



**Community
Foundation**
for Surrey

Local giving for local need

Annual Preview 2016/17



Thank you Surrey

£1,116,598 distributed to
support over 380 voluntary and
community projects and individuals

Foreword

2016-17 has once again seen the Foundation able to distribute more funds to those in need in Surrey than ever before. Thanks to our growing family of donors we awarded over £1.1 million in grants - the second consecutive year in which we have eclipsed £1 million.

With ten new funds established, the amount held in endowment has now reached over £11 million and ensures that the Foundation has long-term funding that will continue to help those in need.

The Foundation was delighted to welcome back HRH The Earl of Wessex in the year. Having visited us previously in 2011, His Royal Highness returned to receive an update on our work now that we have celebrated our 10th anniversary. This very special day was shared with Leatherhead Youth Project, a local charity that we have been able to support over many years.

Despite our continued progress, there is still much more to be done. We released an update to our highly-respected research document, Surrey Uncovered, showing the continuing local need. Deprivation remains a huge issue in Surrey and in some instances, is worse now than at the time of our original report. The Foundation continues to raise awareness of local needs and aims to inspire philanthropic giving to support communities across the county.

Having recently appointed Laura Thurlow as Chief Executive, the coming year is an exciting new chapter for the Foundation. We remain highly ambitious in our plans to develop long-term funding that will see us increase the amount we can distribute. Laura will be fully supported by the staff and trustees as she leads the Foundation in its continued growth.

This annual review celebrates the work of the Foundation over the past year and highlights just a few of the ways in which our donors have been able to change people's lives for the better. We hope that it will inspire you to join us in creating a culture of philanthropy in Surrey that will transform lives.



David Frank, Chairman



Message from our Sponsor

It has been so heartening to see how the Community Foundation has grown in recent years – and wonderful to see that growth continuing, allowing over £1.1 million to be awarded in grants this year.

As I read the report two things struck me. The first is the extraordinary breadth of the Foundation's reach, helping individuals and communities in every part of the county. The second is that grants don't need to be huge to be capable of making a significant difference; what matters is understanding the need and meeting it, which is what the Foundation does so effectively.

All of us at Barlow Robbins are delighted to support the Foundation: may it continue to grow – in the breadth and depth of its coverage and in income to apply so wisely!

Gordon Reid, Partner
Barlow Robbins LLP



A huge thank you

We would like to thank the Foundation's core funders and corporate champions for their generosity and ongoing support:



The Netherby
Trust



Highlights

Over

£1.1 million

distributed to support local communities



new funds established



330

unique grant recipients



grants awarded



Smallest grant:

£43



Largest grant:

£25,000

Surrey Uncovered

We recently launched updated research to our 2013 “Surrey Uncovered” publication. This report stresses the shocking statistics of key needs such as mental ill health, poverty, homelessness and domestic abuse that continue to affect the county.



- An estimated **24,000** girls and women aged 16-59 in the county have been the victim of domestic abuse
- **10%** of children in the county live in poverty, of which two thirds live in working households
- There are an estimated **14,000** young carers and over **30,000** carers over 65
- **10,600** of 5-15 year olds in Surrey have a mental health disorder

In addition to reporting on local need, Surrey Uncovered 2017 also shows how the Foundation’s donors are tackling these problems. A copy can be downloaded from our website.

Royal Visit

In February, HRH The Earl of Wessex KG GCVO visited us and Leatherhead Youth Project (LYP). This was an opportunity for His Royal Highness to hear more about the work undertaken by both organisations. LYP hosted the event at All Saints Church, which has been transformed into a state of the art youth facility.

On this special visit, His Royal Highness met staff, trustees, donors and local groups supported by the Foundation, alongside young people and staff from LYP. During his visit, His Royal Highness was served by the All Saints Coffee Shop team, a group of young apprentices who run this on-site social enterprise, and was taught how to make a cappuccino.

The Foundation brought together a number of donors to support the capital costs of establishing the social enterprise in 2014.



New Funds

Ten new funds were established by a mix of individuals, corporates, charities and trusts. Below are details of just some of these new funds, the needs these donors are addressing in the county and what has been achieved in their inaugural year.

Gatwick Foundation Fund

In November 2016, Gatwick Airport teamed up with Community Foundations in Surrey, Kent and Sussex to launch the Gatwick Foundation Fund, which provides £300,000 for worthy causes across the region.



This funding is being used to promote employment, training and skills, alongside support for families, older people and young people across the three counties. The Fund has now awarded over £120,000 in Surrey to a diverse range of projects including helping support children and young people experiencing bereavement, and enabling Citizens Advice Reigate and Banstead to provide advice to vulnerable older people.



Surrey Education Fund

The Surrey Education Fund was established following the transfer of a collection of trusts previously held by Surrey County Council. A local fund panel, including two Council Member representatives, has been established and will ensure that the income from this endowment fund is used to its full potential. The focus is to support disadvantaged children and young people to access education and training, including sports and arts opportunities.

Pitstop Community Fund

The Pitstop Community Fund was established using the reserves of Mole Valley charity, Pitstop, on closure. The Fund continues the work of Pitstop and aims to relieve poverty among people in Mole Valley, as well as supporting groups that provide training in basic life skills and health matters.

Initial grants have helped support B@titude in funding the charity's rent costs for an entire year, enabling them to continue their outreach work while creating a safe place that brings people together among disadvantaged communities. The Fund also supported YMCA East Surrey's HeadSpace project for young people, tackling mental health issues by early intervention.

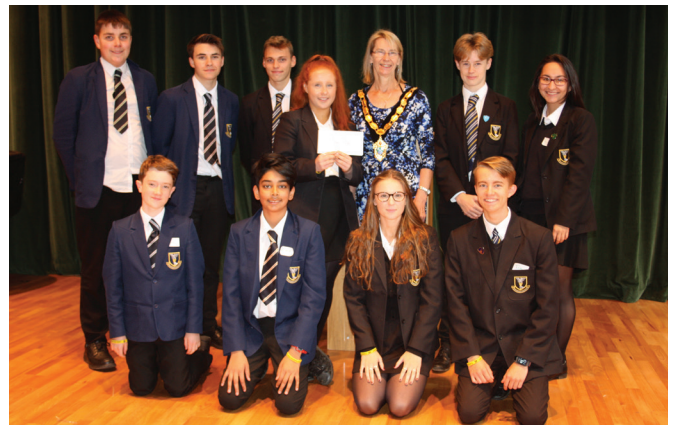
Youth Social Action Fund

The Youth Social Action Fund has been established as part of a national programme to encourage young people to engage in volunteering, fundraising and campaigning.

£2 million is being invested across England to fund groups delivering local youth social action opportunities. The Foundation is distributing the funds made available to Surrey, and with the Office of the Police & Crime Commissioner matching the funds, this has doubled the amount of support that can be provided locally.

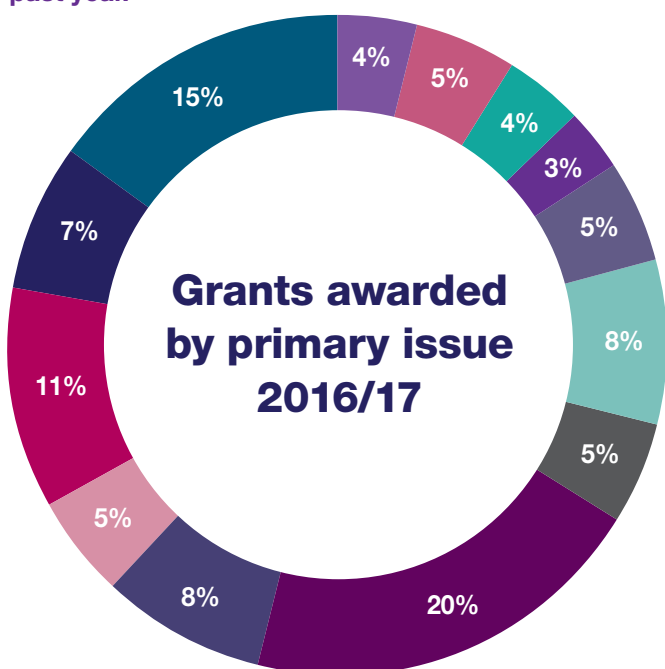
Initial grants included £1,000 awarded to Woking United Reformed Church to enable young people to plan and prepare home-cooked, healthy meals which are then delivered to lonely and elderly people in the community.

Grants have also been awarded to Surrey Youth Focus for 'Youth Soups' - an opportunity for young people to develop ideas that will benefit their community and pitch for seed funding to get them started.



Our Grant-making

In 2016-17, the Foundation awarded over £1.1 million to support those in need across the county. With each of our donors having their own specific motivations for giving, we can address a huge range of needs across Surrey. The following pages show a small cross-section of what we've achieved in the past year.



- Homelessness
- Counselling/Advice/Mentoring
- Mental Health
- Arts, Culture and Heritage
- Supporting Family Life
- Poverty and Disadvantage
- Social Inclusion
- Health and Wellbeing
- Disability and Access
- Sport and Recreation
- Education, Learning and Training
- Community Support and Development
- Other

Anne Dickins

The summer of 2016 saw the Olympics and Paralympics in Rio de Janeiro, with several Surrey residents competing as part of Team GB. Amongst these was paracanoeist Anne Dickins from Oxted.

Anne was training at both the Wey in Guildford as well as at Eton, necessitating much lifting of her boat on and off her car. The Foundation made a contribution towards a new boat so that she had a boat available at each location.

Previously, in July 2012, a grant of £1,980 was awarded to the Wey Kayak Club. This money purchased three paracanoe kayaks that were used by five club members, one of whom being Anne. These kayaks helped train the newly formed Paralympics GB team.



Anne went on to win gold in the KL3 class at the 2016 Summer Paralympics, the first Paralympics to feature paracanoeing and was appointed Member of the Order of the British Empire in the 2017 New Year Honours for services to canoeing. The Foundation is incredibly proud to have played a part in Anne's journey to Rio and delighted that she achieved such success. We hope her achievements will show young people across Surrey that disability need not be a barrier to participating in sport at the absolute highest level.

Catalyst Community Football

Catalyst offers drug and alcohol users across Surrey access to support, reducing the harm to themselves, their families and communities. Through 'The Welcome Project' Catalyst also offers support, guidance and activities to increase wellbeing for people affected by stress, anxiety and depression, and who may feel isolated. Grants were awarded to Catalyst to set up and support football teams for service users in different parts of the county.

A grant of £1,500 helped to support a mixed team in Camberley for clients of The Welcome Project Surrey Heath. The football activity had been started by one of Catalyst's service users who is now a volunteer. The grant provided the opportunity to equip the team, secure suitable outdoor premises and become part of the Community Mental Health Football League.

A further grant helped establish a mixed team for users in recovery in Elmbridge.



The Boileroom – Trash Canteen

Funding was provided by Guildford Philanthropy to establish a new community initiative, the Trash Canteen Community Kitchen & Garden.

The initiative utilises surplus food from partners Waitrose and fresh produce from its own allotment patches to serve up delicious, healthy, pay-what-you-feel meals every day of the week to those in need in the safe, green surrounds of the community garden space. It will also be offering training opportunities within the kitchen itself; teaching basic skills to those looking for a career in catering, or gaining new skills to get back into the workplace.

North Guildford Food Banks noticed a 12.5% increase in the use of food stamps received across their three branches. The Boileroom believes that tackling the issue of food waste is also a way to combat the need for affordable, healthy food, served without judgement.

Prospero Theatre

A grant of £1,200 was made to fund Prospero Theatre's production of "Red and the Wolf." This was an ambitious project in which Prospero's adult community group (13 members, 7 with a disability) researched, devised and toured a piece of theatre. The play was a new adaptation of the Red Riding Hood tale.

Group member Tom* is 34 with high-level autism and was involved in the project from the start. His brother and carer notes that the improvisation stages of the process helped Tom to step away gradually from the solid routines that had previously governed his life. By the end of the process Tom was contributing fully to ideas and positively able to critique the work of others.

Tom then toured the show – Dorking, Caterham, London and Edinburgh. Each time he went to a different venue he managed to overcome the fear of the unexpected. Tom received great reviews for his artistic work and thoroughly enjoyed taking part in the show.

*Name has been changed



Music in Hospitals



A grant of £4,890 is enabling Music in Hospitals to put on concerts across Surrey to benefit older people in healthcare facilities. Research has shown that the introduction of live music into healthcare settings enhances the quality of life of patients, improves communication, empathy and understanding of patients' needs, and reduces stress and the perception of pain, sometimes leading to the reduction of medication required. There is strong evidence that live music induces positive changes in clinical outcomes, which can result in shortening the length of stay in hospital.

Age Concern at Farncombe Day Centre



The garden at Farncombe Day Centre is a place for the Centre users to sit outside and socialise. However, there was limited usable space and concrete footpaths were narrow, uneven and not useable or safe, particularly for the less mobile. A grant of £3,862 was awarded by The Pargiter Trust Fund and the Cyrus Fund which allowed the Day Centre to redesign the garden to provide more seating space and make it accessible for social activities such as teas and fundraising events. The work included creating a large flat paved area for seating for up to 40 people, while maintaining some perimeter raised flower beds.



All of our grants are now listed on the 360Giving website which enables grant-makers to publish their grants data openly.

Supporting Individuals

By working with referring organisations, individuals in need are directed for specific funding support through the funds below. Grants are often just a few hundred pounds, but these small amounts can be life changing.

Carers Support (Guildford) Fund

Local charity, Carers Support (Guildford) has provided support to carers living within the borough for the past 19 years. Sadly, the charity was forced to close, leaving the organisation with some generous donations for use specifically for the well-being of carers. The charity has chosen to partner with the Foundation in order to maintain on-going support to those who provide care to some of the borough's most vulnerable residents.

The Carers Support (Guildford) Fund has now been established as part of our Guildford Philanthropy initiative, a collaborative partnership set up in 2013 between Guildford Borough Council and the Foundation. Guildford Borough Council have generously matched the donations at a rate of 50%.

The fund offers small grants to provide relief to carers throughout the borough.

David Tyson Memorial Fund



Local man David Tyson (1948 - 2015) was a highly-respected Permanent Way Engineer and was considered one of the best in the business, influencing major railway projects and inspiring many. The David Tyson Memorial Fund was established in early 2017 in his memory and provides financial support to enable young people to develop their skills and pursue a career within the engineering/rail engineering field.

The Fund will support budding young engineers by funding costs such as course fees, accreditation, resources such as books or additional computer software, travel to courses and training sites; equipment, materials or tools to enable young people to take up training.

Surrey Supported Employment Fund

The Surrey Supported Employment Fund supports people with disabilities to overcome barriers to work.

Grants have supported individuals to obtain or renew necessary accreditation and memberships of recognised professional bodies, to undertake specific work-related training, purchase work equipment or meet other set-up costs for individuals becoming self-employed. This money also helps to purchase suitable clothing and to meet travel costs where this is a barrier to individuals accessing interviews, work placements and employment.

Grants this year included helping an individual with mental health challenges to attend an office skills diploma course that would allow her to build her skills and confidence with the goal of re-entering the workforce.

Surrey Young People's Fund

The Surrey Young People's Fund supports disadvantaged young people in Surrey to gain access to training and employment.

The Fund was formed by four donors with initial donations of £5,000 each but has grown into a collective fund to which anyone can donate. It has now supported over 130 determined young people to improve their prospects. In 2016-17, the average grant size was just £237 showing just how little is needed to change lives.

Aaron* applied to the Fund having been offered barbering work by a local salon, but requiring his own equipment. A grant allowed him to purchase the equipment and take up the work. He went on to complete his training course at the School of Barbering and is now working full-time as a Barber.

*Name has been changed



Community Events

Strengthening communities is at the very heart of what we do and we were glad to see people coming together across Surrey at a variety of events in 2016-17. Each event was an opportunity to raise awareness of local philanthropy.

Surrey Hills Challenge

The inaugural Surrey Hills Challenge was held in September 2016 and saw over 500 entrants participating in walking or running challenges in the beautiful landscape of the Surrey Hills Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB).

People of all ages and fitness joined in, walking or running the challenge, with participants able to choose between completing either 5km, 10km, a half marathon (21km) or a 60km ultra marathon.

The event aimed to raise awareness and funds for the Foundation and the Surrey Hills Trust Fund.



Oxted Donkey Derby

The Oxted Donkey Derby took place in June, with the Tandridge Community Fund staging the event for a second time.

The day involved the usual donkey races, as well as games and refreshment stalls associated with this long standing Oxted traditional event. Each race, with jockeys aged between 10 and 15, took place in front of an impressive crowd, before the six winners competed in the seventh and final race.

The event once again made for an exciting day out, allowing local residents to support the breadth of community needs through collective funding.



Charles Russell Speechlys launch

The Charles Russell Speechlys Community Fund launched in September at the firm's inaugural networking event for charities in the South East, "Charity Connect". The fund was set up to support young people to have opportunities that they would not otherwise have and to help them to widen their horizons and aspirations.

“ We are thrilled to have launched the CRS Community Fund and to be able to support such positive initiatives in our local community to help young people to develop new skills and raise their aspirations. ” – Sally Ashford

One of the first recipients of the Fund was Godalming-based Skillway, which enables young people to raise their self-esteem and motivation through apprentice-style teaching of manual skills.

Surrey Hills Cow Parade

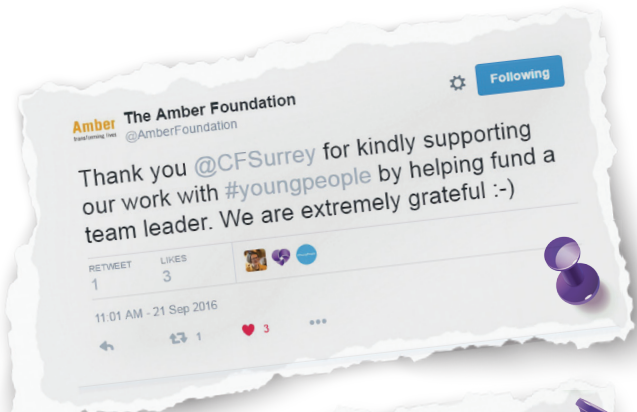


The world's largest public art event came to Surrey in the summer of 2016, filling the county with bold, interesting, fibreglass cows. After display, the cows were herded together and auctioned off.

Each cow sponsor chose a charity to benefit from the auction proceeds of their cow, with funds also going to the Surrey Hills Trust Fund, to enhance landscapes and lives.

Feedback

We have received an abundance of thank yous across all our social media platforms throughout the year. Here are just some examples:



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Our Financial Review

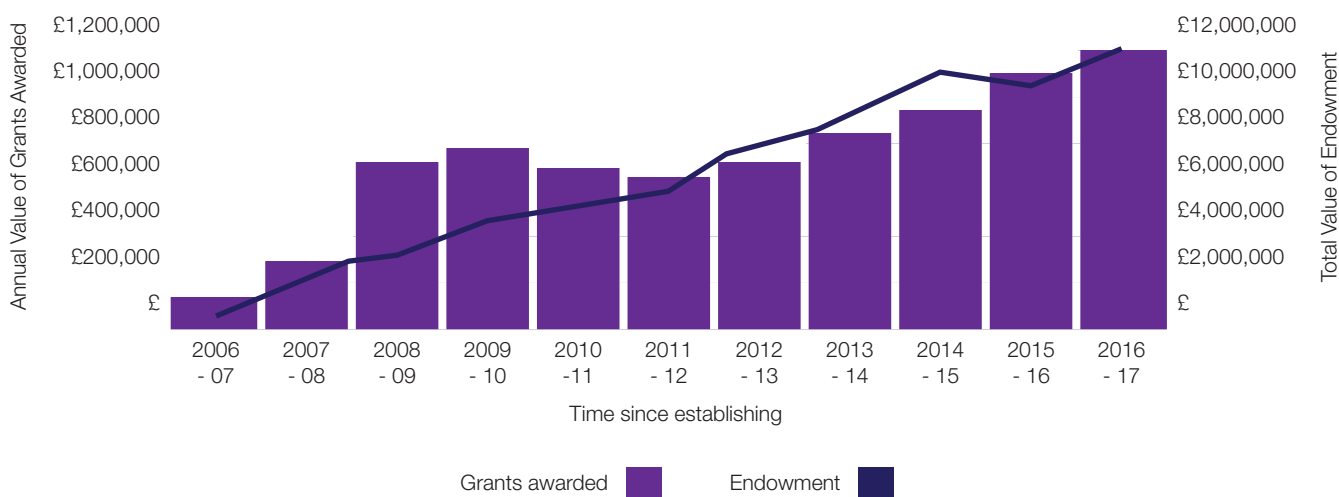
During the year we awarded 389 grants totalling **£1,116,598**, raised **£958,667** in Flow-through donations and **£637,460** in Endowment. Our Endowment Funds totalled **£11,232,617** (at 31 March 2017).

	2016-17	2015-16
Where our money came from	£	£
Our total income was	2,087,160	1,807,967
New Endowment Community Funds	637,460	356,576
New Flow-through Community Funds	958,667	840,563
Donations towards running costs	100,087	143,251
Distributions from Endowment Funds and other income (net)	358,227	428,801
How we spent our money	£	£
We spent	1,450,215	1,334,215
Grants*	1,081,267	985,456
Grant making & Donor development	295,573	260,748
Costs of generating new funds	73,375	88,011

*Grants paid out during the year ending 31 March 2017 will differ from grants awarded

Total Value of Grants Awarded

Since establishment the Foundation has awarded a total of **£6,954,041** to support communities across the county. The graph below illustrates how we have continued to increase giving in Surrey.



Our Funds

The Trustees and Staff would like to thank all of our Donors and Fund Holders who between them have made a substantial contribution to improving the lives of people across Surrey.

Individual and Family Giving

Baker Family Fund
Bexington Fund
Borrows Fund
Bryn Siriol Fund
Burnett Music Fund
CARTS Fund
Christim Beck Community Fund
Cyrus Fund
Dancer Fund
East Court Fund
Hamilton Fund
Hazelhurst Fund
Kaye Family Fund
The LBM Jem Fund
Ockley Community Fund
One & 35 Fund
Orchid Environmental Trust Fund
Parkes Fund
Perros Trust Fund
Smyth Community Fund

Legacy / In Memoriam Funds

David Tyson Memorial Fund
Dora Fedoruk Memorial Fund
Lawther Community Fund
Mamie Mollan Community Fund
The Rebecca Cannon Vitality Fund

Corporate Giving

Birtley House Fund
Charles Russell Speechlys Community Fund
CSH Surrey Community Fund
Dunstable Park Fund
Electronic Arts Educational Fund
Electronic Arts Youth Fund
Gatwick Airport Foundation Fund
Gold-i Innovation Fund
Memset Community Fund
Savills Fund

Working in partnership with

Charitable Trusts

Albert Van Den Bergh Fund
Betty Parr Whitbread Music Fund
Bishop of Guildford's Foundation
Comic Relief
The Fidelity UK Foundation Surrey Community Development Fund
NIBS Wells Fund
The Pargiter Trust Fund
The Peter Harrison Foundation Community Fund
Pitstop Community Fund
The Thomas Trust Community Fund

Collective Giving

Area Funds

Chiddingfold Community Fund
Chobham Bly Lawson Community Fund
Elmbridge Community Fund
Epsom & Ewell Community Fund
Guildford Philanthropy
Hambleton Community Fund
Haslemere Challice Community Fund
Horley Edmonds Community Fund
Horsleys Community Fund
Lower Green Neighbourhood Fund
Peaslake Village Community Fund
Runnymede Community Fund
Surrey Heath Community Fund
Tandridge Community Fund
Woking Community Fund

Themed Funds

Back to Back Spinal Sports Injury Fund
Carers Support (Guildford) Fund
Surrey Community Arts Fund
Surrey Community Fund
Surrey Education Fund
Surrey Flood Recovery Appeal
Surrey Hills Trust Fund
Surrey Sports Fund
Surrey Supported Employment Fund
Surrey Young People's Fund
Youth Social Action Fund

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