

CHARITABLE TRUSTS

Working with a **Charitable Trust**

As a grantmaking trust you may wish to consider outsourcing part or all your grantmaking to Northamptonshire Community Foundation. We support a variety of partners in this way providing basic administrative support or a full service package where you can benefit from our knowledge, reach and expertise.

You may also be reviewing plans and seeking advice on where to focus future support. Or with worries about sustainability, you may be looking to wind up your Trust and find a guardian of the assets who will continue to fulfil its objectives.

Either way, Northamptonshire Community Foundation has a range of flexible options suited to your circumstance.

Our Experience

We can provide a range of solutions from assisting with grantmaking to taking over a trust completely. If trustees wish, your trustees can retain an involvement without having the burden of the financial and legal responsibilities.

Working together with you and your professional advisor, we can assist you with trust transfers, moving the funds into another endowed fund with modern and applicable objectives. We are able, if it is required, through the transfer process to change the specific objects of the trusts and continue to distribute grants in the spirit of the original founders.

With active trusts, it may be that trustees are looking for a sustainable approach to their fund, to ensure that the excellent work they have undertaken for many years is continued in perpetuity without losing involvement in the funds. As an alternative to transferring a trust, where applicable, we are also able to take over the management of active trusts, sometimes by becoming corporate trustees of an existing trust.

Trustees of charities and community groups facing closure may decide the work that Northamptonshire Community Foundation does to support local communities and individuals is in line with the aims of their group and that a transfer of funds to the Foundation would ensure a worthwhile and effective use of remaining assets. Whatever the reason for closure, it is not uncommon for organisations to have residual funds and the trustees will be required to distribute these in accordance with the dissolution clause in their governing document and may turn to you for assistance. Charity Commission rules are clear that residual assets should be passed on to another charitable organisation that can use such assets to follow the same or similar objects.

The Benefits of transferring a Charitable Trust to **Northamptonshire Community Foundation**



We can often provide better returns on investments as we are able to pool larger sums of money which are effectively and prudently managed through appointed investment managers.



Our local expertise means that we can identify current social need and often find beneficiaries and causes that provide the 21st century equivalent of the issues the original trust was set up to tackle.



Trustees can release the responsibility of managing and administering a trust fund directly, but retain an interest in the fund by acting as an adviser or continuing to award grants.

Options for Transfer

There are several options that can be considered under relevant sections of the Charities Act. This can include:

| Closing a trust and transferring the proceeds to the Foundation. Any group or charity wishing to pursue this should ensure that this action is in compliance with their governing document, and where relevant, has the approval of the Charity Commission. We can assist in writing to the Charity Commission to enable this to take place.

| Northamptonshire Community Foundation becoming corporate trustee and retaining the original charity number, but under new management.



Making a **lasting difference**

We worked closely with the trustees of the Northampton Queen's Institute Relief in Sickness Fund to establish a named fund through its transfer to us. The fund will remain restricted with a focus on health and well-being for the people and communities across the county.



Running a small charity is becoming increasingly onerous, with all the rules and regulations now facing us and the Northamptonshire Community Foundation has the professional support and expertise to enable us to deal with the daily management issues that confront us.

The Foundation has expanded enormously since it was founded fifteen years ago and has been a huge success story. The trustees of the Queen's Institute are confident that this charity which has done so much to help the health of the inhabitants of Northampton will continue to prosper under the guidance of the team at the Community Foundation.



Michael Orton-Jones, former Chairman, Northampton Queen's Institute Relief in Sickness Fund



As Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Margaret Giffen Charitable Trust who have donated to the NCF Margaret Giffen Community Fund which has benefited from the matched funding scheme I can confirm that many local community projects and charities have benefited from this fund. It would have been very difficult for me and my fellow trustees firstly to have located the many organisations who have benefited from this fund and secondly to have adequately vetted the numerous applications made for financial support. NCF have the necessary resources, expertise and experience to do so which gives us every confidence that the funds we have donated are in safe hands and finding their way to where they are of most benefit to the local community as a whole.



Barry Rogers, Partner at Tollers Solicitors and Chair of trustees, the Margaret Giffen Charitable Trust

As well as being a solution for charities wishing to close, we're also able to support Charitable Trusts wishing to outsource part or all of their grant making.