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**Northamptonshire
Community Foundation**
Giving back to our county

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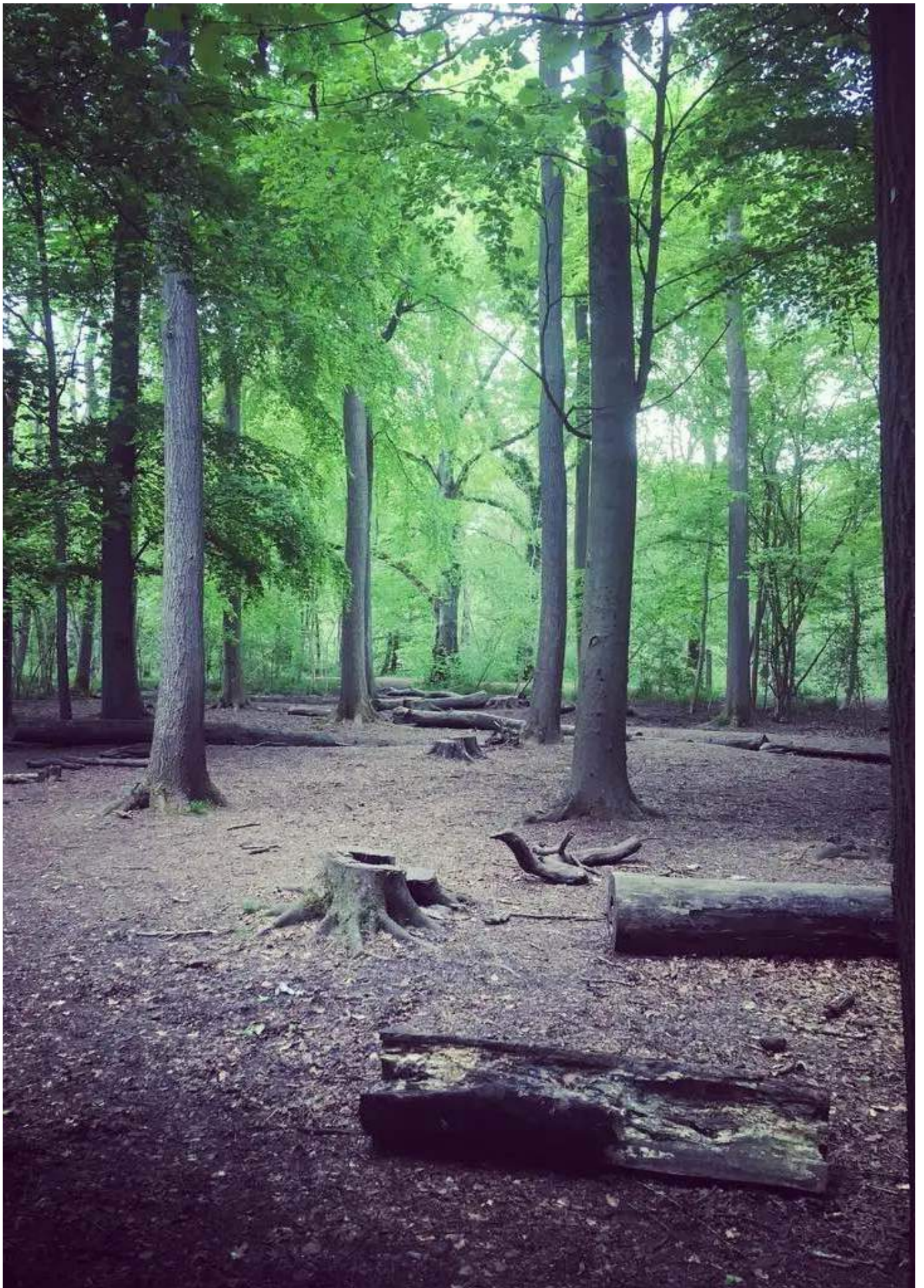


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About us

Northamptonshire Community Foundation is an independent grant making charity dedicated to meeting the needs of our communities by assisting the work of charities and voluntary organisations, as well as supporting individuals in Northamptonshire

Since the Foundation was established in 2001, more than £20 million has been given out in grants that have made a real difference to the most disadvantaged people in our county.

Those grants are made possible by our generous donors and fund holders: ordinary people and businesses who want to invest in and give back to their local communities.

We employ a small team of professional staff who support our Trustees in developing our supporter base, making grants, researching the needs in the county, and ensuring the proper financial administration of the Foundation.

A permanent community resource

We believe that in order to meet long-term community needs, we need resources with longevity. Many of our funds are endowed, which means that we invest donations and use the resulting investment returns to award grants to local charitable and voluntary organisations year-on-year. In this way, donations continue to make an impact forever.

Alternatively, funds can be set up as 'flow through funds'. These funds are not invested and involve an annual donation which is spent within the year. Our emergency response funds (e.g. our Northamptonshire COVID-19 Response Fund) was set up in this way to allow us to address urgent need.

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Why give through us?

Many people want to put something back into the community in which they live and work, but can be uncertain of how best to do this.

By partnering with us you can:

- Discuss and agree how to meet your charitable goals
- Access a wealth of local knowledge to ensure your gift supports communities or causes you care about
- Make your gift in the most cost-effective and tax-efficient way
- Be confident that we will carefully manage all administrative responsibilities, including investments, annual reporting and due diligence over the organisations you choose to support
- Maximise the impact of your gift to make a real difference year after year

Become part of our family of donors

With our endowment funds, your gift is invested for the long term. Our funds are invested together to maximise returns. Each year, we distribute the interest of our donors' endowment investments alongside the flow through funds from our fund holders who choose to make annual donations that are not invested, but are spent within the year as charitable grants. We then work with you to award grants to organisations and projects that are working to address the issues that matter to you.



Why give through us?

Play your part supporting the future of the people of Northamptonshire

We have been working with the charitable sector in Northamptonshire for over 22 years. In that time, we have distributed more than £20 million in grants.

Currently, we award grants to around 300 charitable projects each year, and that number is growing. Typically, we award over £1.2 million in grants each year. This increases substantially when we are dealing with the response to emergencies such as the COVID-19 pandemic.

We have more than 130 grant making funds under our management. Our endowment fund value is over £19 million and growing.





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Giving options

We can discuss your giving options to ensure the communities or causes that you care about benefit from your charitable gifts.

Giving in your lifetime

Establish your own donor advised fund

Setting up a donor advised fund requires a larger financial commitment and is an excellent option if you have a strong interest in supporting a particular cause and/or would like to be more actively engaged in your charitable giving. Whether you are an individual, family, business, or charitable trust, we will work with you to set up a fund that best suits your charitable goals.

Become a Friend of the Foundation

Becoming a Friend of the Foundation is easy; anyone who sets up a standing order has the option of becoming a Friend of the Foundation. We pool all of our Friends' donations together to create a large funding pot, with the Friends Grants Panel deciding which groups and projects they wish to support.

With the support of staff at the Foundation, Friends are advised on the varying needs within the county, ensuring that their funds are directed to help those who are facing the greatest challenges in our communities.

Once a year, Friends are invited to attend a dedicated grants panel where groups and projects can pitch their ideas, and can see the difference their donations have made through project visits and attendance at our acclaimed Annual Awards Ceremony.

Giving options

Corporate Social Responsibility

We partner with Northamptonshire-based businesses to help them achieve their charitable and Corporate Social Responsibility goals.

Businesses are becoming increasingly socially responsible. We know many organisations in Northamptonshire want to support their local community, but other demands on their time mean they can struggle to make the difference they would like and don't have the resources to respond to all charity requests they receive.

Working with Northamptonshire Community Foundation for your corporate giving is a great way for companies to ensure that your good intentions are delivering real impact and helping those most in need, all without taking you away from your day to day work.

Many businesses now include a Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) policy in their aims and objectives as a way to give back to the local community. Through our Corporate Giving Network, we offer an effective way for local businesses to put back into their community.

We can help your organisation achieve its philanthropic goals and make a difference in Northamptonshire.



Giving options

Corporate Giving Network

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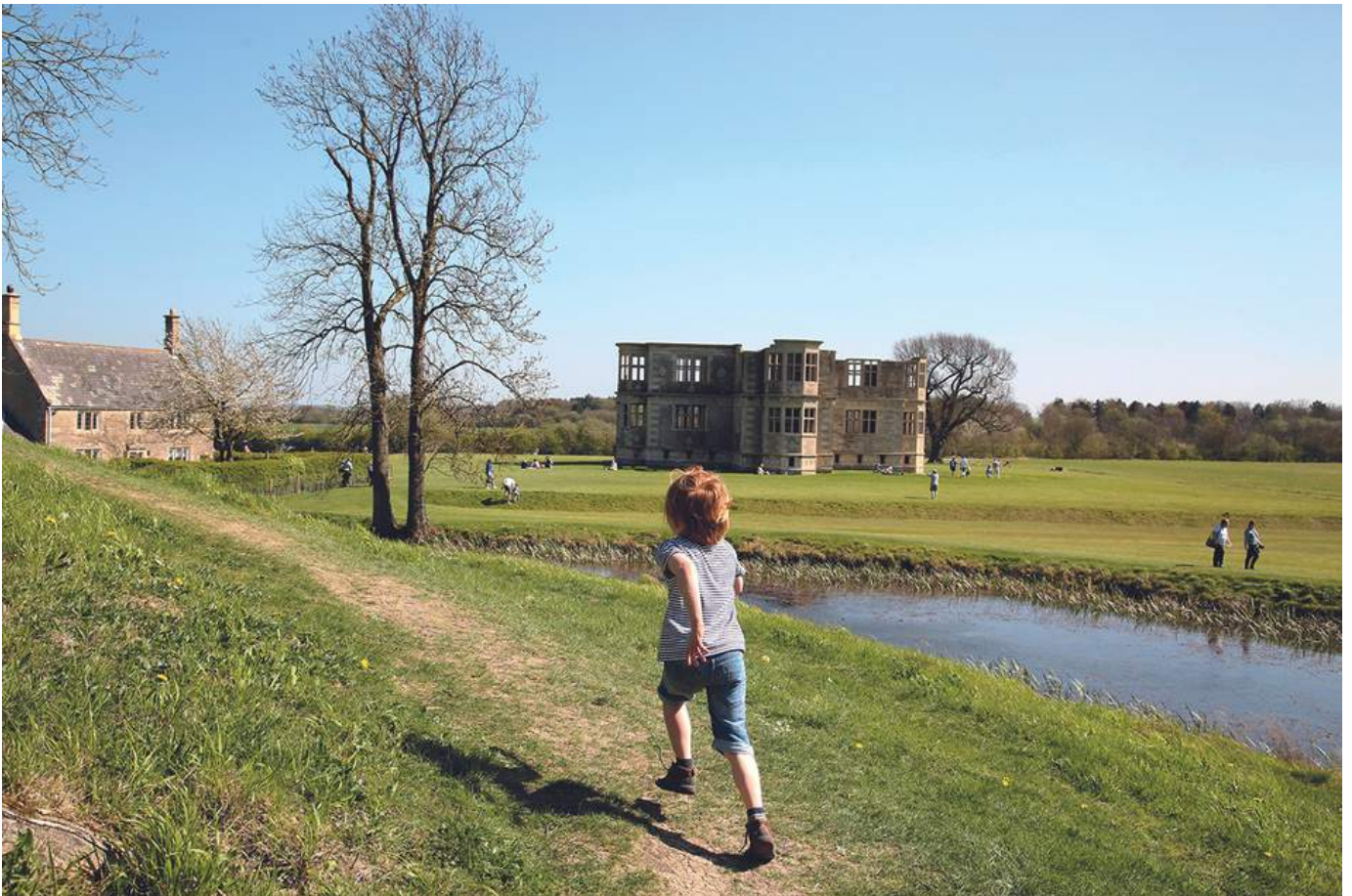
Businesses are an integral part of the community in which they operate, offering employment to local people and generating wealth for the local area. Many businesses wish to support their local communities but often don't have the dedicated resources to identify priority needs, communicate with local community groups, and manage large volumes of charity requests and assess applications for funding. Our Giving Network provides a complete solution for charitable giving by businesses, enabling companies to work together to maximise impact and share best practice.

Leaving a legacy

By making Northamptonshire Community Foundation a beneficiary of your Will or part of your estate plan, you are making a valuable contribution to a better future for our communities. The Foundation can work with you or your Professional Advisor, to ensure that your wishes are met and that your generosity will last for generations to come.



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Getting started as a donor

Start your journey

We can help you decide whether you should create your own fund or start your giving journey with us by becoming a Friend of the Foundation.

Think about your goals

We can help you and your family think about your passions and the causes that matter to you most.

Choose what you want to support

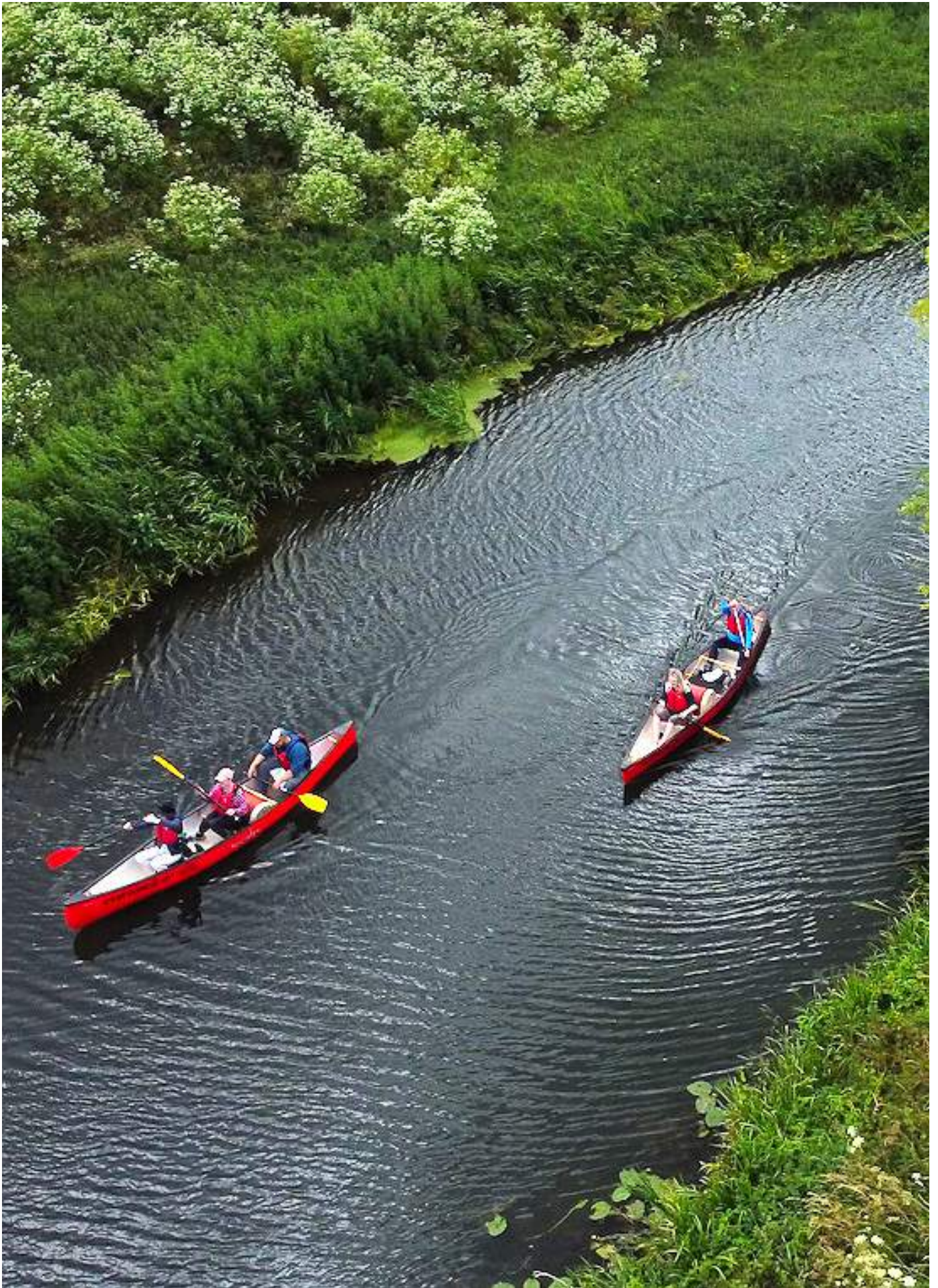
Whether you are interested in a specific area of need or a particular type of organisation or community, we can help you focus your ideas.

We can work with your Professional Advisor

Over the years, we have developed excellent working relationships with Professional Advisors and have a range of resources they can use.

We would be delighted to meet with you and/or your advisor, to talk things over.





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Our investment management

The charitable resources entrusted to us are overseen by our Finance, Investment and Governance Committee, a group of experienced Trustees who live locally and have regional and national experience. They delegate the ongoing management of our investments to professional, UK-based investment managers, who have demonstrated successful track records over the longer term and have sound market reputations and experience in the charitable sector.

Informing these relationships and delegating investment management to the appointed investment managers, Trustees expect each investment manager to have considered the suitability of investments in isolation and in the context of the overall portfolios managed in attaining our investment objectives. Appointed investment managers are regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority.

Our Finance, Investment and Governance Committee receives quarterly reports and valuations and meets with each investment manager at least once a year. Investment performance is monitored quarterly against agreed benchmarks, with a formal review of performance taking place at least every five years.



Fund Spotlight

The Cecil Pettit Legacy Fund

Cecil Pettit was one of the founding members of Ability Northants, a charity dedicated to enriching the lives of people living with disabilities. Following his passing in 2000 at the age of 79, a legacy fund was established to carry on Cecil Pettit's good work.



Making a lasting difference

Leaving a gift in a Will

Legacies continue to be one of the most important aspects of UK charity fundraising. Because Community Foundations are about endowment building, longevity and making a difference in perpetuity, leaving a legacy to us will ensure your gift makes a lasting difference for future communities across Northamptonshire.

If you have a specific interest or purpose in mind, we encourage you to discuss this with us to help ensure we meet your wishes. Legacies of all sizes make a difference, no matter how big or small they help us forward plan our future grant-making and make a lasting impact to local lives and communities.

Alan Maskell, a previous Trustee of the Foundation, explains why he and his wife chose to leave a legacy with us:

"We wanted to ensure that upon our deaths, a contribution from our estates would help local people who are most in need. For that reason we decided to leave a legacy to the Foundation, to contribute to the needs of people living in poverty, social isolation, who suffer from disabilities or those experiencing life's little problems, as a way of thanking the county for what we have personally achieved whilst living here."



Making a lasting difference

Testimonies from our Donors

As a donor, you can see for yourself the difference your support is making and we make giving simple, safe, tax efficient and cost effective. We make philanthropy affordable, easy to manage and as visible or anonymous as each donor requires.

We offer a bespoke service to our individual and corporate donors and can give advice as to where your donation will make the maximum impact in the community.

The Avon Fund for Women & Girls

This fund is managed by Northamptonshire Community Foundation on behalf of Avon Cosmetics, offering grants between £250 - £3,000 for projects that will improve the quality of lives of women and girls across the county.

"Avon has been empowering women for 130 years. At Avon we truly believe that if you empower women you can change the world. I am so proud to launch this fund with the Northamptonshire Community Foundation benefiting women and girls in this area, building on Avon's history of supporting the causes that matter most to women."

- Natalie Deacon of Avon Cosmetics



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The Mick & Sheila White Fund

The Mick and Sheila White Fund awards grants from £500 up to a possible £5,000 to provide support for young people driven to excel in their sporting career. Working in tandem with Northamptonshire Community Foundation, the fund can support travel expenses for sporting events and tournaments, the cost of purchasing new equipment, clothing, specialist coaching and any other essential requirements to smooth their passage.

"Supporting young people in sport has always been a great passion of mine. I am very much a local man, born and brought up in the town so it is important to me to give a little bit back, helping youth progress in the county and beyond."
- Mick White, fund holder





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Frequently asked questions

Should I start my own foundation or grant-making charity?

Not before talking to us first. We are normally the most effective and economic option but, if we are not the best solution for you, we will be honest and say so.

How do I establish my own fund?

Contact us directly to discuss the right option for you.

Are my dealings with Northamptonshire Community Foundation confidential?

Absolutely. All financial information is kept strictly confidential. You can choose whether or not to be identified in any documentation and your grants may also be made anonymously.

Can I leave a gift to Northamptonshire Community Foundation in my will?

Yes. We can work with you and/or your Professional Advisor on various options to ensure that your wishes are honoured.

Do you charge a fee?

Giving through a Community Foundation can be one of the most cost effective ways of managing your philanthropy. As a charity, the Foundation asks fund holders to make a contribution to their costs and in return fund holders receive a variety of philanthropy support services: consultation, fund design, out-reach, grant making expertise, monitoring, impact, due diligence and reporting services.

The size of the contribution to cover administrative costs depends on the size of fund but is typically 5% set up fee and 1.5% annually for endowment funds, and up to 10% for revenue funds. This offers our donors significant value for money when compared with the cost of establishing a conventional charitable trust.

Frequently asked questions

Who makes the decisions about which charities our charitable fund will support?

Our grants committee makes decisions on Field of Interest grants based on parameters set by you. You make the decisions on Donor Advised Funds grants, or you can delegate that decision to us. Either way you can be assured that Northamptonshire Community Foundation Trustees approve all grants made by the funds we manage.

Can I involve my family in the decisions about my fund?

Yes. We will be delighted to work with your family now and with future generations.

What if I just want to support local projects without creating a fund?

You can start your journey with us by giving directly to Friends of the Foundation which is used to support a broad range of organisations tackling issues right across Northamptonshire or make a direct donation to any of our current appeals addressing urgent and priority needs with the county. If, at any time, you decide that you want to be more specific about where your giving is spent, we would be delighted to help you to create your own Fund.

And if you want to help support the work of the Foundation directly, we would love you to get in touch to find out how you can donate to our current work.

To discuss the right option for you, contact Dean Jones, Head of Giving & Development:

Phone: 01604 230033

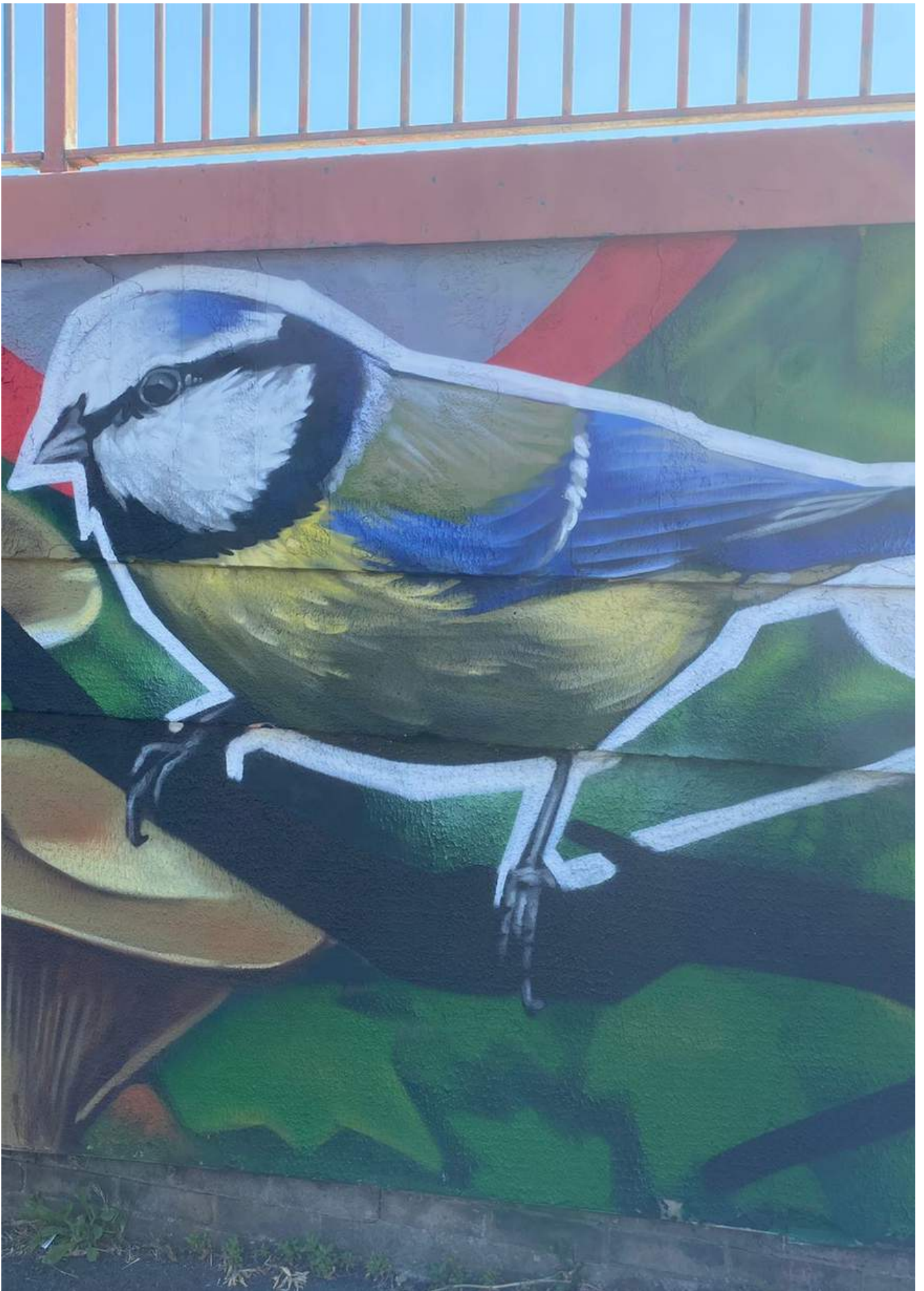
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Why do people choose Northamptonshire Community Foundation?

- We are a local organisation with deep roots in the community
- Our staff, patrons, trustees and grants panel members have a broad knowledge of community issues and needs
- We have unrivalled knowledge of the charity and community sector in Northamptonshire and have won national awards for the quality of our grant making
- As a community leader we bring together ideas and resources to create positive, lasting change
- We provide personalised options, tailored to meet your individual charitable and financial goals
- We offer various ways for you to give, so that you can support the causes you care about
- We can partner with Professional Advisors to create planned approaches to charitable giving
- We handle all administrative tasks making it easy for you to give
- We offer you all the tax advantages of giving to charity
- We help you create a personal legacy for lasting impact
- Our endowment model means your gift keeps giving forever





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Ready to begin your journey?



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