



Wiltshire Community Foundation Annual Review 2022-23



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OUR IMPACT

Last year Wiltshire Community Foundation awarded almost **£2 million**, supporting over **130,000 people** across Wiltshire and Swindon.



50,399 PEOPLE

had access to projects to reduce loneliness and isolation

41,115 PEOPLE

had improved access to and engagement with arts, culture, heritage and the environment

21,438 PEOPLE

had access to projects to improve their health and wellbeing

19,844 PEOPLE

were supported to improve education, life skills and employment opportunities

ACTING NOW TO SHAPE TOMORROW

In October 2022, we attended the UK Community Foundations conference in Manchester. As one of 47 community foundations in the UK, there are great opportunities to share and learn from each other. The title of the conference was 'Foundations for the future: Acting now to shape tomorrow' and for us it couldn't have come at a better time.

We discussed the short and long-term challenges that face our communities and explored how place-based philanthropy can create opportunities in our diverse communities, both now and in the future. Unsurprisingly, we all had a lot to say, and our communities shared many of the same issues – poverty, homelessness, loneliness, isolation, lack of access to services, anti-social behaviour, environmental issues and gender-based violence.

It could have been depressing but instead it was enlightening, inspiring and affirmed that community foundations are at the heart of tackling these issues at a local level. Helping people who care about their local communities to target their giving to where it will make the most difference. Supporting local community groups to continue their life-changing work on the frontline of disadvantage at this time of significant change and hardship.

Tackling this hardship requires sustainable funding for our local voluntary sector. Many of the community groups we support are micro or small and have limited and sometimes no access to other funding. Crucially, we provide funding for running costs and where possible multi-year grants to give as much financial stability as we can. We are on track to deliver our pledge to invest £10 million in our local communities over a five-year period – a significant step change from our previous levels of funding pre-2020. This has only been possible because of the incredible support of our endowment and flow-through funders. Our thanks to everyone who has made it possible for us to award £2 million in grants in 2022/23 and secure one of the highest levels of flow-through funding in the Foundation's history. **Together we have changed lives.**

It is an honour to work for Wiltshire Community Foundation, alongside an experienced, hard-working and

dedicated staff team, with our Board of Trustees who give their time and knowledge to support and guide us, our Patrons who champion our work and our mighty team of volunteers who go above and beyond to help us deliver on our vision to see all people in Wiltshire and Swindon thrive.

We hope you will enjoy reading this Annual Review and learning more about our work. We would be delighted if, when you've finished reading it, you would pass this publication on to one of your friends or contacts who may not know about our work and who could become a future supporter.

With warmest wishes and many thanks.



Vicky Hickey
Joint Chief Executive



Fiona Oliver
Joint Chief Executive



We are on track to deliver our pledge to invest £10 million in our local communities over a five-year period."

BUILDING A COMMUNITY ASSET

In 1975 the Thamesdown Community Trust was established. Its aim was to develop an endowment fund that would be a sustainable community asset supporting the local voluntary sector for years to come.

In 1988 Wiltshire Community Foundation was born through an amalgamation of the Thamesdown Community Trust and the Wiltshire Community Trust, creating a charity for the whole of Wiltshire. Over the last 48 years a lot more has changed, but the commitment to building our endowment fund remains the same.

When I first joined the Foundation as a Trustee in 2006, the endowment fund was valued at just under £4 million and grants of £600k were awarded in that year. The team were on a mission to grow the endowment to £10 million. Fast forward 17 years and the Foundation now has an endowment valued at just under £30 million – a true testament to the efforts, passion and hard work of so many people. Last year we awarded almost £2 million in grants, taking us to over £22 million awarded since 1975. We now have over 160 endowment fundholders, many of whom have steadily added to their funds over the years. Our endowment portfolio is expertly stewarded by three investment managers: CCLA, Evelyn and Sarasin. And our team remain as focused as ever on developing the endowment

by inspiring further support from individual donors, businesses and through trust transfers.

We are driven by the needs of our local community. The Foundation is committed to listening to and learning from the voluntary sector, from the people who are delivering small grassroots community projects in our villages and towns, seeking to make life better for people who are struggling each day. The importance of our community asset, our endowment, cannot be underestimated. At times when other funding channels are closing, our community asset offers sustainable support for local community organisations. This was illustrated last year by how quickly we could react to the cost of living crisis and launch a new grants programme which provided vital additional funding when our communities needed it most.

We also recognise the huge value of the flow-through donations we receive from individuals, businesses, strategic partners and charitable trusts which provide much-needed funding for a variety of community projects and for

our educational support programmes. The combination of funding from both flow-through donors and endowment fund holders enables us to deliver 25 programmes supporting tens of thousands of local people each year.

Wiltshire Community Foundation continues to go from strength to strength. We have an excellent operational team and an inspiring Board of Trustees to which we have recently welcomed Damian Haasjes, Charles Hobhouse and Elizabeth Webbe.

On behalf of the Board, I would like to thank our supporters, volunteers and staff for helping us to make the Foundation the community asset it is, and for making Wiltshire and Swindon a better place for everyone to live and work.



Angus Macpherson
MBE, DL
Chair of Trustees

UNCOVERING NEED

Our Needs Analysis for Wiltshire and Swindon is a core part of our evidence gathering and informs our work and how we shape our programmes so that we respond to the most pressing issues in our county.

It uses a range of socio-economic data to explore local need and priorities and highlights the inequalities that affect the opportunities and life choices of many local people. We re-commissioned Oxford Consultants for Social Inclusion (OCSI) last year to undertake an update for 2023 that integrates the latest data from the 2021 Census and considers the ongoing impacts of the pandemic and the cost of living crisis. Our communities have seen many changes in the years since the 2011 Census so it was important this key element of our evidence-base remains timely.

Here are some of the report's findings.

In addition to informing our work, we hope that the report's findings will help spark conversations and inspire action. It is a resource for funders, donors, charities, community groups, partners or anyone interested in maximising the impact of charitable activity.

The full 2023 Needs Analysis for Wiltshire and Swindon can be found in the Publications section on our website at wiltshirecf.org.uk



INEQUALITY

- In Swindon, the poorest neighbourhoods in the town are becoming **increasingly deprived**.
- Almost a **quarter of homes** in Wiltshire are in poor condition and hard to heat, a costly issue in rural areas with no mains gas.
- More than 38,000 people in Wiltshire are **income deprived** and more than 28,000 are **employment deprived**.
- 13 of Wiltshire's 15 largest towns have **high levels of personal debt** – increasing risk of financial hardship during the cost of living crisis.

28 neighbourhoods in Wiltshire and Swindon are ranked in the top 20% most deprived areas in England.



MENTAL HEALTH & WELLBEING

- **Mental health** challenges are widespread across Wiltshire.
- 7 of Wiltshire's 15 largest towns have **high levels** of mental health need.
- Current recipients of disability benefits are likely to see their care and support needs **increase as they age**.
- 6 of Wiltshire's largest towns have **high proportions** of people receiving disability benefits.

11 of Wiltshire's largest towns contain at least one neighbourhood amongst the 20% most deprived in England in relation to mood and anxiety disorders.



CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE

- 85 neighbourhoods in Wiltshire and Swindon rank among the **20% most educationally deprived** in England.
- Young adults in Wiltshire and Swindon are **more likely to be unemployed** than the wider population.
- **Low proportions** of state school pupils in the county enter Higher Education.
- Disadvantaged young people in Wiltshire **perform particularly poorly** when compared to disadvantaged pupils elsewhere.

1 in 4 children live in poverty, in some areas it is as high as 40%.



OLDER PEOPLE

- Wiltshire has a **higher proportion of older people** than the national average.
- Large rises are predicted in the older population, whilst the **working population will fall**.
- Wiltshire has a high proportion of lone pensioner households which contributes to **loneliness and isolation**.
- There are high rates of older people receiving **Attendance Allowance**, in some areas about a fifth of over 65s receive this support.

Almost **25%** of neighbourhoods in Wiltshire and Swindon have high levels of pensioner poverty.

INSPIRING LOCAL PHILANTHROPY

GIVING WELL

As the first community foundation in the UK, we are proud to be part of the global movement of community foundations. For almost 50 years, individuals, families, businesses and organisations have trusted us to deliver their charitable giving.

We know that it can feel daunting trying to decide how to channel your charitable giving. The word philanthropy can in itself feel quite overwhelming. Derived from the Greek words 'philos' meaning love, and 'anthropos' meaning humankind, it embodies the spirit of giving and promoting the welfare of others. It is an act that involves a deep-rooted desire to make a lasting impact on the lives of individuals and communities.

It is a great privilege for us to support and inspire philanthropic activity in Wiltshire and Swindon. We know that no two givers are the same, so we tailor our approach to meet their needs, taking time to learn what's important to each individual, family, business or organisation. Partnership working is key.

We are delighted to have forged new partnerships with the NHS, Anchor and Sovereign Housing.

We have further strengthened existing partnerships with the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner, Nationwide and the Pargiter Trust, and delivered part of the Household Support Fund for both Wiltshire Council and Swindon Borough Council. We also manage the legacy endowment fund for Honda following their exit from Swindon. Every partnership has brought vital funds into the county to help our local voluntary sector respond to the ever-increasing needs of our local communities.

We pride ourselves on staying informed about developments in philanthropy and challenging our understanding and ways of working. For example, this year we conducted qualitative research with successful young businesspeople who had never heard of the Foundation before. It was inspiring and eye-opening.

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We learned that we need to be mindful of our language. The words 'philanthropy' and 'endowment' were alien, but 'making a difference', 'giving back' and 'giving well' were key. One of the businesses was dealing with hundreds of asks each week for raffle prizes. We talked about the resource implications and the stress of dealing with these requests. And we discussed how we could help make their charitable giving more effective and rewarding. This led to a new partnership with the vibrant Chickpea Group and the new Chickpea + Friends Fund which supports projects for young people living in poverty and those welcoming refugees into the county. You can read more about this and another new fund created in 2022/23 on the following pages.

Our vision is of a county in which everyone has the opportunity to thrive. This is a very big ambition and one that's only possible if we

can inspire more people to work with us and channel more funds into our incredible communities.

So, if you're someone who would like to give back to your local community, talk to us because we can help you give well. If you're considering setting up a charitable fund, contact us, because working with us is a simpler and easier option. If you're a charitable trust that's struggling to find trustees or to deliver your objectives, get in touch, because we can work with you to arrange a trust transfer and ensure that objectives are met. If you're a non-profit or charitable trust with a rainy-day fund or an endowment, we can help you to establish an agency fund to help provide a sustainable source of funding for the longer term.

Contact us at developmentteam@wiltshirecf.org.uk

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The Chickpea + Friends Fund

Ethan Davids is Managing Director of Chickpea Group, which owns a number of country pubs with rooms, and a standalone pizza shop in Wiltshire. In December 2022 he set up the Chickpea + Friends Fund with us as he wanted to change the way his business delivered its charitable giving. Ethan explains:

“Our business naturally has a strong connection to Wiltshire. Local people are our guests and they make up most of the people who work with us too. Each of our places is connected to the local community, so as a business it made sense to direct our charitable giving to the same place.

“We have always donated to local groups, causes, and charities in some way; but up until now it lacked focus. Working with Wiltshire Community Foundation gave us the opportunity to really sit down and think about the causes we would like our business to support.

“We were invited to a session they were running where they were talking to younger business owners to understand their views on philanthropy. It was during this that we learnt more about the Foundation, the work that they do and the services they can offer to businesses like ours.

“Wiltshire Community Foundation provides the ideal vehicle for us to really focus the support we can offer. They are so tapped into the needs across the county and so they can

advise us where our giving is needed and where it can have the greatest impact. Because the Foundation works with such a broad range of groups and charities, there’s scope to explore the hard work that many organisations and projects are doing throughout Wiltshire; and also support more than one cause.

“The fact that they manage everything on our behalf and keep us up to date means that we know our giving is managed properly, and it also means our people feel engaged with what we’re doing. We feel connected to the causes we care about, and it’s nice to see where the money is going.

“This year, we’ve chosen to focus on rural child poverty; and welcoming refugees into the county. Most of our cash commitment comes from events we hold at each of our places, and we’re always thinking about ways we can in turn communicate the outcome of this to our guests – whose generous custom is undoubtedly the source.

“Through the Foundation we are not only making a difference to causes we care about but we are learning more

about them too. We have been able to personally engage with one of the groups we have supported, and it’s been a real education to learn about their work, their challenges and what drives them to do what they do. It’s inspiring to see such amazing work going on on our doorstep and we wouldn’t have known about it without the Foundation.

“Wiltshire Community Foundation is a wonderful organisation run by a wonderful group of people. As our business grows, we hope our contributions will too.”



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— David Coombs

David and Tracey Coombs Fund

David Coombs joined our Board as a Trustee in May 2022. Here he talks about how he first became involved with us, why he set up an endowment fund and why he is so passionate about encouraging others to do the same.

“I had never heard of Wiltshire Community Foundation until I received an email from a colleague highlighting that they were looking for a new Trustee with a background in finance. Although working in the City of London, I have lived in the county for five years, so my interest was piqued. Additionally, my wife is Swindon born and bred, and I also have family connections to Swindon.

“I had been looking for an opportunity to volunteer my skills, gained from 40 years in financial services, to a not-for-profit organisation where I might be able to make a difference. It is also worth mentioning that I was quite disillusioned with the charity sector given some high-profile scandals and some of the more aggressive forms of fundraising highlighted in the press.

“The Foundation seemed much more my kind of organisation, smaller (nimble), close to the community (identifying real needs), apolitical (lower risk) and with a relatively straightforward funding model. As I got to learn more as part of the Trustee induction, I realised I had made the right decision to put my name forward. I discovered a highly motivated team led by two professional and passionate CEOs that would welcome support from subject experts. So far, I have been heavily involved in reviewing the managers of the investment portfolios for the endowment and have joined the Business Development Committee where I hope to draw on my experiences in advertising, public relations and marketing.

“The structure of the endowment fund was of particular interest to me. I had often managed charitable trusts for families or companies but did not think I could afford to have my own scheme, given the costs are usually quite high. So, I was pleased to be able to create my own fund with my wife, Tracey. We are starting small, utilising my Give as You

Earn Scheme (GAYE) at work. £250 is deducted from my pay each month out of gross earnings and paid to the fund via CAF. My firm, Rathbones, provides a GAYE match so £450 is donated to the Foundation. Then, as I chose to join the Swindon Match initiative the sum is doubled again. Without giving too much away the initial £250 which would have come to my bank account net of tax closer to £110 has turned into £900 for the Foundation. That is a pretty powerful narrative that we should be sharing to encourage others like me in the commercial sector who have access to this type of opportunity and want to make a difference.

“I, therefore, benefit twice. I get to support the growth of this amazing Foundation by being an active Trustee but can understand the ‘client’ experience of a donor. I get to ensure the money I give goes to great causes in my community that are often overlooked. The transparency of the process is also reassuring, and I know the investments are being managed by experienced, safe organisations which I trust. I think there are more of me out there so I will help to find them.”



GRANTS TO GROUPS

SUPPORTING THE VOLUNTARY SECTOR

Over recent years the voluntary sector has faced challenging times and last year proved to be no different. While still recovering from the after-effects of the Covid pandemic, charities have been deeply impacted by the cost of living crisis. As a result, groups in Wiltshire and Swindon have faced many challenges.

During 2022/23 we awarded 269 grants totalling more than £1,557,000 to 165 different voluntary and charitable groups to make sure they could continue supporting a range of local issues and communities. This funding came at a time when these organisations were not only trying to meet the increasing needs of people here in Wiltshire and Swindon, but when they were under significant financial pressures themselves.

To ensure our grant-making was timely and appropriate we reached out to groups to understand how the rising cost of living was affecting them and the communities they support. Groups highlighted that escalating food, energy and transport costs were putting a strain on their organisations, forcing them to consider cutting services. At the same time, they were seeing their fundraising income drop as people cut back on their charitable giving, while demand for their services soared, in some cases by up to 100%.

Many of the organisations we fund are micro, small and medium groups – over 75% of our grants go to groups with an income of less than £250,000

per year. These organisations can struggle to build financial resilience and after almost three years of continuous financial instability there was real concern.

Community Grants are our flagship grants programme. They offer a sustainable source of money available to grassroots groups and charities to fund the most pressing needs and issues in the county. We recognised the scale of the task facing our voluntary sector due to the cost of living crisis and quickly prioritised funding to those groups whose work was most impacted. But we knew that we needed to do more.

We launched our Cost of Living Response Grants programme which was funded through our Poverty Hurts and Cost of Living appeals. The aim of the programme was to support voluntary groups and charities to meet people's immediate physical needs, address other issues related to the increased cost of living and help with increased running costs for local voluntary organisations who support people on a low income.

This programme also received funding as part of a new partnership with the NHS South West Community Investment Fund which supports and invests in programmes that make a real difference in the communities they serve. Funding from this partnership was also used to provide Cost of Living Uplift Grants of between £500 and £2,500 to nearly 60 local voluntary and community sector groups who were already delivering work supported by our Community Grants, helping with the extra costs and pressures they were experiencing.

A new partnership with Anchor, an opportunity secured through our membership of UK Community Foundations, enabled us to channel an additional £33,000 into the county to support groups and charities using food to bring people together.

These partnerships and appeals meant that we were able to add another 50% to the funding set aside for our Community Grants programme. By the end of the year we awarded almost £750,000 to groups to support their vital work, focussing on the issues

exacerbated by the cost of living crisis. You can read the difference these grants made to two local organisations on the following pages.

We ran an additional eight open grants programmes, working with a range of partners and funders. These included programmes encouraging conservation, improving the local built and natural environment; providing practical support and assistance to welcome refugees to our county; and empowering local people to come together to tackle issues to build safer and stronger communities.

Last year we explored ways to involve local people in our grant decision-making. Our #iwill youth social action funding involved an evening with eight young people who reviewed and discussed the potential projects. Their input helped inform the grant-making process and decide which projects were funded. Working collaboratively with our funder, Wessex Water, a local community panel was also key to the grant-making process for the Chippenham Community Connectors programme.

The programme aims to help tackle local environmental and social challenges, and the panel of volunteers used their local knowledge to consider potential projects and decide which would receive funding.

Working in this way has enabled us to draw on local knowledge and lived experience to ensure our funding is as effective and sensitive to local need as possible. We will be looking to build on this participatory grant-making approach for other programmes.

Throughout 2022/23 we have worked closely with and listened to the voluntary sector to understand the changing nature of its challenges – being flexible and innovative in our response. Because of the willingness of funders and partners like the NHS and Anchor to work with us and trust our expertise, we have secured the resources our grassroots groups and charities need to continue helping their communities, not just to survive but to thrive. We estimate that in 2022/23 we helped improve the lives of over 130,000 people through our grants to groups programmes.

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Trowbridge Future

Trowbridge Future supports local vulnerable people by providing opportunities for them to come together, build stronger relationships and improve their community and the things that matter to them. They work with families and young people through their community hub in the Shires Shopping Centre and now through satellite hubs. They received a £15,000 Community Grant over three years to support their vital work. Chief Executive Meg Aubrey explains why the funding is essential:

“This grant helps give us the certainty we need to plan our response to the cost of living crisis in some of the areas of most deprivation in the town. The cost of delivering our services, as well as those needing support, have increased significantly therefore our income requirements through grants and fundraising have risen from £45,000 to £224,000 in four years. The Foundation’s grant, together with the credibility it brings, has given us leverage to get this other funding. We are very grateful for it because it will help us to extend our work further into the communities of Trowbridge.

“Our work is about responding to the needs of communities and developing activities around that. As an organisation we create vehicles to connect with communities and once we get a model that works, we are able to replicate it. An example is the success of our community fridge at the Seymour hub, which has led to two more fridges at the Longbridge

and Studley Green estates thanks to Wiltshire Community Foundation’s funding.

“We pick up unsold fresh food nine times a week from Sainsbury’s, Marks and Spencer and Greggs. People who visit the fridge can take a bag of food home – we are feeding around 150 people a week through that, and it is all food that would otherwise be thrown away because the foodbanks can’t deal with perishable food. Our mantra is filling bellies, not bins.

“Our staff encourage people who collect food to stay and chat over a cup of tea, which is where the hubs really come into their own. It creates a mechanism to connect. All our work is relational so once you build a relationship you can get to people, particularly those who are isolated.

“Each of the fridges has their own community where people have got to know each other and support one



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another. We also get partners such as Selwood Housing along to help with housing issues. We can’t solve all the problems created by the cost of living crisis because it is systemic but we can create a safe space where people can get support from their peers through the networks and friendships they make.

“We are seeing people who are struggling and having to choose between paying their rising monthly commitments and putting food on the table. They can’t even afford regular hot water which means their standard of living has reduced.

“Our hubs are also home to our twice-weekly Kindness Cafes, which develop the relationships we make among the people who come to the fridges. People of all ages, who might not see anyone outside their home for days on end, can come along to chat, share problems and get advice and support from their friends and the charity’s staff.

“The cafes match our values of being inclusive, engaging, impartial and kind. The impartiality is important because when people are really struggling they get frightened of going to their landlord or housing

association because they fear they might be evicted, so they can talk it through with us.

“We hugely value the funding and encouragement we receive from the Foundation; it’s great to get local support. We have a really positive relationship with the grant managers. They can come and see us and they encourage us to be part of their networks, so it’s more than just the money, we feel very supported. It’s so nice to have a funder who really recognises and values what we do.”



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The more a young person does with us, the more they get out of it.”

— Jaki Farrell

Seeds4Success

Seeds4Success supports young people living in South West Wiltshire by providing access to programmes that develop practical skills, enhance education, improve employability and provide recreational activities. Director Jaki Farrell explains how the £15,000 Community Grant they received over three years helps to secure the services they run for young people, 95 per cent of whom are from low socio-economic backgrounds.

“Having this grant over three years gives us security because a lot of our funding is for one year so from year to year we don't know what's happening. There's a perception that South West Wiltshire is beautiful and leafy and there is no poverty here so that makes getting funding from

national grant-making organisations much harder. Having a local funder like Wiltshire Community Foundation with an understanding of the local issues is really, really important to us because they just get it.

“The £5,000 a year is helping to secure a member of staff's salary and underpinning the infrastructure of the organisation. It also means that I can spend less time having to fundraise and concentrate on delivering the youth work. Having a full-time member of staff means we can have that wrap-around support the vulnerable young people we work with need.

“Our work covers three main themes – open access youth work, targeted support and social action and they all ultimately have similar benefits around raising confidence, self-esteem, addressing rural isolation and socialisation. Our open access youth work gives young people the chance to meet friends, socialise and try new activities in a safe and supported setting. These sessions include sports, cooking, arts and crafts with lots of opportunity to chat and build positive relationships with peers and trusted adults and are often the first point of contact a young person has with us. As they grow in confidence, they can access other opportunities or gain additional support as needed.

“The majority of our programmes are for secondary school age, 11 to 18, but we have a young leaders programme who run a monthly youth club for junior school children. We also run Fuel, a project for children between eight and 12 on free school

meals; many of those kids go to our junior youth club too and a lot of them wouldn't be doing things otherwise.

“I'll give you an example of the impact our work has. We have one young person who joined us in the last year who was being home educated but wasn't really doing a lot. He started off doing functional skills with us as he's got ADHD. Now he's literally doing everything with us – he comes on a Monday to sports, we've got him during the day on Tuesday doing practical conservation stuff, he comes to our bridging project on a Tuesday night, he has maths and English on a Thursday and our practical workshop night on a Thursday evening. He comes to the open youth club on a Friday and earns leisure credits through social action on a Saturday. He's not a young leader yet, but he will be after the summer.

“Before he started with us he didn't know anyone in the local area but now I see him most days. When he first came to us he didn't look anyone in the eye but now he's this bouncy, energetic lad who is full of confidence and a really amazing human, and that's because he's had the opportunity to do things.

“The more a young person does with us, the more they get out of it. There are some who just want to come along to meet their friends who know we are here if they want to come and talk to someone. Sometimes they might make some bad choices and if it does go wrong for them, that's when they come back because they know we are here for them and we will provide help.”

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EDUCATION AND ENTERPRISE GRANTS

HELPING YOUNG PEOPLE DEVELOP THEIR POTENTIAL

Supporting young people in Wiltshire and Swindon remains a major part of our work. In the wake of the pandemic and with the added pressures of the cost of living crisis, many have seen their education, wellbeing and mental health suffer.

In 2022/23 we awarded almost £900,000 to programmes and projects that support, protect, encourage and inspire children and young people so that they feel more hope, joy and fulfilment in their lives. More than £440,000 of that total came in the form of education and enterprise grants to individuals to help them fulfil their potential and unlock opportunities which they might otherwise have been denied.

We strive to ensure our work is always informed by the need in our county by using the local knowledge and insight we gain from the close relationship we have with organisations working within our communities, underpinned by national research and our own findings. Because of this we understand very well that pupils from disadvantaged backgrounds here perform poorly, both relative to non-disadvantaged pupils and compared to disadvantaged pupils elsewhere in the country.

Our recent Needs Analysis for Wiltshire and Swindon, which you can read more about on page 6, has again highlighted pockets of very high educational deprivation among children and young people in Wiltshire and Swindon. There are 85 neighbourhoods ranked among the 20% most educationally deprived in England. Wiltshire and Swindon also have lower proportions of pupils from state schools entering Higher Education than the national average. This is true in ten of our 15 largest towns.

Since 2008 our education programmes have provided a range of grants to children and young people, the majority of which are through our University Bursary programme. Students from low-income families receive £1,600 per year of their undergraduate degree course and in 2022/23 we awarded university bursaries totalling £353,600 to 67 students.

The feedback we receive from recipients highlights the difference these grants make. In a year where anxieties about making ends meet were starker than ever, our grants have often been the crucial factor in young people feeling they can afford to go to university at all:

“It was the difference between eating and starving. I come from a family on the poverty line and the bursary supplemented my financial state to the point where I could eat what I wanted, when I wanted.”

“Without the bursary I would have had to drop out as the high rent in halls meant I had pennies left over for travel and food – not to mention course costs.”

“The bursary grant has lifted a weight off my family’s shoulders. We don’t have to constantly worry about whether we’ll be able to afford me going to university for the week or if I’ll have to stay home. For a low-income household, this bursary has been extremely helpful, and I don’t have to constantly worry whether I’ll be able to afford to get the degree I’ve always wanted.”

Summer Pettengale’s Story

Summer Pettengale received a £2,000 SWEF grant to help her open a beauty studio and training academy in Devizes. She explains how the grant gave her confidence and the extra support she needed.

“I worked at Tesco and moved into recruitment before following my dream of working in the beauty industry. Once I had qualified I took on clients in my kitchen before renting a chair at a salon. But I was always planning my own salon. I found a premises in Devizes and put all my savings into getting it ready. I had given birth to Leo a few months before opening and being on maternity leave allowed me to plan it.

“I heard about SWEF from one of the girls I work with and I’m so glad I applied. The grant helped me buy a lot of gel polishes because nails was my focus at first and that stock was my base, my start. I also used the grant to take some extra courses so that I would be able to teach it at some point. Not only has the grant helped me, it means I can also help others. It was really helpful because the courses meant I branched out and did that extra research that I might not have been able to afford otherwise.

“The whole application process was really straightforward. I had already thought a lot about my business but I had a Teams meeting with Nick and Giles from SWEF to talk through my plan. They wanted to know how I was going to fund the salon, what I would do if I didn’t get the grant and how

the grant would benefit me.

They also wanted to know more about me and the business and where I see myself going.

“I was so pleased when I was told my application was successful. I was invited on to a Teams call with other recipients, which was really helpful too and I’d recommend it. You learn about other businesses locally and share what has been a struggle, things like which booking app to use or which accounting software. It’s all so useful and you do feel supported.

“I called my salon Flourish because that’s what I want people to do. I have told the girls I work with I will completely understand if they ever want to open their own salon. I want to work with ambitious people. The salon is doing really well and I’m enjoying it, I am so grateful to have had this help at the start. I’m already thinking about where I am going with the business and where my next salon will be.”

SWEF

Last year our SWEF programme supported 39 young people from disadvantaged backgrounds with grants totalling £53,000 to help them follow their dream of running their own business.

We have worked with SWEF to tailor a programme that supports young people to shape their own career path and carve out a better future for themselves. A straightforward but robust application process can lead to a grant of up to £2,000 for stock, equipment, courses or rent. Grant recipients also get ongoing support and become part of a community of young businesses.

Many of these creative, innovative and imaginative young businesspeople will go on to create jobs and opportunities for others, which will all contribute to helping their communities thrive.



SURVIVING WINTER

ADDRESSING FUEL POVERTY

Our Surviving Winter programme goes from strength to strength and is now widely recognised across Wiltshire and Swindon as an efficient and effective model for supporting those who are most vulnerable and at risk of serious harm during the colder months of the year.

Since the energy price cap changed in April 2022, fuel bills for most households have increased by 50 per cent. This increase, coupled with the rising cost of living, has affected many people but has made life unbearably difficult for poorer older households and others on low incomes.

Our partners, Citizens Advice in Wiltshire and Swindon, the Centre for Sustainable Energy's Warm and Safe Wiltshire project and Age UK Wiltshire have shared heartbreaking stories with us of how people are struggling. Many were already making difficult choices between heating and eating, and these additional pressures have left them panicked, fearful, neglected and, in some cases, feeling completely hopeless.

The ongoing success of this programme, which was originally launched in 2011, has meant that in 2022/23 we have been able to secure additional funding from statutory sources to enable us to reach even more people. The programme received grants from both Wiltshire Council and Swindon Borough Council

through the Government's Household Support Fund and enabled us to extend the period we were able to offer grants. We also received funding from the NHS South West Community Investment Fund and you can read more about this partnership on page 12.

As ever, our supporters were incredibly generous in their donations to our Surviving Winter appeal. We are very grateful for this support which continues to be the bedrock of our campaign. In total we were able to award more than £360,000 through our programme, meaning our four partner organisations were able to support 3,039 individuals across 1,892 households.

Their support included fuel grants to meet immediate needs, advice and help to increase clients' income through identifying and claiming additional benefits, energy-saving advice and working with energy companies, landlords and housing associations to manage energy bill debts and improve heating and insulation.

While the fuel grants we give make a real difference and provide immediate relief, the advice and support people receive have a long-term impact, leaving recipients in a far better position to deal with their fuel and household costs in the future. Last year the households supported collectively benefited from an increase in their household income of more than £1 million – a huge step towards helping some households move out of fuel poverty.

We could not deliver our Surviving Winter programme without the experience and expertise of our partners. Their skills, knowledge and empathy made a real and lasting difference to hundreds of people last year, often when they were at their lowest point. Many of the cases they deal with are complex and require a range of different interventions as well as liaison with numerous agencies. On the opposite page are some examples of the support that they were able to offer.

Surviving Winter Stories



Mr P's story

"Mr P is 82 and lives alone after recently being widowed. He has Parkinson's and suffers from severe discomfort in his shoulder following a dislocation. We identified Mr P as being eligible for Attendance Allowance and arranged support with the application. He was awarded the higher rate of benefit.

Mr P was living on a very low income and was classed as being in fuel poverty so was eligible for a Surviving Winter Grant. He was also provided with information about a council tax discount and the priority services register and will receive a revised benefit check based on the outcome of the Attendance Allowance application. Mr P, who was very pleased with the support, said: 'thanks so much for your help, I didn't realise that all this help was available.'"

Rachel Clarke, Information and Advice Service Manager, Age UK Wiltshire



Miss C's story

"Miss C called the advice line initially because her oil boiler had broken down and she could not afford to get it replaced. She is currently going through chemotherapy and has other health issues, including Crohn's disease and arthritis.

We referred her to an installer for help with replacing her oil boiler. In the meantime she was spending £5 a day on electric fan heaters to keep warm so we were able to credit her electricity account with a £200 Surviving Winter Grant as well as offering further advice about her future bills and heating."

Miss C said: 'Thank you very much. This makes such a difference to me, it is a real help that I need right now. I really appreciate it.'"

Shareen Elnagy, Project Manager, Centre for Sustainable Energy - Warm & Safe Wiltshire



Mr S's story

"Mr S lives alone and is only able to work part-time in a low paid job due to various health conditions. His illnesses are exacerbated by the cold so he needed to use his heating as he had done before the price increases. Mr S was shocked to find paying his new bill in full would leave him without money for food and other essential items and he was forced to rely on food donations from a local community organisation.

He initially came to us for help with a referral to the local food bank. Once his situation was fully assessed we ensured he would have food, helped him make a claim for Universal Credit and advised him about claiming Personal Independence Payment. He also received a Surviving Winter Grant to help with his energy costs. Mr S was extremely grateful for the financial help and said it made a huge difference to his life."

Suzanne Wigmore, CEO Wiltshire Citizens Advice

PARTNERSHIPS, CONNECTIONS AND SUPPORT

ENGAGING IN PARTNERSHIPS TO BENEFIT THE LOCAL COMMUNITY

Through our community leadership and Funder+ activities we've fostered new partnerships and relationships, enabled new connections, and continued our advice and support, embodying our mission of connecting people, information and resources.

We have been leading the development of the Wiltshire Youth Partnership, a new alliance of voluntary and community sector organisations and statutory partners involved in delivering and supporting youth work provision in the county. This partnership aims to improve youth services across Wiltshire. Current priorities include highlighting the positive impact youth work has on local young people; influencing the strategic landscape for youth services and activities; sharing ideas, learning, knowledge and resources; and improving training and development for local youth workers. The Partnership's Action Plan focuses on working together to help improve outcomes for young people in Wiltshire and Swindon. As part of a national pilot supported by the Young People's Foundation Trust, the Wiltshire Youth Partnership is also able to benefit from and contribute to learning from across England.

Rhys Schell, Service Manager, Engagement and Partnerships at Wiltshire Council explains: "Wiltshire Community Foundation has been instrumental in leading and developing the emerging Wiltshire Youth Partnership. The county is fortunate to have many varied and diverse youth organisations, who provide excellent opportunities for our young people. The Foundation has brought youth and statutory organisations together from across the county, as well as experts from national agencies, creating a real momentum to build a strong, collaborative community youth partnership in Wiltshire."

Our work to help establish the Wiltshire Youth Partnership builds on the Wiltshire and Swindon Youth Work Network which we established in 2020 to bring together youth work organisations to share experiences and create new connections. During the last year, the network became the catalyst for our local youth

partnership development, explored the priorities of the Police and Crime Commissioner, considered successes and challenges, investigated potential funding opportunities, and increased understanding of the impacts of the cost of living crisis on young people.

Other recent partnership work has included helping shape the Wiltshire Food Collaborative, a new cross-sector group working together holistically and collaboratively to ensure secure access to food in the county. We remain an active member in many key local partnerships: we represent the voluntary sector at the Wiltshire Public Services Board and participate in both the Wiltshire and Swindon Health Inequalities Groups, Wiltshire's and Swindon's VCS Leadership Alliances, the Wiltshire Inclusion Network, the Children and Families Voluntary Sector Forum and South West Funders. Members of our team regularly engage with a wide range of health, local authority



and voluntary sector colleagues contributing insight gained from our grant-making and our networks to help inform strategic debates, local policy and decision-making. The local knowledge we gain from our wide range of community leadership and Funder+ activities is also central to informing our grant programmes and donor engagement.

We continue to provide Funder+ support through our advice and training sessions. Last year, this included online training workshops on making better applications, developing funding strategies and using data to demonstrate impact. We also organised nine online "Meet the Funder" events, giving groups the opportunity to hear from funders about their grant programmes and criteria. Speakers included The National Lottery Community Fund, Postcode Lottery and Children in Need. For the first time, the Wiltshire and Swindon Funders Network hosted a "Meet the Funder" event where six funders shared their current funding priorities and met groups for one to one funding advice sessions. Around fifty local groups attended the event, making connections and

debating the impacts of the rising cost of living in our communities. In total our online training and "Meet the Funder" events were attended by 320 people.

For groups applying for grants we provide support through pre and post-application advice. During 2022/23 we provided bespoke advice and support to at least 100 groups. In addition, we also provided advice on processes for accessing student finance, other bursaries, and university support to individual students applying for our education grants.

Throughout the year we continued to distribute our free, regular e-bulletin to over 900 subscribers, providing funding opportunities, training news and other voluntary sector information.

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emerging Wiltshire
Youth Partnership.”

— Rhys Schell



GRANTS GIVEN TO GROUPS

#iwill Grants

Arts Development Company CIC	£6,219.68
Community First	£10,000.00
God Unlimited Outdoor Therapy	£4,800.00
Rise:61	£3,000.00
Seeds4Success	£5,078.00
Shine Pinehurst	£5,000.00
Swindon 105.5	£3,600.00
The Parks Volunteer Resource and Retail Outlet t/a The Shop	£5,000.00
The Platform Project	£10,000.00
The RISE Trust	£5,428.00
Wiltshire Centre for Independent Living	£4,995.84
Wiltshire Scrapstore and Resource Centre	£4,324.48

Anchor Community Connection Grants

Doorway	£2,880.00
St John's Honey Pot Day Care Centre	£2,000.00
St Michael's Community Centre	£3,047.60
Swindon Night Shelter	£5,000.00
The Harbour Project	£3,430.90
The Pantry Partnership	£5,000.00
The Recovery Tree Charity	£4,480.00
Trowbridge Future	£4,850.00
Westbury & Warminster Youth Clubs	£2,645.50

Community Grants

AFC Melksham	£4,500.00
Age UK Wiltshire	£15,000.00
All Cannings Community Trust CIO (ACCT)	£2,500.00
Alternative Angels	£4,650.00
Back on Track - Stroke Rehab Service	£5,000.00
BEST - Be a better you	£5,000.00
bthechange CIC	£3,946.50
Calne Wordfest	£3,785.00
Carer Support Wiltshire	£5,000.00
Chippenham CAP Centre	£15,000.00
Chippenham Community Hub	£5,000.00
Cianna's Smile	£1,500.00
Community Money Advice South Wiltshire CIC	£7,981.00
Corsham Connections	£2,920.00
DASH	£14,999.00
Dezives Opendoors	£15,000.00
Dorothy House Hospice	£15,000.00
Durrington Football Club	£5,000.00
Family Counselling Trust Wiltshire	£15,000.00
Folio Theatre	£5,000.00
Foodage4thought	£5,000.00
Freshbrook Church	£5,000.00
Friends of Biss Meadows Country Park	£2,202.50
FYI C.I.C	£5,000.00
God Unlimited Outdoor Therapy	£15,000.00
Gorse Hill Baptist Church	£10,000.00
Harnham Day Centre	£5,000.00

Help Counselling Services	£15,000.00
Hjälpande Händer Catering	£2,454.00
Ivy Wildlife Garden	£4,955.65
Jubilee Gardens (1978) Ltd	£5,000.00
Julian House	£7,500.00
Malmesbury Amateur Boxing Club	£8,150.00
MHA Communities Swindon	£5,000.00
Nepalese Association of Wiltshire	£4,500.00
Open Door (Warminster)	£5,000.00
Prospect Hospice	£15,000.00
Read Easy Melksham	£6,000.00
Read Easy South and East Wiltshire	£2,000.00
Rise:61	£4,960.00
Safer and Supportive Salisbury	£4,860.00
Sailability@Whitefriars, Whitefriars Sailing Club	£15,000.00
Seeds4Success	£15,000.00
Springboard North Wilts Opportunity Group	£5,000.00
Swindon Night Shelter	£15,000.00
The Amber Foundation	£15,000.00
The Bridge Youth Project Trust	£15,000.00
The Mustard Tree Foundation - Starting Point	£15,000.00
The Nelson Trust	£15,000.00
The Pantry Partnership	£15,000.00
Tidworth and Ludgershall Men's Shed	£6,545.00
Trowbridge Future	£15,000.00
Voluntary Action Swindon	£5,000.00
Warminster Action Group	£9,954.00
West Lavington Youth Club	£15,000.00
Westbury & Warminster Youth Clubs	£5,000.00
Wiltshire Hearing Voices Group (WHVG)	£2,842.20
Wiltshire Mighty Girls	£3,000.00
Wiltshire Museum	£1,700.00
Wiltshire Portage	£15,000.00
Wiltshire Scrapstore and Resource Centre	£15,000.00
Wiltshire Treehouse	£15,000.00
Yellow Brick Road Projects	£14,958.00
1st Bemerton Brownies	£1,540.00
1st Studley Guides	£5,000.00

Cost of Living Response Grants

Alabare Christian Care and Support	£2,000.00
All Yours Period Box CIC	£4,425.50
Arts Together	£2,850.00
Community First	£3,890.00
Doorway	£5,500.00
Educational and Cultural Centre, Swindon Cio	£3,700.00
Freshbrook Church	£2,560.00
Gorse Hill Baptist Church	£10,000.00
Home-Start North Wiltshire	£1,500.00
Learning for Life Wiltshire	£8,000.00
MHA Communities Swindon	£3,025.00
Open Blue Trust	£755.00
Pattern Church	£3,000.00

Pewsey Community Area Partnership	£3,480.00
Phoenix Enterprises	£8,650.00
Swindon Carers Centre	£1,000.00
Swindon Dial A Ride	£1,500.00
The Amber Foundation	£5,100.00
The Belay Foundation	£394.40
The Harbour Project	£5,000.00
Willows Counselling Service	£4,500.00
Wiltshire Citizens Advice	£10,000.00
Wiltshire Creative	£5,000.00
Wiltshire MIND	£5,140.00
Wylde Coyotes	£2,701.00
Youth Adventure Trust	£2,500.00
4 Youth (South West)	£3,800.00

Cost of Living Uplift Grants

AFC Melksham	£500.00
All Cannings Community Trust CIO (ACCT)	£500.00
Back on Track - Stroke Rehab Service	£750.00
Bravo Medics	£750.00
bthechange CIC	£1,000.00
Calne Wordfest	£500.00
Chippenham CAP Centre	£750.00
Chippenham Community Hub	£750.00
Community Money Advice South Wiltshire CIC	£500.00
Crosspoint (Westbury)	£750.00
Dezives Opendoors	£750.00
Doorway	£1,000.00
Durrington Football Club	£750.00
Family Counselling Trust Wiltshire	£500.00
Foodage4thought	£500.00
Friends of Biss Meadows Country Park	£500.00
God Unlimited Outdoor Therapy	£1,750.00
Harnham Day Centre	£500.00
Headway Salisbury & South Wiltshire	£750.00
HEALS	£750.00
Help Counselling Services	£1,000.00
Home-Start North Wiltshire	£1,750.00
Home-Start South Wiltshire	£1,000.00
Ivy Wildlife Garden	£500.00
Malmesbury Amateur Boxing Club	£500.00
Open Blue Trust	£750.00
Open Door (Warminster)	£500.00
Read Easy Melksham	£500.00
Relate Dorset and South Wiltshire	£1,000.00
Rise:61	£1,000.00
Safer and Supportive Salisbury	£500.00
Sailability@Whitefriars, Whitefriars Sailing Club	£750.00
Seeds4Success	£1,000.00
Springboard North Wilts Opportunity Group	£1,750.00
The Bridge Youth Project Trust	£1,000.00
The Pantry Partnership	£750.00
The Wiltshire Outdoor Learning Team	£1,000.00
Tidworth and Ludgershall Men's Shed	£500.00
Trowbridge Debt Advice Service	£500.00

Trowbridge Future	£1,000.00
Warminster Action Group	£500.00
Waste Not Want Not	£1,000.00
West Lavington Youth Club	£500.00
Westbury & Warminster Youth Clubs	£500.00
Wiltshire Hearing Voices Group (WHVG)	£500.00
Wiltshire Law Centre	£1,000.00
Wiltshire Mighty Girls	£500.00
Wiltshire MIND	£1,000.00
Wiltshire Museum	£1,750.00
Wiltshire Music Centre	£2,500.00
Wiltshire Portage	£1,000.00
Wiltshire Scrapstore and Resource Centre	£1,000.00
Wiltshire Treehouse	£1,000.00
Yellow Brick Road Projects	£1,000.00
Youth Adventure Trust	£2,500.00
1st Bemerton Brownies	£500.00
1st Studley Guides	£500.00
4 Youth (South West)	£1,000.00

Fund Specific Grants

Barford Community Fund	£4,695.00
Bourne Valley Day Centre	£2,000.00
Corsham Baptist Church	£131.00
Dezives Opendoors	£1,000.00
Doorway	£3,500.00
FearLess Support Services	£3,500.00
Friendship Day Centre Winterslow	£2,000.00
Penhill Lunch Club	£5,500.00
Rosemary Goddard Centre	£12,000.00
St Aldhelm's Church	£131.00
St Bartholomew's Church PCC Corsham	£262.00
St John's Honey Pot Day Care Centre	£11,000.00
St John's Honey Pot Day Care Centre	£1,000.00
St Patrick's Catholic Parish Church	£131.00
Swindon Domestic Abuse Support Service	£3,500.00
Swindon Night Shelter	£1,000.00
The Amber Foundation	£3,500.00
The Bridge Youth Project Trust	£85,800.00
The Filling Station	£1,246.31
The Harbour Project	£3,500.00
The Wiltshire Bobby Van Trust	£3,500.00
Till Valley Day Centre	£4,000.00
Trowbridge Future	£3,000.00
Wiltshire Music Centre	£4,309.06
Youth Action Wiltshire	£6,098.25

Haydon Wick Grants

Haydon Wick Over 60s Club	£1,800.00
Swindon Carers Centre	£2,100.00
Willows Counselling Service	£2,100.00

Heritage and Nature Grants

The Merchant's House, Marlborough	£12,500.00
The Sir Edward Heath Charitable Foundation	£12,500.00

Science Museum Group Wroughton Grants

Brunel Education	£19,109.77
Ogbourne Community Pub Society (OCtyPuS)	£2,500.00
Swindon Carers Centre	£2,498.53
The Ellendune Hall Trust	£10,000.00
The Friends of Shaw Ridge Primary School	£18,000.00
Wiltshire Wildlife Trust	£2,000.00
Winterbourne Bassett Community Pub Ltd	£2,500.00
Youth Adventure Trust	£2,500.00
1st Stratton St Margaret Scout group	£16,869.00

Surviving Winter & Energy Support Grants*

Age UK Wiltshire	£89,748.00
Age UK Wiltshire	£32,064.50
Centre for Sustainable Energy	£110,395.20
Centre for Sustainable Energy	£74,880.00
Swindon Citizens Advice	£29,972.00
Wiltshire Citizens Advice	£31,672.00

Welcome Fund Grants

Gateway Church	£1,500.00
Pattern Church	£2,476.00
Salisbury Methodist Church	£1,500.00
St James' Church	£1,500.00
Swindon Welcomes Ukraine	£3,000.00

Wessex Water Community Connectors Fund Grants

Bristol Avon Rivers Trust	£4,300.00
Chippenham Community Hub	£5,000.00
Ivy Wildlife Garden	£1,650.00
Kandu Arts Community Projects CIC	£8,470.00
Rooted Chippenham	£4,000.00
Wiltshire & Swindon Sport	£10,000.00
Zero Chippenham	£4,000.00

Wessex Water Community Fund Grants

Alzheimer's Support	£2,160.00
Arts Together	£2,000.00
Bybrook Benefice	£2,749.50
Chippenham Community Hub	£3,000.00
Crosspoint (Westbury)	£2,825.00
God Unlimited Outdoor Therapy	£3,000.00
Group 5	£3,000.00
Help Counselling Services	£3,000.00
Laverton Institute Charitable Trust	£2,000.00
St Michael's Community Centre	£3,000.00
Waste Not Want Not	£2,000.00
West Lavington Youth Club	£3,000.00
West Wilts Child Contact Centre	£1,000.00
Westbury & Warminster Youth Clubs	£3,000.00
Westbury Area Network	£3,000.00
Wiltshire Portage	£3,000.00

Wessex Water Environment Fund Grants

Box Parish Council	£1,500.00
Bratton Primary School	£1,500.00
Bremhill Parish Council	£1,360.00
Environment and Climate Working Group - Melksham Town Council	£839.00
Friends of Broadmead Pond	£1,500.00
Harnham Community Network	£1,500.00
Hilpertown Allotment Association	£652.00
Market Lavington Parish Council	£1,500.00
Pewsey Parish Council	£1,240.00
Poulshot Village Trust	£1,500.00
Rise:61	£1,500.00
Seeds4Success	£1,500.00
Steeple Langford Allotments Trust	£1,500.00
Sustainable Devizes	£330.00
Sustainable Sherston	£1,000.00
The Friends of the Marden Valley	£1,500.00

During 2022-23, the grants we gave to groups contributed to 15 of the 17 SDGs and had the most significant impact on these six: SDG1 No Poverty, SDG2 Zero Hunger, SDG3 Good Health & Wellbeing, SDG4 Quality Education, SDG10 Reduced Inequalities and SDG11 Sustainable Cities & Communities.



*Read about our Surviving Winter Grants to individuals on page 20.

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