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Community Foundation
Giving back to our county

Annual Awards 2023

Our Year

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Thank you so much to our staff, trustees, patrons, vice-presidents, community ambassadors and volunteers for all of your unwavering support this year. We are incredibly grateful.

We've awarded over £2.5 million in grant awards to community groups and charities across the county who are working day in and day out to help those most in need.

Across the last financial year, in addition to our Welcome Fund assisting relocated refugees and our Poverty Hurts Fund tackling financial hardship, we have worked closely with local authorities and charity partners to target poverty by providing and distributing Household Support Fund vouchers and wraparound services to our most vulnerable residents.

As the cold weather sets in, our work to better the lives of those experiencing financial hardship continues, as we re-launch our annual winter appeal. This year and into 2024, our Warm this Winter appeal and the resulting Warm this Winter Fund will keep some of our older residents fed, warm, safe and well.

We are always keen to demonstrate the impact and difference our work makes across all four corners of Northamptonshire. This year, we've produced several key pieces of research, including the Rural Poverty Report and the Northamptonshire Hidden Needs Report, which are available on our website.

Our work continues to be rewarding as we champion, support and make grant awards to fantastic charities, volunteer organisations and community groups that are doing lifechanging, and often life-saving, work across our county.

We have the privilege of working with a broad range of generous donors who, like us, care deeply about making a difference in Northamptonshire. We guide their donations to where aid is most needed and we are proud to present the impact of their generosity each year.

We are immeasurably thankful for your ongoing support.



Rachel McGrath
Chief Executive



Rachel Mallows
MBE DL
Chair

Headlines from our Year

In 2022/23 we awarded...

6,380
grants &
bursaries

to 6,242
groups &
individuals

totalling
£2,522,496

In the first half
of the 2023/24
financial year,
we awarded
£1m+ in grants.

Since the inception of
the Foundation in
2001, we've awarded

£22m+

in grants.

Grants Awarded

FUND NAME	AMOUNT AWARDED IN FINANCIAL YEAR 22/23	NO. OF AWARDS
#IWILL FUND	£67,446.75	8
ALASTAIR JAMES MEMORIAL TRUST FUND	£3,742	5
ALWAYS A CHANCE FUND	£28,250	5
AVON FUND FOR WOMEN & GIRLS	£9,000	2
BAMBINO FUND	£8,121	1
BRIGGS & FORRESTER FUND	£10,000	1
BURNETT FUND	£20,000	4
BURTON WOLD WIND FARM COMMUNITY FUND	£33,722	2
CECIL PETTIT FUND	£8,895	3
COLES & RICE FUND	£4,175	41
CONSTANCE TRAVIS CHARITABLE TRUST COMMUNITY FIRST ENDOWMENT FUND	£177,384.55	59
CONSTANCE TRAVIS CHARITABLE TRUST ENDOWMENT FUND	£40,920	8
DEL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE FUND	£84,571.40	23
ENGIE FUND	£14989.62	4
FAMILY FOOD AID FUND	£8,868.45	5
FOOD 4 HEROES ENDOWMENT FUND	£6,986	1
FRIENDS OF THE FOUNDATION FUND	£38,593.93	9
GENESIS HOUSING FUND	£15,000	1
GLOBAL GOALS FUND	£7,384.13	4
HEVEY BUILDING SUPPLIES FUND	£6,127.50	3
HIGH SHERIFF SCHOLARSHIP FUND	£482.99	1
HMCF FUND	£2,370.42	6
HORNE FOUNDATION FUND	£22,000	6
HOUSEHOLD SUPPORT 3 FUND	£1,281,494.92	6,027

Grants Awarded

FUND NAME	AMOUNT AWARDED IN FINANCIAL YEAR 22/23	NO. OF AWARDS
HSIF FUND	£21,992.64	5
KHL BIG LOCAL COMMUNITY CHEST FUND	£15,496	4
LULU'S FUND	£4,709.92	1
MARGARET GIFFEN MEMORIAL FUND	£40,425.15	15
MICK & SHEILA WHITE FUND	£6,004	4
NEW ALBION WIND FARM COMMUNITY FUND	£44,149.30	7
NORTHANTS EDUCATION TRUST FUND	£2,500	2
NORTHANTS FEDERATION OF DISABILITY SPORTS FUND	£1,000	1
POVERTY HURTS FUND	£47,484.32	19
QUEEN'S INSTITUTE FOR RELIEF FUND	£177,873.09	37
RACHAEL'S FUND ENDOWMENT	£29,486	3
SCOTTS OF THRAPSTON FUND	£5,000	1
SOCIAL ENTERPRISE FUND	£10,000	2
ST GILES CHARITABLE TRUST FUND	£32,272.73	7
THE COMPTON FUND	£19,985	4
THE SUEDE RESPITE FUND	£10,490	2
THE KENNETH FUND	£35,997.50	7
WELCOME FUND	£18,330.28	7
WELLINGBOROUGH RELIEF & EDUCATIONAL CHARITIES FUND	£3,000	1
WINTER WELLBEING FUND	£6,850	3
WINWICK WIND FARM COMMUNITY BENEFIT FUND	£27,472.69	8
WOODEN SPOON FUND	£3,000	1
YELVERTOFT WIND FARM COMMUNITY BENEFIT FUND	£59,205.49	10

Grantmaking Highlights

During the financial year 2022-23 we delivered Household Support Funds on behalf of North and West Northamptonshire Councils.

We helped
41,224
residents

We distributed
18,477
vouchers

These funds are on behalf of the Department of Work and Pensions, and North and West Northamptonshire Councils, who are administering food vouchers and supporting food aid distribution through local food banks, agencies and charities, in response to the current cost of living crisis.

We have also funded local volunteer-led groups and small charities to provide additional wraparound support, including advice, counselling and family support.

Tackling Poverty

Northamptonshire Community Foundation has worked alongside local authorities and charitable partners to help tackle poverty during the cost-of-living crisis and as part of the ongoing social and economic recovery from the pandemic.



**#PovertyHurts
Appeal raises
£71,826**

In partnership with local newspapers, we launched a #PovertyHurts appeal and combined with our appeal work to tackle fuel poverty in winter and the cost-of-living crisis we raised £71826.45 thanks to the generosity of donors and the general public.

These funds were distributed as grants to local charities and volunteer led groups tackling increasing poverty through food parcels, purchasing stock for food banks, community fridges or larders, providing essential items such as toiletries, blankets, hot water bottles, clothing and providing essential advice services such as advice on energy consumption and payments, benefit eligibility checks or debt advice.



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11
local groups received
funding to help their
communities celebrate
the Queen's Platinum
Jubilee in June 2022.



"We have been delighted to support our Patron and Lord-Lieutenant James Saunders-Watson and his coronation committee team to play our part in helping highlight the importance of volunteering within our British Society at the wish of King Charles III."

Rachel McGrath

CEO of Northamptonshire Community Foundation

Nearly a third of Northamptonshire residents live in rural areas. We are working to ensure our local rural communities get their fair share of funding.

We are very grateful to the Constance Travis Charitable Trust for ringfencing £100,000 to match fund donations made to our **Shining a Spotlight on Rural Community Needs** appeal.

We've hosted

3

Community
Conversations.

Thank you to Northamptonshire Young Farmers for supporting our appeal and inviting us to their annual rally, the bathtub race being a highlight!



So far, with match funding, we've raised

£102,857

to support rural communities.



**SHINING A SPOTLIGHT
ON RURAL COMMUNITY NEEDS**

Fund Spotlights



JOHN CHARD-YOUNG
LEGACY FUND
ADRENALINEALLEY.
REGISTERED CHARITY: 1115146

On 17th September 2023, Adrenaline Alley & Northamptonshire Community Foundation announced the launch of **The John Chard-Young Legacy Fund.**

Adrenaline Alley was one of our first grant recipients & have now become a donor, supporting those who face financial barriers accessing wellbeing activities in memory of John Chard-Young, the co-founder & inspiration behind Adrenaline Alley.

13 CLIMATE ACTION



We launched our first **climate action** fund in January 2023, funding creative projects that build awareness around climate change.

Fund Spotlights



Our Friends of the Foundation Fund awarded over **£39,000** to nine local groups working to end hunger.

The KHL Big Local Fund awarded over **£15,000** to groups improving the wellbeing of residents in Kingswood & Hazel Leys, Corby.





Warm this Winter 

Our "**Warm This Winter Appeal**" aims to combat fuel poverty, ensuring that older and vulnerable residents in our county are able to stay fed, warm and well throughout the winter.

This annual appeal which has been running since 2010, has raised an incredible **£247,471** thanks to local generosity and has helped to support **17,488 residents** to date. These funds have been instrumental in safeguarding some of the most vulnerable members of our local communities.

Winter is often the toughest season for the most vulnerable in our community. Many of them live alone, facing concerns about social isolation and the harsh cold of winter months.

Our Appeal plays a crucial role with many older and vulnerable residents having to make the difficult choice between heating their homes and affording food.



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now.

Thanks to a generous grant award from the GCLS Program funded by the Charles Stewart Mott Foundation, we partnered with beautiful & historic Delapré Abbey to host a **Community Celebration Event** with 200 attendees.



Global Challenges
Local Solutions

Volunteer-led community groups put on activities that highlighted how local community foundation-funded projects support the Global Goals in 'thinking global and acting local.'

Day in the life of a Foodbank: Weston Favell Foodbank & Baby Basics

Digital arts: Fermynwood Contemporary Arts CIC

Talk by a local refugee: Northampton Town of Sanctuary

Wellbeing walk around Delapré Abbey

Diversity Dice: Q Space

Photography workshop: Late Developers Photographic Group



Community Impact

This is a small snapshot of the difference made by community groups and charities, thanks to their projects supporting local residents. We will be publishing a full Impact Report in 2024.

1,251 people attended activity sessions to take part in Outside in Theatre's TEDDY TOOLBOX online activity resources



160 people reported an increased sense of belonging after SNVB's Volunteer Awards

218 people reported increased skills and knowledge after Oundle Fringe Festival 2023



Read last year's Impact Report



Developing our Network & Partnerships



In March, in partnership with **Archways Real Estate**, we hosted a networking evening for local professionals.

We've been delighted this year to support our friends **Harrison Clark Rickerby's Solicitors**, in their annual legal aid walk, raising funds.



We are also proud to have partnered with the **University of Northampton**; **Northamptonshire Law Society**; **Citizen's Advice Northampton** and **East Northamptonshire and Community Law Services**, in partnership with **LawWorks** to help develop pro bono legal aid services.



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of Northamptonshire



West
Northamptonshire
Council



North
Northamptonshire
Council

57 community heroes
across Northamptonshire
were presented with
Rose of
Northamptonshire
Awards in 2023.

*"In a world that often moves at a
fast pace, the Rose of
Northamptonshire Awards serves as
a touching reminder of the incredible
acts of kindness and dedication that
transpire within our own
neighbourhoods."*

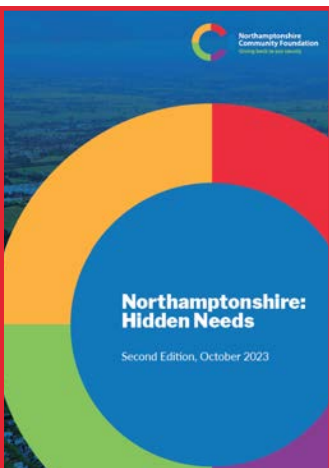
James Saunders-Watson
HM Lord-Lieutenant
Northamptonshire





We published the second **Northamptonshire Hidden Needs Report** in partnership with the University of Northampton's Institute for Social Innovation & Impact.

This report highlights urgent & priority needs across Northamptonshire & follows on from the first Hidden Needs Report that we commissioned & published in 2018. We hope it will be read & used by anyone who wants to understand Northamptonshire better.





We are proud of all we've achieved this year, and we couldn't have done it without your support.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude & a resounding thank you to each & every one of our generous donors. Your invaluable contributions to our work make an extraordinary difference in enhancing the support we offer to worthwhile causes across Northamptonshire.

We will continue to do good on our doorstep, and to support those most in need across all four corners of our county.



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