



Going from strength to Strength

The Horsley's Community Fund is entering its 9th year and is going from strength to strength. The HCF was founded in 2010 in partnership with the Community Foundation of Surrey to inspire local giving for local needs. It is steered by a local panel of East and West Horsley residents who aim to make sure that those in need have access to the Fund.

Although the County of Surrey is one of the richest in the UK, government support is very limited and indeed reducing, and so cannot meet the growing social and environmental needs we have in the Villages. We already rely on a large network of groups, charities and volunteers; through investing in the HCF we can enhance the work of these groups and take advantage of future possibilities.

In 2015, the HCF amalgamated with the Lady Noel Byron Nursing Trust (a local charity with very similar interests and a fascinating history) which contributed to our endowment fund now standing at nearly £240,000. The interest generated from this endowment fund is used to make grants. One of the benefits of having a permanent endowment fund is that income is constantly generated. It really is the gift that keeps on giving!

How we raise funds

We are very fortunate to have a number of people who make a **regular contribution** by **Standing Orders**. Others hold **fundraising events** in our name for which we are very appreciative. **Easy Fundraising** really is an easy way to give while you shop online, and has contributed nearly £800 to the Fund – at no cost to the donor! <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/horsleyscf/>

In response to enquiries from local residents who would like to leave a gift to their Villages, but don't know how to go about it, we have produced a **Legacy Leaflet** which simply explains the process for leaving a gift in your Will. Every now and then Chris & Clare Mathias have invited local supporters to a keenly contested **polo match** at their farm. In 2018 the event was sponsored by Wellers Hedley and was an adrenaline pumping show of combative competitiveness featuring some of the UK's finest polo players!



Did you know?

75% of all adults in the UK donate to charity, yet only 7% leave a gift in their Wills.

Gifts you leave to the Horsley's Community Fund are tax-free for the charity and often have advantages for the donor with regard to the treatment of inheritance and other tax planning

How we disperse grants

To date we are proud to have awarded over **47 grants** as follows:

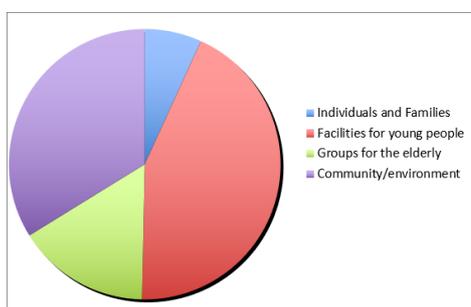
16 for young people through sporting and activity groups, facilities for schools and playgroups, play areas

14 to community and environment; Village Halls, medical services, community garden, footpaths

12 to help reduce isolation for older residents

5 to families and individuals in need

Over **£37,000** has been granted as illustrated here.





We are proud to support our resident Veterans through a number of events which recognise important milestones in our history.



Who can benefit from a Horsley's Community Fund Grant?

The HCF is often able to work with other organisations to share costs, raise awareness of local support structures and target resources to best effect. Owing to our prudent investment strategy, we are able to maintain a grant-making balance and we are currently open to applications. **If you or anyone you know could benefit from our support, please do get in contact. Just call Clare Mathias on 01483 281755 or email Claritaclare@gmail.com**