



Building Community Impact Together



Northamptonshire
Community Foundation
Giving back to our county

Your local investment can make a lasting impact

Companies across our county of Northamptonshire are uniquely placed to support communities to thrive. The business sector, and regeneration and redevelopment fuels change and a collective desire for community development. There are great ways for you to build community impact where you operate by giving back to local communities. Engaging with local community leaders and organisations is an effective way to develop your ESG priorities, engage your employees, clients and suppliers and build positive local relationships with local communities.





How we can help you

Northamptonshire Community Foundation is a charity, raising awareness of community projects and organisations that are doing fantastic work across Northamptonshire. The people in your local community already know the challenges they face, and they also have really good ideas about how to overcome them. They are rich in ideas and assets, what they need from us is the right kind of support and collaboration so that they can thrive.

We recognise the complexity of giving in Northamptonshire. We can help you achieve your community impact goals by helping you connect with local organisations you would not otherwise be able to reach.

We know no two businesses are alike and that your giving needs careful thought. This guide showcases three ways we can support you to give back with confidence. We offer flexible and bespoke services tailored to your organisation's community impact goals. We can facilitate the opportunity to align your corporate giving with your strategic business priorities.

We aim to make your corporate giving a stress-free, impactful and fulfilling experience.

Our impact

Our mission is to tackle disadvantage and create greater equity in Northamptonshire. We believe this can be achieved by channelling funds to effective local community organisations making a real difference in their communities.

We offer support and help them get stronger, so people in Northamptonshire who experience disadvantage can depend on them, get the services they need, feel connected and feel hope. We work with a range of funding partners to connect them to vital work in communities that they could not otherwise reach, helping businesses like yours to meet your community commitments to Northamptonshire. To date, we have awarded more than £25 million in grants and hold more than £21 million in endowment funds to support communities across Northamptonshire.



2024/25 highlights



On behalf of generous donors and partners from across Northamptonshire, we awarded **£1.11 million** in grants.

We have a wealth of knowledge and expertise in grant making; we awarded **4,800+ grants** to charities and individuals in 2024/25.



We are committed to improving the lives of all Northamptonshire residents. **162,584 beneficiaries** were supported by our grant-making in 2024/25.

Our grant making reaches far and wide across the county. **3 in 20 local residents** are impacted by our charitable giving.





Ways to give

We can support you to set up your own community fund. A fund that can support the issues and people that you are most passionate about.

We will tailor the way your fund operates to help you achieve your specific community impact goals. For example, you might wish to support a specific group of people such as refugees or young people. Perhaps you want to make an impact in a specific neighbourhood where your business - or new development - is based, or maybe you are concerned about a pressing issue in Northamptonshire, such as food poverty.

We can also help you combine issue, people and place in a targeted, strategic way, using the following fund models.

A hyper-local fund

You can focus your giving on the immediate geographical area around your business premises or new development, delivering a legacy of social and economic benefits for local residents.

Benefits of this model:

- You can make a positive impact on the community where you operate by supporting smaller, local community organisations on your doorstep.
- You can build a strong connection with the local community and see, first-hand, the difference your fund is making.
- You can use the fund and the impact measures to showcase your social impact to your stakeholders.

“The Yelvertoft Wind Farm community benefit fund enables us to create lasting impact to the local community. Through our long-standing partnership with Northamptonshire Community Foundation, we can clearly demonstrate the value of our Section 106 commitments over the long term, while sustaining local charities and community organisations that truly understand local needs.”

Dickson Leung, Asset Manager, Schroders Greencoat



Yelvertoft Community Wind Farm Community Benefit Fund – a hyper-local fund example

Schroders Greencoat have been longstanding donor partners of ours to deliver for over a decade community benefit funds to the local areas of Clay Coton, Crick, Lilbourne and Yelvertoft.

We have supported them to fund a variety of local community organisations that support a range of charitable, educational, environmental and general community amenity projects to benefit residents in the local community around the wind farm site. The fund has been able to provide small and longer term larger grant awards to community projects helping to meet their ESG priorities.

The value of the hyper-local fund for Schroders Greencoat:

- Being able to have a long term impact in a specific area and being able to demonstrate the impact as well as help to sustain and resource local charities and community organisations.
- Being able to demonstrate the impact of the Section 106 funds over a decade.
- Trusted longstanding services through Northamptonshire Community Foundation to provide local knowledge on charities and community need.
- A seamless grant-making service supporting their community benefit investment.

A thematic fund

You can focus your giving on a specific theme that is important to your business, allowing you to link it to your ESG priorities and so you can communicate the impact clearly across your business.

Benefits of this model:

- You can align your fund to a specific theme that is important to your business, for example the environment or employability.
- You can connect to local community organisations tackling this issue where you operate.
- You can link your impact reporting to other ESG metrics in your communications.
- You can grow your understanding of one specific theme, building your community knowledge and connection over time.

“At AVON, we recognise the importance of supporting charities and community projects in the areas where we operate. Partnering with Northamptonshire Community Foundation helps us do this effectively by directing our support to local causes that align with our purpose and mission and make a real difference in our communities.”

Ellie Sanderson, Operational Communications Specialist, AVON



AVON Fund

- a thematic fund example

AVON have been longstanding donor partners of ours to deliver for nearly a decade, ESG investment funds that support women and girls right here in Northamptonshire. We have supported them to fund a variety of local community organisations and charities that work directly with women and girls to tackle issues such as violence against women and girls, education, employment and training, poverty and homelessness, health and wellbeing and support for families. We have also supported them to recognise and celebrate local women community leaders through the AVON Inspirational Woman's Award and their role in supporting often vulnerable local residents. Their staff team are able to share and celebrate in the impact achievements of their community investment that reflects the values of the company.

The value of a thematic fund for AVON:

- Being able to have a long term impact across a specific theme of Gender Equality and being able to demonstrate the impact as well as help to sustain and resource local charities and community organisations.
- Able to build and create local networks and support relationships between projects working in the same space and field to support women and girls.
- Funded projects working towards similar outcomes so reporting is able to capture the overall impact of the programme.
- Trusted longstanding services through Northamptonshire Community Foundation to provide local knowledge on charities and community need
- A seamless grant-making service supporting their ESG investment.

Partner with us

By partnering with us, you can benefit in a number of ways:

- **Local:** your funds will be used to support organisations who understand the needs of their community.
- **Effortless:** we provide a wide range of professional, personalised support to help you meet your community impact goals, saving you time on administrative and reporting responsibilities.
- **Efficient:** we can set up a personalised fund as soon as you are ready, we manage the fund set-up, due diligence, assessment, grant deployment and impact reporting.
- **Flexible:** unlike setting up your own charity, when you set up a fund with us you can change the priorities and model over time. It can be flexible to meet your needs.
- **Knowledgeable:** our database contains information on thousands of small organisations across Northamptonshire. This enables us to reach those in a specific geography or focus on a specific theme.
- **Collaborative:** you can choose how involved you would like to be in the decision-making process, and you can involve colleagues, partners, clients and suppliers.





You will also get access to

Dedicated fund management services

We will ensure a seamless grant-making process, including:

- Due diligence
- Application reviews
- Grant awarding
- Grant report management
- Fund updates and annual reports

Dedicated donor relations support

We will support you with:

- Regular check-ins and communication
- Visits to meet funded organisations
- Invitations to donor events and functions

Trusted to deliver by



We're here to help

We are Northamptonshire Community Foundation. We're meeting the urgent needs of our county's residents, and helping local businesses to do the same.



Let's talk

The first step towards exploring how you can build your community impact is to have a conversation with us. We welcome the chance to share our insights and experiences and hear more about your work.

We can talk you through the ways we work with our other partners in the built environment sector and help you decide what model of giving would best support your strategic goals.

If you want to invest in local communities and create a lasting impact where it matters most, we would be happy to discuss how Northamptonshire Community Foundation can help you and your business.

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