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Northamptonshire
Community Foundation
Giving back to our county

2001-2021

20 year anniversary



Welcome



It is with a great deal of pride that I introduce you to our 20th Anniversary birthday book. Pride in what has been achieved by the Foundation over the past 20 years, pride in the impact our grant giving has had on communities throughout Northamptonshire, pride in the generosity of our Donors, pride in all the volunteers who have contributed to our success and pride in the Foundation team who have worked tirelessly to ensure that the support reaches all those who need it most.

Our 20 year history is full of wonderful stories of how, with a little help, people have been able to survive and prosper even in the most difficult of times.

My sincere thanks to everyone who has been involved in that history. I now look forward with confidence to the next 20 years and the help and support Northamptonshire Community Foundation will continue to give to our communities.

Paul Southworth OBE, DL Chair

As we celebrate our 20th birthday, we hope this booklet brings a snapshot of the past two decades and an insight into the incredible breadth and scale of work of Northamptonshire Community Foundation and the support that it gives back to the people of the county.

We wouldn't have a foundation if it wasn't for our fundholders, supporters, volunteers, beneficiaries, staff and trustees. I'm immensely proud to be the Foundation's Chief Executive and I'm truly humbled by the philanthropic spirit that people demonstrate and I'd like to thank them all wholeheartedly for their continued support.

Here's to the next 20 years of giving back to Northamptonshire communities. Happy Birthday Northamptonshire Community Foundation.

Victoria Miles DL, CEO





When I was CEO at the Council for Minority Ethnic Communities, I was approached to support the setting up of a Community Foundation for Northamptonshire. I didn't need to be asked twice. It was obvious that it had the potential to really lift the county

by providing resources to support organisations making a difference by helping vulnerable people to be their best selves.

Wendi Buchanan, Founding Trustee and Member of Northamptonshire Community Foundation



The 20 year journey of Northamptonshire Community Foundation has been nothing short of amazing. It has grown and funded so many fantastic organisations while dealing with the challenge of change. It now stands as pivotal to supporting the VCSE sector in our county while remaining true to its values of cultural diversity and equal opportunities which was the starting point all those years ago. Happy Birthday Northamptonshire Community Foundation, I have been so proud to serve you as the founding Chair and now member.

John Bruce, Founding Chair and Member of Northamptonshire Community Foundation



2001

Northamptonshire Community Foundation is born

Northamptonshire Community Foundation is born with a vision to create a culture of giving that strengthens and supports all local communities.

Based in a small office in Northampton town centre, the charity aims to be seen as a catalyst of social change, making community philanthropy compelling and engaging local people in making communities better places to live, work and play.

By linking those in need with those who can give, Northamptonshire Community Foundation plans to support some of the most vulnerable communities across the county.



**Grant
spotlight**

Kemet Music School

Kemet Music School was one of the first groups to receive funding from the Foundation. They received a grant of £2,000 to provide training materials for its members and to promote the school's activities within the black and ethnic minority communities across the county.

2002

Establishing roots

Northamptonshire Community Foundation enters its second year and wins its first big pot of funding in the form of the Local Network Fund for Children and Young People.

The initiative is a national programme and forms part of the Government's plans to tackle child poverty. Over the next five years, the charity awards £1.4 million to 301 groups supporting projects that work with families, children and young people.



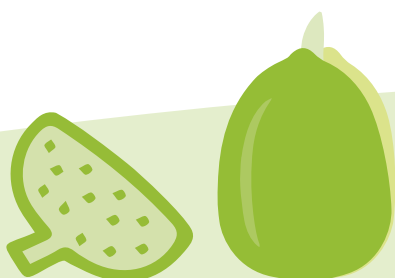
Adrenaline Alley

In 2002, the Corby Wheels Project was established by Mandy Young following a sickening attack by thugs on her son John. John was a keen skateboarder and suffered with an undiagnosed brain tumour throughout much of his early life.

Following a public consultation, it became clear that intimidation and lack of facilities was a major barrier in young people participating in urban sports. This project eventually turned into Adrenaline Alley, which is now the largest skateboarding facility of its kind in Europe with over 140,000 members. Adrenaline Alley has received several grant awards from the Foundation to support this growth over the years.



Northampton Town FC Community Trust and Northamptonshire Black History Association both received funding through the Local Network Fund for Children and Young People.



2003

Community champions

The Community Champions fund is launched and managed on behalf of the Government Office East Midlands to provide awards to help local people improve local activities and services.

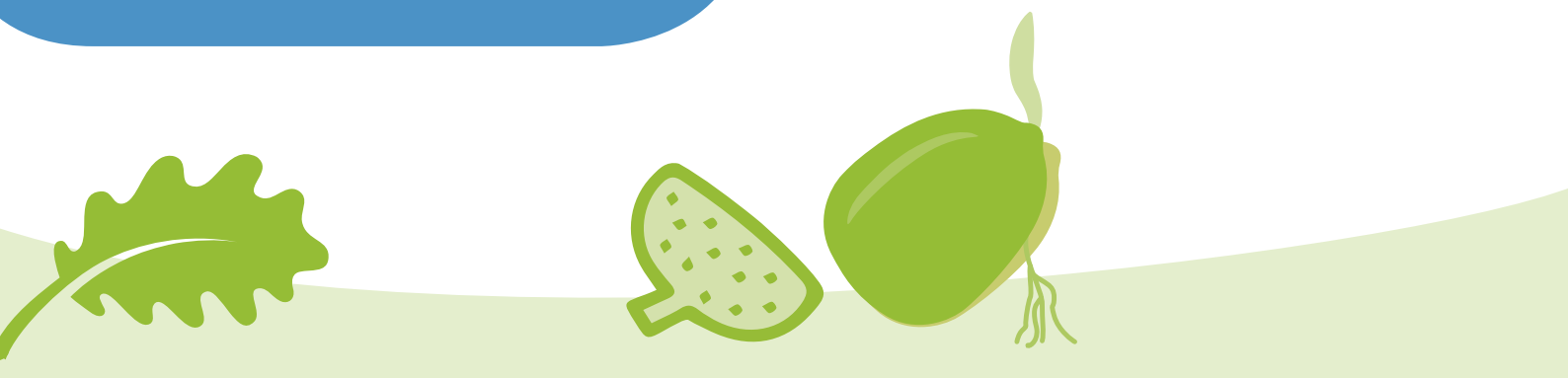
Northamptonshire Community Foundation later goes on to regionally manage the programme across the East Midlands.



Woodford Motorbike Club

Woodford Motorbike Club received funding through the Community Champions programme to expand the club's off-road riding sessions allowing young people with additional needs and disabilities to participate.

"Congratulations and happy birthday to Northamptonshire Community Foundation. A huge thank you for all your support over the years, not only to us but for the support you have provided across Northamptonshire to so many organisations." Mandy Young MBE, DL, CEO and Founder of Adrenaline Alley.



2004

Keeping young people safe

The Foundation awards over £18,000 to four community organisations in Northampton and Wellingborough from the Local Network Fund for Children and Young People.

In the same year, the High Sheriff's Initiative Fund is established to support projects that help to keep communities and young people safe.

John Church was the High Sheriff of Northamptonshire in 1993 and was instrumental in setting up the High Sheriff's Initiative Fund with Sir David O'Dowd, the then Chief Constable for the County, who later became High Sheriff in 2005.

"We set up the High Sheriff's Initiative Fund as we wanted to give back to young people with a particular focus on sporting and social activities to divert them away from getting involved in crime. The aim was to give smaller grants that would make a difference. As a result of the various enterprising and worthwhile initiatives that have since been supported over many years, I am delighted that the fund continues to do good work under the professionalism of the Community Foundation." John Church, High Sheriff of Northamptonshire 1993



Grant spotlight

Northampton Street Football

Northampton Street Football was an early recipient of the High Sheriff's Initiative Fund and received £500 to support a five-year street football project across Northampton.



Grant spotlight

HMP Wellingborough Youth and Community Project

HMP Wellingborough Youth and Community Project received funding to educate young people on the importance of making choices relating to drugs, crime and peer pressure. As part of the project, ex-offenders visited schools to tell their stories which was seen as a powerful tool to stop people offending.



Rough N Ready Kickboxing received funding through the High Sheriff's Initiative Fund in 2019.

2005

Buddy scheme

The Foundation Buddy Point scheme launches to facilitate skill building locally through partnering groups for peer mentorship.

This is with the express aim of helping groups improve and develop their funding skills through mutual support covering writing applications, developing a fundraising strategy, accessing training and courses, budgeting, accounting and researching funding opportunities.



Annual Award Winners 2019, a popular event in the Northamptonshire calendar since 2006.

2006

Celebrations

To celebrate the excellent work of all the community groups and community leaders funded through the Foundation, the charity hosts its very first annual awards ceremony at Northampton Cricket Club, complete with celebrity guests, performances and high-profile television coverage.



2007

Key milestones and new faces

Northamptonshire Community Foundation distributes nearly £600,000 to 144 groups across the county – the biggest annual distribution of grants to date.

David Laing becomes the new Chairman and Victoria Miles is appointed the new Chief Executive to build both the endowment and profile of the Foundation.

“I have been delighted to be connected with the Community Foundation for what may be many years but has seemed like no time at all. It has been such a wonderful relationship to have had. It has been a real privilege to see the Foundation change, develop and grow to a fully-fledged, but still developing, and incredibly well run and governed organisation. Can it really be your 20th anniversary? Can you have done so much in that time? I hope to be able to share many more years with you and see just where things will lead.” David Laing, former Chair of Northamptonshire Community Foundation



Community Grants advisors are also introduced to support grants panels with local community knowledge.

The Foundation passes its first quality accreditation mark which is originally endorsed by the Charity Commission. The standards are brought in by the national network of Community Foundations to ensure good practice in philanthropy services, grant giving, good governance and community leadership. The Foundation also launches its first annual review to highlight the incredible work donors and community groups are carrying out across Northamptonshire.

Four themes of giving are developed to provide a deeper focus to the Foundation's philanthropic activity.

These are:

1. Culture and Creativity
2. Community and Family Life
3. Healthy Living and the Environment
4. Sports and Recreation

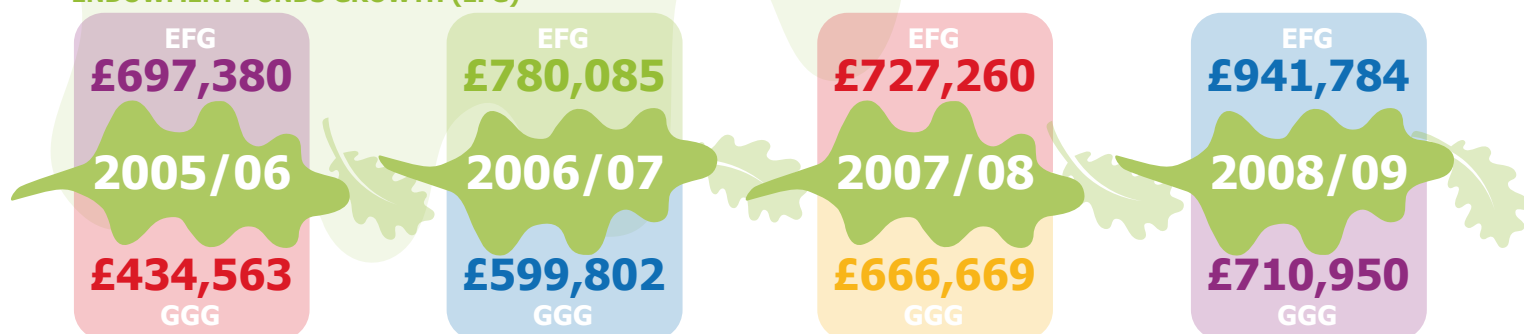
2008

New funds and match challenge

The Northamptonshire Champions Bursary Fund is launched to support sporting talent across the county and the Henry Martin Centenary Fund is launched with a particular focus on supporting young people with training and employment opportunities.

A successful bid to deliver the Grassroots Grants and Endowment Match Challenge in Northamptonshire begins the road to building endowment for the long-term sustainability for the Foundation and the VCSE sector. The programme runs over three years and is a huge success, with over £710,000 awarded and the overall endowment exceeding the milestone of £1 million to nearly £2 million at £1,920,678.

ENDOWMENT FUNDS GROWTH (EFG)



GRANT GIVING GROWTH (GGG)



2009

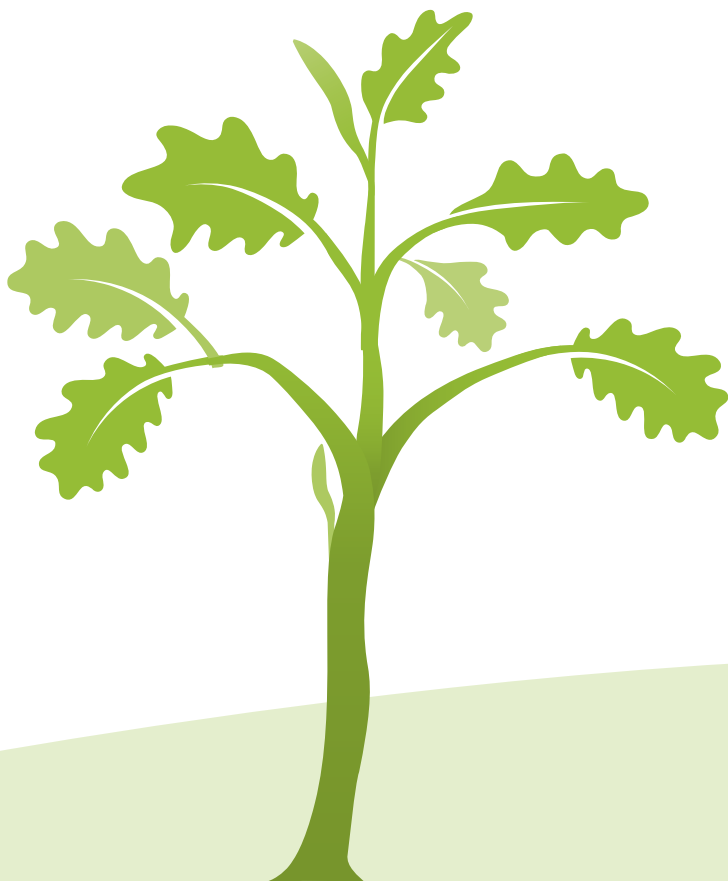
Sporting champions

The Sporting Champions fund is launched to support sporting talent with the costs of sports participation. Since the fund's inception, 231 Sporting Champions have been supported with over £75,000 in grant awards.

The fund has helped to support our County's emerging sport stars for Olympic, Paralympic and non-Olympic sports. Small amounts of funding have made a huge difference towards helping them on their way to achieving their very best and to be at the top of their game.



Dermot Bailey received funding through The Northamptonshire Champions Bursary Fund.



EFG
£1,327,725

2009/10

£855,220

GGG

2010

Making friends and supporting older people

The Foundation launches Fuel Aid: Northamptonshire to support vulnerable older people living in fuel poverty. In its first year, the appeal raises over £17,000 to projects across the county. The initiative turns into an annual appeal and is re-launched as Surviving Winter the following year. Since 2011, the annual winter appeal has raised over £235,000 to support older and vulnerable people in Northamptonshire.

The Northamptonshire 100 (N100) giving circle launches this year as a vehicle for like-minded people to give collectively back to their communities through the Foundation. The giving circle has continued as the Friends of the Foundation and many individuals and businesses have set up their own funds as a result.

In 2010, the Foundation take up the offer of a new office space at the Royal and Derngate theatre where they are hosted for five years.



Golden Years received funding through The Surviving Winter Appeal in 2018.

EFG
£1,920,678

2010/11

£576,597

GGG

2011

Endowment growth

The Grassroots Grants Endowment Match Challenge is a huge success and the Foundation's endowment reaches over £2 million. This 'in perpetuity' funding is for the benefit of future generations throughout Northamptonshire and establishes the Foundation as a leading grant-maker in the county.

2012

Tackling food insecurity, developing the next generation of donors and another match challenge

Northamptonshire Food Poverty Network is established to bring together community groups and charities to tackle food insecurity and take a community leadership role in raising and distributing funds to address food poverty in local communities.

The Young Philanthropy programme launches as a course to bring philanthropy to the next generation of future donors. The course is developed by Rachel McGrath to deliver to colleges, universities, charitable organisations and agencies as a contribution to UCAS points and provide an alternative learning experience and insight into philanthropy and the local charitable sector.

The Foundation is successful in working with the Community Foundation Network to secure match funds for a new match challenge. The Community First challenge runs for four years and sees the Foundation receive three donations of £1 million which increases the endowment to £7,620,504.

2013



Youth Works Corby and Kettering

Youth Works Corby and Kettering receive a grant to support 15 young people with complex needs to gain City and Guilds qualifications and participate in volunteering placements to build their skills and improve life chances.

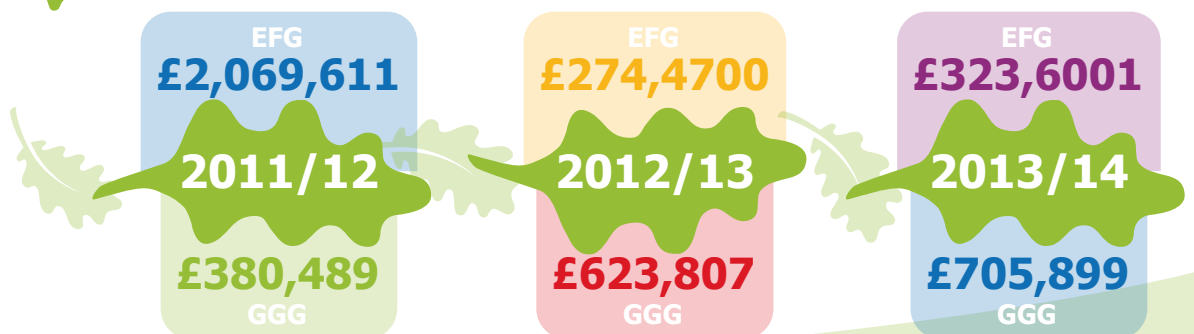
A year of growth and partnerships

The Foundation awards over **£600,000 to 236 projects in 2013** and the endowment increases even further with an additional **£1 million** raised throughout the year.

The number of named fund holders increases to 35 and partnerships are formed locally with a variety of organisations including the University of Northampton, Royal & Derngate Theatre, the Chronicle and Echo newspaper and BBC Radio Northampton.



Youth Works.



2014

Making an impact

261 community groups and organisations receive over £700,000 throughout the year and £1.3 million is raised including endowment donations.

The annual winter appeal raises over £30,00 in partnership with NCC Warm Homes to support vulnerable older people over the winter months.



Always a Chance

Always a Chance is a charity formed in memory of James Cooper and James Kouzaris, two friends who were tragically shot dead while on holiday in Florida in 2011. The Always a Chance Fund was set up in 2014 firstly on its own and then in partnership with the charity and Northamptonshire Community Foundation and aims to both prevent violent crime and support its victims.



2015

New chair, new appeals and a new office

The Foundation awards over £1 million throughout the year for the first time in its history.

Paul Southworth OBE, DL becomes Chair of the Board, replacing David Laing after eight successful years as the head of the Foundation.

The Fair Deal for Kids appeal launches in partnership with the Northampton Chronicle and Echo newspaper. The fund is dedicated to supporting community groups and volunteer organisations in Northamptonshire that work to help children and young people living in poverty.



The Constance Travis Charitable Trust and the Queen's Institute Trust both donate £1 million which are increased 50% through the Community First Match Funding scheme and the Compton Fund for Arts, Culture and Heritage donate an additional £1 million to the Foundation.

The Foundation moves into its new offices at 18 Albion Place in Northampton town centre courtesy of the David Laing Foundation, where they remain to this day. 77 young people take part in the Young Philanthropy programme.

Revitalising Trusts

The Revitalising Trusts Programme was set up to ensure funds from inactive or dormant charitable trusts are 'unlocked' and spent on good causes across the UK. The Foundation has worked with several trusts over the years to help them liberate funds for local communities. In association with the Charity Commission and UKCF, the trust transfer programme is helping to unlock millions of funds to support charities and voluntary groups here in Northamptonshire and across the UK.

In 2015, Northamptonshire Community Foundation worked closely with the trustees of the Northampton Queen's Institute Relief in Sickness Fund to establish a

named fund through its transfer to the Foundation. The fund has remained restricted and the objectives were brought up to date with a focus on health and wellbeing for the people and communities here in Northampton.

As the trustees were finding it difficult to ensure the fund realised its original purpose and the grant giving wasn't particularly active, the trust was eligible for match funding from the Community First Endowment Match Challenge. The fund value when it transferred in 2015 was just over £1 million and was matched with a further £500,000 from the challenge.

The fund balance is now £2,121,692 and £563,968 has been awarded to 191 groups since 2015.

"Running a small charity is becoming increasingly onerous, with all the rules and regulations now facing us. 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 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 Northamptonshire, will continue to prosper under the guidance of the team at the Community Foundation." Michael Orton-Jones, former Chairman of the Northampton Queen's Institute Relief in Sickness Fund.

Several other trusts have been transferred to the Foundation through the revitalising trust programme, including the Cecil Pettit Trust which supports people with disabilities, the Leslie Church Memorial Trust which supports young people through education and training and the Mark Taylor Charitable Trust which supports disadvantaged people across Northamptonshire.



Albion Place.

EFG
£7,620,504

2014/15

£1,048,040
GGG

2016

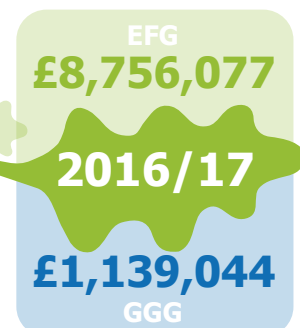
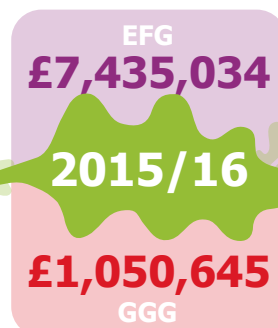
Birthday celebrations

The Foundation celebrates its 15th birthday in style with the charity's first annual Garden Party hosted by our Chair, Paul Southworth OBE, DL.

Grants in excess of £1million are awarded for the second year running and it is revealed that £8.8 million has been distributed to over 2,500 projects since 2001. The endowment reaches £8.3 million with total funds under management moving to £9 million and the number of named fund holders to 54.



15th Birthday.



2017

More match challenges, unforgettable gifts and a radio show

An exciting new match funding challenge is announced in partnership with the Constance Travis Charitable Trust. The £2 million match intention is an opportunity for local donors to increase the value of donations to the Foundation. In its simplest form, the challenge adds £1 to every £2 invested and runs for three years. The funds are invested in perpetuity and the income gained every year will be used for charitable grant making for the benefit of Northamptonshire communities.

The Unforgettable Gift Appeal is established as a giving partnership between the Foundation and the Royal and Derngate Theatre. Hundreds of free tickets for Christmas shows to children and young people who live in, or are at risk of poverty are awarded through this annual collaboration.

The Foundation delivers a community radio show in partnership with Inspiration FM called 'Community Matters.' This is part of the Community Foundation's development work to reach out and promote its activities to wider and more diverse audiences beyond mainstream media networks and build on equity, diversity and inclusion.



2018

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Marathons and hidden needs

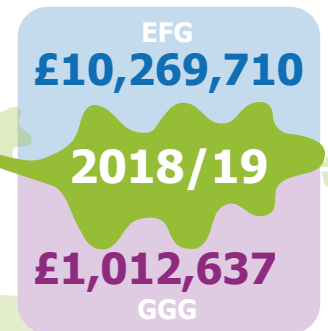
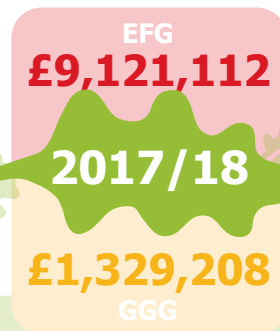
Northamptonshire Community Foundation works with the University of Northampton to launch the first Hidden Needs Report to highlight urgent priority needs across the county. These priority needs include issues around education, training and skills, childhood obesity, housing and homelessness, deprivation and social isolation, self-harm and child poverty.

The Foundation also forms a partnership with the London Marathon Charitable Trust to deliver a fund that supports sporting activities across South Northamptonshire and Aylesbury Vale highlighting its regional reach to deliver funds.



Service Six

Service Six receives a grant of £9,360 to support a free, two hour activity session every week to children and young people in Pineham.



2019

Sustainable development goals, celebrating heritage and the largest gift we've ever received

The Foundation adopts the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (UN SDGs) as part of its charitable activity. The UN SDGs are an urgent call to action set by the United Nations to improve the quality of life and wellbeing for all by 2030 with the mission being to 'think global, act local.'

Funded by the Heritage Lottery Fund, the Generosity Heritage Trail is launched in partnership with Looking Glass Community Theatre to celebrate local philanthropists.

The Community Foundation receives the largest gift in its history, with the Constance Travis Charitable Trust giving £5 million towards their existing endowment fund and entrusts the Foundation with its grant giving for Northamptonshire charities and community organisations.



Generosity Heritage Trail.



2020

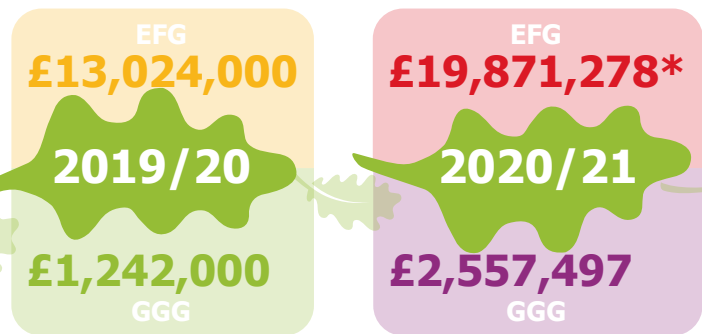
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Emergency response

In response to the newly emerged Coronavirus/Covid-19 pandemic, the Foundation launches the Coronavirus Response and Recovery Fund to provide funding for vital community projects in their ongoing steps to provide essential support to the most vulnerable members of our local community. Over £1 million is awarded to 317 community projects through the fund.

The Constance Travis Match Challenge comes to an end, with a successful £5.3 million raised in new and existing endowment funds.

The Foundation also launches Northamptonshire Insights to provide local area insights building on the work of the previous Hidden Needs report and highlighting the urgent priority issues across the county.



** Total funds under management 2020/2021*



Lindengate received funding through the London Marathon Charitable Trust Fund.

2021 & beyond

The Foundation celebrates its biggest grant giving year yet at £2.6 million and the endowment reaches nearly £20 million.

A huge thank you goes to all our past and present Staff, Trustees and Members.

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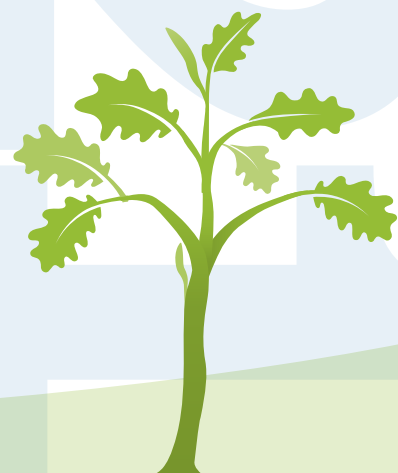
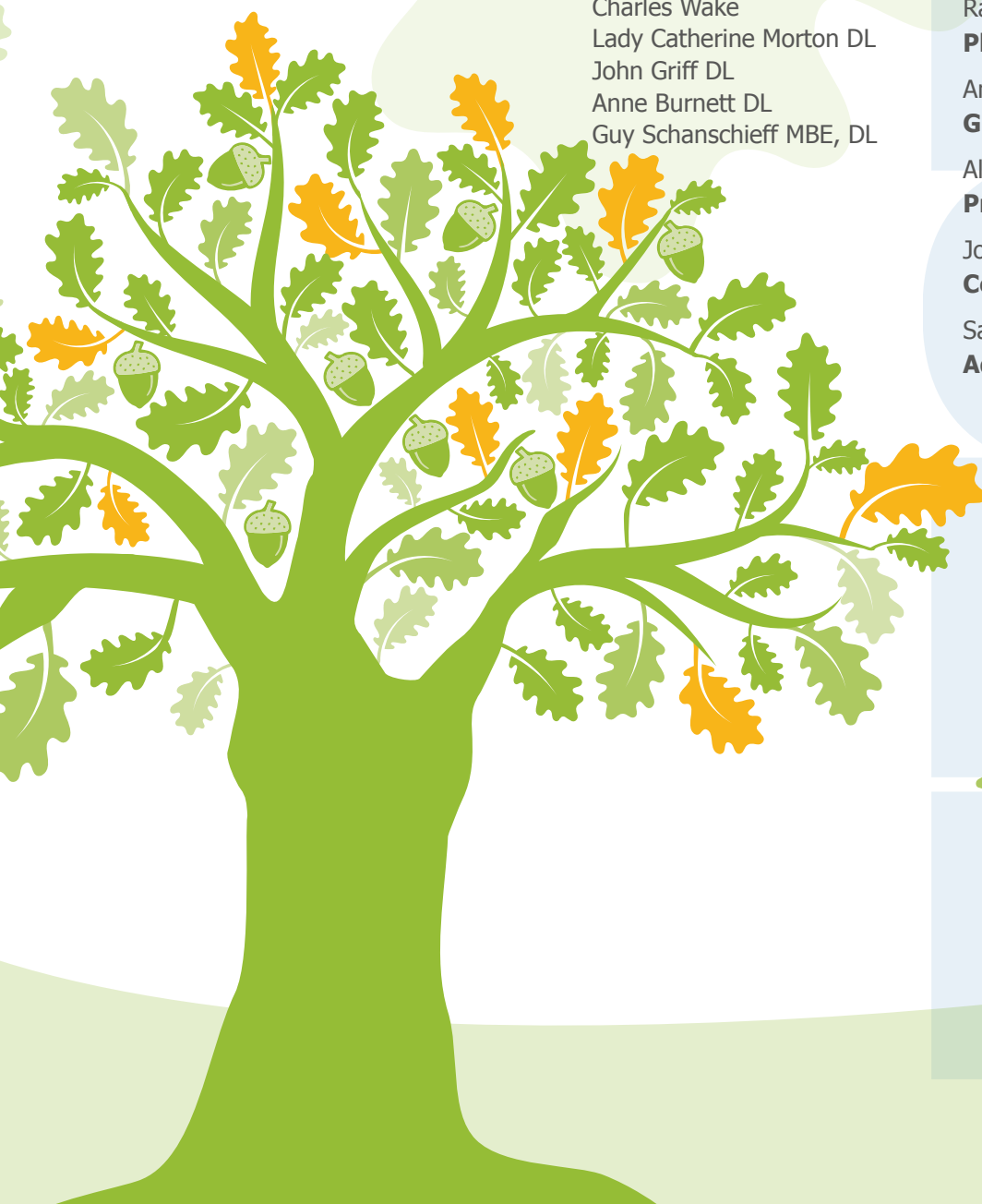
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Community leadership

As part of our core activities, Northamptonshire Community Foundation will take a community leadership role in addressing the needs and concerns that impact Northamptonshire.

We have adopted the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (UN SDGs) into our charitable activity and will bring local people together to tackle these global issues across the county.

We will actively seek to raise awareness of the Foundation with the next generation of philanthropists and to grow our membership with this next generation in both the Friends of the Foundation and Named funds.



SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS



UN SDG.

Spotlight on donors



Bambino Mio.

“Northamptonshire is the home of Bambino Mio and we’re passionate about supporting local organisations to help tackle the challenging issues facing our society. That’s why we launched a fund in partnership with Northamptonshire Community Foundation to support local projects that help people and communities in our county who need it most. We’re proud to be working with an organisation dedicated to funding community-based action which improves the lives of our county’s most disadvantaged people and communities.” Guy Schanschieff, Founder and Managing Director of Bambino Mio

“After hearing from a friend many years ago about her experience and involvement with the Foundation, I immediately decided to sign up to contributing on an annual basis and have never regretted my decision.” Jane Orr, Friend of the Foundation



Ways to give

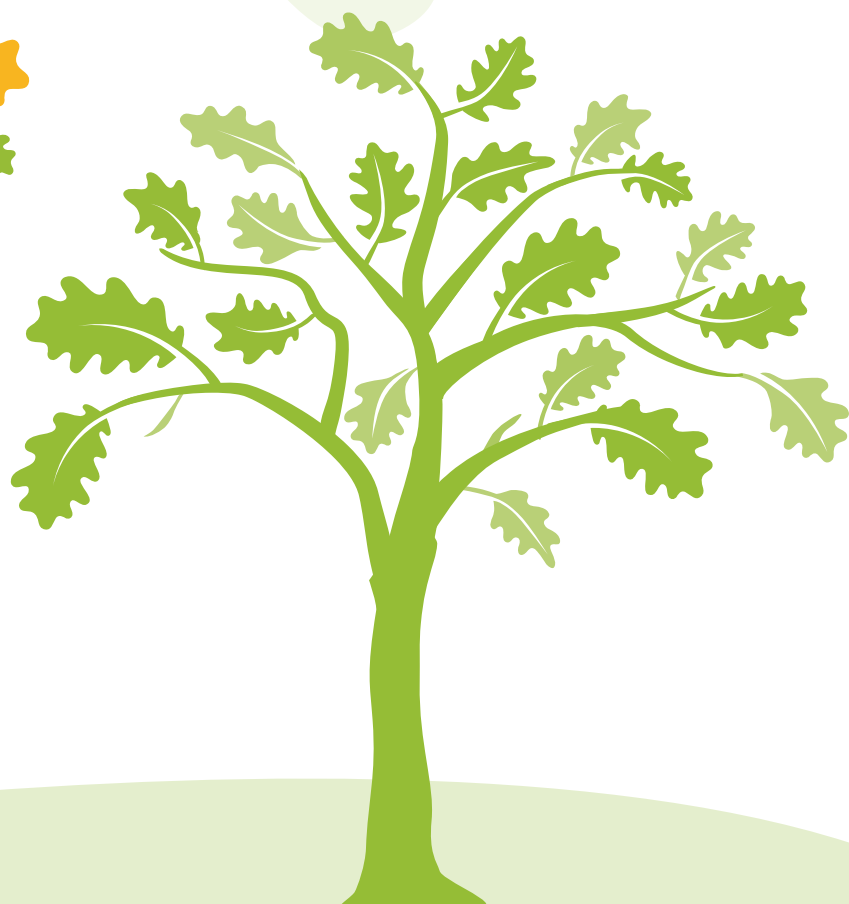
If you have been inspired by the work of Northamptonshire Community Foundation over the last 20 years and would like to help us shape our next chapter, there are many ways you can get involved.

Join our Friends of the Foundation Giving circle and be a part of something bigger or set up a Named Fund to support the causes closest to your heart. Transfer an existing Trust to us or leave a lasting legacy with a gift in your will. We'll be with you every step of the way.

We are and always will be, stronger together.



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