

# A WORD FROM YOUR COLLEAGUES

As a Solicitor I often see clients who wish to make a Will leaving a bequest to charity or sometimes make a lifetime gift to charity. Clients can be very wary of giving money to large national organisations sometimes being uncertain as to how and what it will be spent on. They often prefer to benefit local community groups or charities in some way. However it can be difficult for them to select which of numerous local community projects are worthy of support and would benefit most. The team at NCF have many years of experience assessing applications for such funding and the continued monitoring of how those funds are used. In this situation I have no hesitation in recommending to my clients that they consider making a bequest or gift to NCF.

**Barry Rogers, Partner,  
Tollers Solicitors**



From our direct experience of working with them, NCF have provided a professional, caring and proactive service to the voluntary and charitable sector and have successfully bridged the gap between that sector and the business and commercial sector. In particular where we have small trusts who cannot afford proper administration and find it difficult to fulfil their charitable objects, often NCF can provide a means to funnel the trust's funds to charitable causes that need help. Utilising NCF's contacts and skills means that the trustees have confidence that the trust's money is being put to good use. We enjoy working with NCF and they really do provide a fantastic service for the County.

**Gerald Couldrake, Partner,  
Howes Percival LLP Solicitors**



Northamptonshire Community Foundation is uniquely placed to provide valuable support to local charities and organisations. Without the Community Foundation's assistance many of these community groups would be unable to continue and children and families across our County would lose out. Giving through Northamptonshire Community Foundation is a sure-fire way to ensure that personal charitable donations and corporate philanthropy can do as much as possible to promote the great work that is already going on in our County.

**Jennifer Laskey, Partner,  
Wilson Browne Solicitors**



We've worked with Northamptonshire Community Foundation and seen at first hand how they can really benefit both local charities and benefactors. It's a fantastic concept that really helps charitable giving to have an enduring benefit to local causes with the minimum of expenditure. We've introduced clients to the Foundation and they've been delighted by the way their donations have been utilised to help local charities create a genuine legacy in the community.

**Phil Harris, Owner,  
Harris & Co Accountants**



We have been delighted to work with Northamptonshire Community Foundation for many years in achieving their aims of pairing local generosity and local need. The Foundation has grown and grown in recent years across all fronts - resources, governance, reach and impact - and it has been our privilege to see and assist with this. We have often recommended people approach the Foundation to make lifetime gifts or provision in their will for the Foundation and have also advised on the transfer of local trusts and funds where improved benefit can be achieved by placing those funds under the Foundation's custodianship.

**Chris Knight, Partner,  
Hewitsons Solicitors**

