustee and Grants Panel member.

"The Foundation is a great funder and because of their relationship with numerous charities and groups they know where support is needed most.

"Mary and I had always supported a range of causes, some national and some local, and it felt a natural next step after Mary's death to want to do something more. I was attracted to an endowment fund because it is permanent. It provides the opportunity for our money to generate income and achieve more in the long-term.

"It really is an efficient and effective way to give and being able to name the fund makes it personal to our family and a wonderful way to remember Mary." Nick Robinson is one of the founders of the South West Enterprise Fund, which aims to give young people from disadvantaged backgrounds a helping hand with starting or developing their own business. He says working with Wiltshire Community Foundation has been the most effective way of reaching those who need his help the most.

"We launched the South West Enterprise Fund after realising that although there is a lot of support and advice for young people trying to launch their first venture, there is virtually nowhere to get the cash injection they often need.

South West Enterprise Fund

"Our fund offers young entrepreneurs aged 18 to 30 a grant of up to £2,000 to help with training or equipment costs. Applicants are required to present a business plan and answer questions about their ambitions which forces them to think strategically about their business.

"A major factor in choosing to work with Wiltshire Community Foundation was their ability to shape the grant programme to meet our goals. They were flexible and collaborative enough to take our idea on board – despite it being a new venture for them – and come back to us with a way of making it work.

"In addition, due to their close links with voluntary and community groups who have many young people on their radar, they have identified a number of excellent and interesting applications that we might not otherwise have encountered.

"The Foundation's grants team has also helped us with getting the wording right in the application process, so potential beneficiaries understand what we are looking for. Right from the start they have been excellent at being on board with our concept and the type of people we want to fund, as well as helping us come up with an effective programme.

"Not having the burden of administering the whole grant process – assessing and monitoring applications and organising knowledgeable grants panels – has meant we can concentrate on our own roles. The whole process has been very smooth for us and having each applicant assessed and reported on makes decision-making far easier.

"Seeing the breadth of different business proposals and hearing their plans is a fun part of the process. Each applicant is inspiring in their own way. We try and stay in touch with each one through our Business Owner Forums over Zoom, where we connect five or six young grant recipients and give them a place to discuss the highs and lows of their business journey.

"We look forward to seeing how each journey progresses and what impact the grant has had on the applicant."



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— David Holder

GRANTS TO GROUPS

SUPPORTING THE VOLUNTARY AND COMMUNITY SECTOR

During 2021/22 we awarded 197 grants totalling more than £1,314,430 to 142 different voluntary and charitable groups – which will help improve the lives of more than 120,000 people in Wiltshire and Swindon.

The grants funded a wide range of projects and initiatives but we prioritised our funding against four areas that were highlighted by research we commissioned as being key issues in the county.

These areas were: helping our communities respond to and recover from the impact of the coronavirus pandemic; tackling poverty and inequality and its effects; supporting children and young people and preventing or alleviating poor mental health.

The case studies on the following pages highlight two projects that targeted these areas.

The majority of our grants to groups were awarded through our new Community Grants programme.

The new programme builds on the strengths of our previous programmes and is targeted at organisations working with people on a low-income where we know our support will make a huge difference.

75 per cent of Community Grants awarded in 2021/22, which can be for one, two or three years, were given to micro, small and mediumsized organisations – many of whom are overlooked or perhaps unknown by other funders.

In line with our strategic objectives and our aspiration to improve the efficiency of our grants and to improve a recipient's long-term sustainability, we increased the number of three-year grants that were awarded during the year.

In conjunction with UK Community
Foundations, we ran two new
programmes on behalf of national
funders. We awarded £48,483
through the Made By Sport
programme, helping grassroots
sports clubs recover from the
financial losses of the pandemic and
continue their work of developing
young people through sport.

We helped disadvantaged local communities work with professional artists to host creative activities that celebrated the Queen's Platinum Jubilee through £50,121 Let's Create Jubilee Fund grants from Arts Council England.

We also increased our grant-making to support the environment by awarding £9,095 worth of funding to small community groups through the new Wessex Water Environment Fund grants programme.

We have made it a key aim to better understand the wider impact of our work and map our grants to groups against the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). All member states of the UN have committed to the goals to address the global challenges we face.

During 2021/22 the grants we gave to groups contributed towards 14 of the 17 SDGs and had the most significant impact on these five:















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- Alex Ewing



The Bridge Youth Project helps young people struggling with their mental health and wellbeing. They received a £10,000 grant to support their core activities and expand their mentoring services in the face of increasing demand. Director Alex Ewing explains more about their vital work.

"Our sessions are aimed at a 'forgotten concentrate resources on them and cohort' of young people who are being left behind because teachers and school support staff who may have picked up on their issues have been diverted to pupils with more serious issues caused by the pandemic.

"Schools have been seeing more cases of self-harm, hopelessness and depression, suicidal thoughts, healthrelated anxiety and complete apathy about the future in these pupils. Many are eventually referred to the Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service but because of the demand and the Covid backlog, they have to wait for months to be seen. This means schools

are having to

other students, who are dealing with comparatively minor, but potentially serious, issues, are being left behind.

"Schools are telling us these students are those who previously never have any problems but are now unable to cope in class, are not engaging with learning and need some space out of the classroom. Among the issues these students face are worries about their future, fractured friendships, problems in school or troubles in their home life. There is the risk that these issues, if not spoken about with someone, can become more complex.

"Our mentoring scheme has been running in South Wiltshire in some form since 2015 but it has come into its own since the pandemic when an increasing amount of young people have been beset by mental health issues.

> "Our mentors, who are recruited from the community are trained to help students recognise the root of their issues and find coping strategies over ten weekly sessions. The programme includes pinpointing why students are struggling,

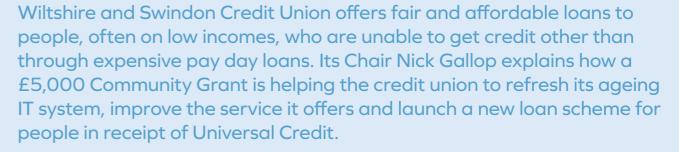
finding calming and coping strategies, improving communication and identifying support networks for them in the future.

"Having a mentor isn't about fixing all your problems, the biggest thing is to know someone is listening to them. In a constantly evolving day-to-day situation, whether it is at home or at school, the young people know that their mentor is going to be there for them no matter what.

"The effect on the young people of having a mentor is palpable. When we bring them from their class to go to the sessions we can see a change in them over the weeks. To begin with they are quiet and withdrawn and look quite sad but we see them become more comfortable in their own skin, smiling and talking more and growing in confidence.

"The fact that they know the mentor comes in just for them makes them feel so valued. You just see them swell with pride."





Wiltshire & Swindon Clear C

"There is an extraordinary 40 per cent plus of people who generally can't get a loan from a bank. They can get a basic account but they can't have an overdraft or a loan, so if they have an emergency, such as having to buy a new fridge, repair a car needed to get to work or buy new shoes for the children, what alternative do they have?

"We are the alternative. We don't do cheap loans but the interest we charge is fair, especially when you compare it to the unknown extortionate lending rate from a loan shark, or a pay day lender where the interest is up to 1,000 per cent, or a hire purchase scheme where you are paying 150 per cent interest.

"We don't see it at first hand but some of our members do talk about loan sharks as alternatives. There are areas in Swindon and Wiltshire in the bottom ten per cent in the indices of deprivation in the whole of the country and in those areas loan sharks are active. These are nasty

people, they operate illegally, they are occasionally prosecuted, but generally they are not documented because many people who use them are too scared to talk about it.

"Our loans are a vital lifeline for families faced with an emergency and no other means of raising the money.

"We lend around more than £1 million a year to 3,000 active members who make a regular commitment to save with us and are able to take out loans, providing they meet our criteria, and repay them monthly. Our main criterion is affordability and we never judge, but we will only lend them what we feel they can afford to repay.

"Our most popular product is the Family Loan: members can borrow up to £500 and use their Child Benefit to make the repayments. Their Child Benefit is paid directly to the credit union, we take the repayment and then pass the balance to them later on the same day.

"The new IT system will let us extend this approach to Universal Credit payments, so we'll be able to make loans that will help members with housing costs. We'll also be able to offer a cash-back debit card, and a banking app to give them much more control over the money they save.

Family Loans are offered mostly to women because it is usually women who receive Child Benefit payments. By expanding the service to handle Universal Credit, we can lend to men and women equally, and not only those with children, potentially allowing us to serve a much larger proportion of the population."



HELPING YOUNG PEOPLE DEVELOP THEIR POTENTIAL

Our support for the education and development of young people across Wiltshire and Swindon grew again in 2021/22 with the addition of a new grant programme - the South West Enterprise Fund.

The programme awards business grants of up to £2,000 to young people from disadvantaged backgrounds to help them in setting up or developing a business. The first grants were awarded in March 2022 and supported a range of business ideas including a clothing company and a rewards programme app for small businesses.

In total, through all our education and enterprise programmes, we awarded £351,518 across 128 grants. The majority of our funding was given through University Bursaries. Grants of £1,600 a year supported 62 young people from low-income families

embarking on undergraduate degrees in subjects including fine arts, zoology and biochemistry at universities from Aberystwyth to Cambridge and Exeter to Coventry.

We know from feedback that these grants make a real difference as they help to ease financial worries allowing those supported to focus on their studies. In some cases they have been the difference between a young person going onto to university or not.

Our Vocational Grants programme awarded grants to 41 young people aged between 14 and 25 from low-income families totalling over

£32,000. These grants can be used towards the costs of specialist material, equipment and travel costs for those pursuing vocational studies or apprenticeships.

Again, we helped to make a vital difference to the development of children and young people with special educational needs by funding education related support costs, including specialist play and IT equipment, trips and therapeutic support through our Education Support Grants programme. During 2021/22 we awarded 21 grants totalling nearly £15,000.



Charly Richards' Story

Mentally the grant brings you relief - it provided a safety blanket and peace of mind and the impact of that is immeasurable."

— Charly Richards

Photography graduate Charly Richards said receiving a university bursary meant she could fully focus on her studies - which saw her leave Coventry University with a First. Not having to work meant she had the time to further develop her skills which eventually earned her a job in marketing.

"I found out how difficult it is to make ends meet while studying when I did a year's photography course at Bath College after leaving school. I worked 24 hours a week at Sainsbury's and I found it very difficult to balance college, work, social life and finances - and that was before I had any responsibility to pay bills or buy materials at university so I tried in vain to find a university scholarship.

"My sister and I lived with our mum, who has Crohn's Disease and was also caring for our grandparents so was unable to help with the cost of university. My mum found out about the grant at the end of my first year at university and I am so glad I applied. During that year I was using all of my loan constantly and it was a massive worry. Then I would compensate over each holiday by working overtime to make sure I had enough money to last the term.

"The £1,600 a year for the second two years of the course helped pay for materials such as film and printing. I like to use a lot of film, which is very, very expensive and if I hadn't had the grant I wouldn't have been able to fully explore that practice, which

became one of the biggest parts of my final project. It also allowed me to travel to photoshoots, and because of this opportunity to develop, one of my images taken in Yorkshire was published in 2020's Portrait of Britain and sold in bookshops worldwide.

"Not having to work during my course allowed me time to study extra courses outside university as I prepared to go into the job market. I studied for a Google certificate in marketing and app development and coding and looking back, I think that did help me secure my job. Without the grant I wouldn't have had time for that.

"I wouldn't have achieved as much as I did and I wouldn't have as much time to apply for graduate jobs. I applied for more than 60 marketing jobs before being offered a role at a nonprofit organisation called PBS4 in Southampton. They gave me a chance because they really liked my creativity and doing photography gave me an edge.

"I am also now studying part-time for a master's degree and want to build my experience and creativity in marketing. I can look back at my university experience fondly because the bursary grant made it a far more enjoyable experience than it might have been.

"University is three years you are never going to get again and you don't want to be spending it working all the time when you are meant to be studying and bettering yourself. Mentally the grant brings you relief it provided a safety blanket and peace of mind and the impact of that is immeasurable."



SURVIVING WINTER

TACKLING FUEL POVERTY

The second year of our reshaped Surviving Winter programme saw it continue to meet its objective of reaching an even wider number of people in fuel poverty. Like previous years, it focused on supporting people of state pension age or those with disabilities or health conditions as they are most at risk from the colder winter temperatures.

Working once again with four expert partners, the programme, which has run since 2011, concentrated on a holistic approach. This enabled our partners to not only respond to

people warm and safe but to find longer-term solutions to the challenges people were facing. This approach is vital as many of the households supported have a range of different and, often, complex needs which require individually tailored advice and support covering a range of issues. This is clearly illustrated in the case study on the opposite page.

immediate need and keep vulnerable



and help to increase clients' income through identifying and claiming for additional benefits, dispensing energy-saving advice, and working with energy companies, landlords and housing associations to manage energy bill debts and improve heating and insulation.

Their work was funded by our highest-ever fundraising total of over £150,000 from 479 donations. In total, the four organisations were able to support 1,567 individuals from 805 households. The 162 households supported by Wiltshire and Swindon Citizens Advice alone collectively benefitted from an increase in their household income of almost £460,000 leaving them in a better position to deal with their fuel and household costs in the future.

The additional money raised this year also allowed our partners to continue their support well beyond the usual span of the campaign, which allowed them to meet the continuing demand caused by the lifting of the fuel price cap.



increasing number of households with multiple and often complex needs.
Claire Newport Chief Executive Citizens Advice Swindon explains how the tailored support their advisors offer enables them to get the best possible outcome for their clients as illustrated in the case of Mr and Mrs P.

"Mr P has multiple sclerosis and Mrs Phas breast cancer and is receiving Their home was adapted to meet their needs free of charge while

"Mr P has multiple sclerosis and Mrs P has breast cancer and is receiving treatment and they only have each other for support. Their income was around £180 per week and their rent and council tax alone left them with next to nothing to cover food and heating costs. This has been their situation for nearly a decade and as a result they had exhausted their savings. They had tried to claim benefits multiple times but had been turned down at each attempt and were resigned to the fact that nothing would change.

"They were referred to us by a cancer support worker at Great Western Hospital as they were struggling and were considering stopping the treatment as they couldn't care for each other. There were safeguarding concerns due to the suitability of their home and their ability to look after each other without income or assistance. Our advisors helped with successful applications for Attendance Allowance, which they both received at a higher rate, and they also received Pension Credit for caring for each other and their own health issues.

Their home was adapted to meet their needs free of charge while Universal Credit now covers their rent and their council tax bill is paid in full. They also now receive the Warm Home Discount and Thames Watersure and are on the priority services registers for their water, gas and electric.

"Advisors helped them to apply for a blue badge to park closer to appointments and arranged to have their travel and parking costs refunded when they attend hospital. As a result of the help they received through Surviving Winter their income is now £600 a week and their rent, council tax and bills have dropped by £700 per month.

"Mr and Mrs P were very clear that if they were to continue without our assistance, they would have had to stop their treatment to continue to care for each other which could only have one outcome. The change that this support has brought them has changed their quality of living immeasurably."



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— Claire Newport

FUNDER+ AND COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP

MAXIMISING THE IMPACT OF THE VOLUNTARY SECTOR

Our support for grassroots charities, voluntary groups and individuals in Wiltshire and Swindon doesn't just extend to grants. An important part of our work is to develop the skills, capacity and effectiveness of the voluntary sector through our Funder+ programme, which is designed to make groups stronger and more resilient.

In the last year we have provided support through advice, training sessions, distribution of relevant and useful sector information, advocating on behalf of groups and providing opportunities for them to collaborate. For groups applying for grants we have continued to support them with pre- and post-application advice. As we target smaller, less-resourced groups this insight and encouragement is a vital and valued part of our work. In 2021/22 we offered bespoke advice and support to more than 100 groups. We also offered helped with wider development needs, such as funding, governance and operational matters. In addition to this, we advised individual students applying for our education grants on processes for accessing student finance, other bursaries, and university support.

We organised and ran eight online
Meet The Funder events, giving groups
the opportunity to hear from funders
about their programmes and criteria.
Speakers ranged from The National
Lottery Community Fund to St.
James's Place Charitable Foundation
and the sessions were rated Good
or Excellent by 100 per cent of
attendees. Additionally, we ran five
training workshops on topics including
developing a funding strategy and
marketing and communications.
In total our online events were attended
by 353 people from 346 groups.

Throughout the year we continued to distribute our regular e-bulletin to over 900 individuals providing funding opportunities, training news and other sector information.



As a direct result of an email WCF circulated, I took the opportunity to apply for the **UK Youth Thriving** Minds Fund. I am excited to say STEP has been awarded £87,000 to support the mental health of our staff and service users and we will be part of a national network looking at mental health across our sector."

- STEP Swindon



Our community leadership work is also a core part of our Funder+ activity and aims to increase the understanding of the needs and nature of small voluntary groups. We strive to use our insight, community knowledge and connections to challenge preconceptions and shape conversations which in turn help to develop new opportunities.

In 2021/22 we participated in key partnerships including both Wiltshire's and Swindon's VCS Leadership Alliances, the Wiltshire Inclusion Network, South West Funders, the Wiltshire and Swindon Health Professional Leadership Partnerships, and the Children and Families Voluntary Sector Forum. We also took part in more informal engagement with a wide range of health, local authority and voluntary sector colleagues

and the Bank of England's External Engagement team.

This strategic engagement, along with insight gained from our grant-making and the networks we facilitate means we are helping to inform local policy and decision-making and increasing sector connections. We also use the insights gained from these activities to inform our grant programmes.

We continued to run several networks that support the sector. The Connecting People Networks bring together organisations who have an interest in or provide day to day activities that connect people and address loneliness. During 2021/22 we had nearly 200 people attending the Network events.

The Wiltshire and Swindon Youth Work Network brings together youth work organisations to share experiences, learn and create new connections. Membership has grown during 2021/22 and statutory partners have been keen to engage.

Last April we re-invigorated the Wiltshire and Swindon Funders Network. Attendees were keen to continue meeting and three further sessions have since been held, enabling funders to share practice and consider potential collaborations.

Feedback from groups and organisations attending our networks has highlighted that new connections and partnerships have been created, confidence and knowledge has increased and that groups have valued the opportunity to share and learn from each other.

GRANTS GIVEN TO GROUPS

Community Grants

Community Grants	
2385 Melksham Sqn Air Cadets	£3,610.00
4 Youth (South West)	£15,000.00
Alabare Christian Care and Support	£5,000.00
Bravo Medics	£13,329.00
Crosspoint (Westbury)	£15,000.00
Doorway	£15,000.00
Durrington Football Club	£4,500.00
First Light South West	£15,000.00
Fovant Village Hall	£2,978.60
Headway Salisbury & South Wiltshire	£15,000.00
Headway Swindon & District	£5,000.00
HEALS	£15,000.00
Home-Start Kennet	£15,000.00
Home-Start South Wiltshire	£15,000.00
Julia's House	£15,000.00
Larkrise Community Farm	£5,000.00
MUSE SW C.I.C	£5,000.00
Open Blue Trust	£14,985.00
Pattern Church	£5,000.00
Phoenix Enterprises	£15,000.00
Potterne Youth Club	£5,000.00
Prime Theatre Company	£15,000.00
REACH Inclusive Arts	£15,000.00
Relate Dorset and South Wiltshire	£3,814.08
RISE:61	£5,000.00
Silver Salisbury Group	£4,976.00
SMASH Youth Project	£15,000.00
SPLITZ Support Services	£5,000.00
Swindon 105.5	£15,000.00
Swindon Carers Centre	£15,000.00
Swindon Dial A Ride	£15,000.00
Swindon Downs Syndrome Group	£15,000.00
Swindon MS and Neuro Therapy Centre	£15,000.00
The Platform Project	£15,000.00
The Wiltshire Outdoor Learning Team	£5,000.00
Trowbridge Debt Advice Service	£3,000.00
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RISE:61	£5,000.00
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Multiple Sclerosis	£5,000.00
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Pool Association	£15,000.00
The Bridge Youth Project Trust	£20,000.00
The Harbour Project	£15,000.00
The Mustard Tree Foundation - Starting Point	£5,000.00
The Recovery Tree Charity	£15,000.00
Wessex Cancer Trust	
	£1,567.20 £4,000.00
Westbury Area Network	
Willows Counselling Service	£14,100.00
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Wiltshire Women Empowerment	£10,000.00
Program	£4,552.00
YMCA Brunel Group	£8,000.00
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Surviving Winter Grants	
Age UK Wiltshire	£42,304.50
Centre for Sustainable Energy	£95,604.00
Swindon Citizens Advice	£11,834.04
Wiltshire Citizens Advice	£12,642.10
Fund Specific Grants	
Action for the River Kennet	£20,000.00
Calne Junior Park Run	£900.00
Walter Powell C of E Primary School	£900.00
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Age UK Wiltshire	£10,350.00
Alzheimers Support	£10,000.00
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The Devenish Bradshaw Charitable Trust	£4,900.00
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Youth Adventure Trust	£1,322.00
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Swindon Carers Centre	£6,000.00
Swindon Dial A Ride	£6,000.00
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Neuro Therapy Centre	£6,000.00
Thamesdown Hydrotherapy	
Pool Association	£6,000.00
The Open Door Centre	£6,000.00
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Swindon City of Sanctuary	£1,000.00
Trowbridge Future	£1,126.00
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Alzheimers Support	£1,000.00
Arts Together	£1,000.00
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Doorway	£3,000.00
HEALS	£2,000,00

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Wessex Water Environment Fund Grants	
4 Youth (South West)	£1,500.00
Bowerhill Residents Action Group	£1,000.00
Mere Town Council	£1,500.00
Pewsey Parish Council	£862.00
The Devenish Bradshaw Charitable Trust	£1,450.00
Wessex Multiple Sclerosis Therapy Centre	£1,300.00
Wiltshire Bat Group	£1,482.50

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IPSUM	£1,500.00
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Willows Counselling Service	£1,500.00
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4 Youth (South West)	£3,000.00
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