Hampshire & Isle of Wight Community Foundation

Annual Review
2019-2020

Recognising and responding to the needs of disadvantaged and vulnerable people in our local communities

HiWCF
LOCAL GIVING FOR LOCAL NEEDS

President's Welcome

Welcome to the Annual Review for the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Community Foundation (HIWCF) for 2019-2020, offering a glimpse into how the Foundation has responded to the challenges of the local community and the needs of vulnerable people across the region, particularly during the Coronavirus pandemic.

HIWCF is an independent charitable Foundation and the largest grant maker to specialise in awarding grants across Hampshire, the Isle of Wight, Portsmouth and Southampton to smaller, lesser well known charities, community groups and voluntary organisations.

We rely on the generosity and goodwill of local families, private individuals and businesses, alongside charitable trusts, local authorities and the Government to help us support vital community projects that are tackling issues such as poverty, isolation, disadvantage, family crisis and mental health.

The Foundation is perfectly placed to deal with the challenges presented by the Covid-19 crisis, which has caused enormous hardship in our communities, and damaging the health, wellbeing and livelihoods of local people. In response, HIWCF established the 'We're All Together' campaign, which began raising funds in March 2020, to provide emergency grants to those resourceful local charities and community groups that either sprang up to help vulnerable local people affected by the lockdown, or extended their existing services to help those in need.

We hope you enjoy reading about some of the valuable projects that we are delighted to have supported over the last year; and which have made a real difference to the lives of disadvantaged and vulnerable local people.

Nigel Atkinson Esq
HM Lord-Lieutenant of Hampshire
President, HIWCF

Chairman's Report

The lifetime of HIWCF has coincided with an increasingly difficult time for the most deprived people in society. The after-effects of the 2008 crash included a significant growth in low-paid and insecure employment, disruptive changes to the benefit system, and ten years of reduction in public services.

The charities who serve the most disadvantaged groups have seen funding from local and central government reduced alongside ever-growing demands for their services. Now in the last few months, the Covid-19 pandemic has dramatically increased the disproportionate damage to the most disadvantaged.

This review would normally cover our work in the year to 31 December 2019, and the financial information on pages 21-25 still reflects this. However, the pandemic has required such a dramatic gear-change in our work that we have included examples of our immediate response in the following pages. At the time of writing (September 2020) with the help of our existing fundholders, our President, past Chairs, and other supporters we have raised over £2.3m in the last few months to provide an emergency response to the crisis and maintain vital charity services to our communities.

Our endowment funds have now grown to £13m, for the long term benefit of our local communities, while we have awarded over £11m in grants over the last 14 years, to support the work of over 4,000 projects across the region. During 2019, grants of £699,573 supported 279 community projects and causes, benefitting an estimated 70,000 local people.

With impeccable timing, we had just started to move our office to Winchester when the lockdown was announced, compounding the disruption to our staff, whose response has been magnificent. I am impressed and grateful in equal measure. The move will help us to collaborate with other like-minded organisations, bring us closer to local decision-making, and improve our support to communities across Hampshire and the Isle of Wight.

My co-Trustees have responded wonderfully to the Covid-19 crisis, some coming close to working full-time for the last few months. As volunteers, their only rewards are intangible, but they include my respect, affection, and gratitude. There have been some changes, and I particularly want to thank Richard Hibbert who stood down in 2019. His hard work, knowledge and dedication have been invaluable, particularly for our work in the Portsmouth area. I am also delighted to welcome two new Trustees: Suki Sitaram, who joins with many years of experience in senior strategic and operational leadership in Southampton; and Michael Smith, who brings long experience in business and a valuable insight into local needs on the Island.

Our work is only possible thanks to our many supporters. We are heartened that local families, individuals, businesses and charitable trusts find the Foundation the best vehicle for their goodwill and generosity. Thank you for your ongoing support.

Jonathan Cheshire OBE
Chairman, HIWCF

Highlights

The Covid-19 pandemic has touched the whole country and impacted communities throughout the world.

Research shows that families are facing unprecedented times with the use of foodbanks increasing by over 80%, unemployment and financial hardship rising for families and vital charities and community groups struggling to keep their services operating due to a lack of funding. The pandemic has shown us that community really matters. Local charitable organisations and groups have stepped up to provide emergency food, hot meals and medication, and our We're All Together funding has been enabling these groups to respond to the crisis, supporting those most in need.

From the very start of the crisis we reacted swiftly to ensure funding was made available quickly to help those facing the greatest hardships. Alongside this we launched a fundraising campaign initially hoping to raise £500k. However, due to the amazing generosity of our donors, the National Emergency Trust, VIVID Housing, Hampshire County Council, the DCMS and the NHS, so far we have raised in excess of £2.3m to help support those crucial groups and services who on a daily basis are working tirelessly to meet the needs of those in our communities.

We know that the current crisis is far from over, so our attention is now shifting towards ensuring families and communities are best able to recover from the impact of Covid-19, and that we all come back stronger and better prepared for any future crisis.

Therefore, your ongoing support is crucial to enable us to continue to help the most vulnerable in our communities and without the generosity of our donors and supporters many groups and families would not have received the support or essential help that they so needed during these turbulent times.

Grant Cornwell MBE
Chief Executive

By September 2020, £2.3m had been raised in emergency funding to help local people impacted by Covid-19, with all funding to be allocated by December 2020.

New Funds were set up in 2019 for INSKIP League for the Disabled and Sail Away Foundation, to support our Endowment and Flow-through funding respectively.

We celebrated reaching the landmark of £10m in grant giving, with over 100 guests at our summer reception at The Great Hall in Winchester, generously sponsored by Brewin Dolphin and Hildon Water.

European Union
European Social Fund

The £1.76m ESF 'Solent Supporting Employment' grants programme was launched in August 2020, match-funded by donors and local authorities.

A £5,000 grant made ten years ago went full circle, as Andover Film Club donated £5,000 back to HIWCF as thanks for enabling their club to survive, with films now bringing together audiences of 100 people.

We visited Home-Start Havant, Off The Record South East Hampshire, ARK Eastleigh and CIS'ters: Surviving Sexual Abuse to gain an insight into their work through our HIWCF Seeing Is Believing programme.

Twelve local community groups received a share of £57,784 from the new 'Better Start' Fund, launched to help tackle child poverty in communities across our region.

The High Sheriff of Hampshire 2018/2019, Mark Thistlethwayte, gave special recognition to those going beyond the call of duty at the annual High Sheriff Awards Ceremony.

Thanks to the Tampon Tax Community Fund raised from the Government levy on sanitary products, grants of £96,421 helped vulnerable women and girls.

Proudly supporting youth social action

#iwill

The #iwill Campaign awarded £51,211 in grants to encourage youth social action across Hampshire and the Isle of Wight.

Heart of Hampshire
Heart of Isle of Wight

The new Heart of Hampshire and Heart of Isle of Wight Funds awarded grants of £22,000 to help tackle loneliness and isolation for older people.

We work closely with our supporters to promote the values of the Foundation and identify the important issues affecting people within our communities.

Deprivation in Hampshire and the Isle of Wight

In Hampshire and the Isle of Wight, the effects of poverty and deprivation are not at first glance obvious, as our location in the affluent South East is, after all, home to Hart, which is the least deprived district in the country. However, Government statistics show that in several areas local deprivation is on a par with the highest levels in England.

The 2019 Indices of Deprivation show that across Hampshire and the Isle of Wight, 44 neighbourhoods fall into the 10% most deprived areas in England, and a further 81 areas fall into the next 11%-20%. The two cities of Southampton and Portsmouth contain the highest levels of deprivation, and overall a further 11 areas in the region, have become more deprived since 2015.

The most deprived area in Hampshire is found within the Charles Dickens ward in Portsmouth, and this area benefitted from grant funding of £65,000 during 2019.

HIWCF holds a unique position in the region in terms of our in-depth understanding of the issues facing local communities and our relationship with the organisations and volunteers addressing these challenges.

The reality of life in many parts of Hampshire is that some families are struggling to such an extent financially that they rely on foodbanks to survive. In the South East, 80,674 food parcels were handed out by the Trussell Trust in the six months up to September 2019. At the height of the Covid-19 pandemic, the Trussell Trust reported an 89% increase in need compared to the same month in the previous year.

Life is extremely challenging for vulnerable families and individuals and with the impact of coronavirus leading to business closures and rising unemployment, the demand for charitable services will continue to rise. Our wonderful smaller local charities that provide a safety net for those in need are being squeezed at every level, not only experiencing a huge rise in demand, but at the same time unable to raise funds through their usual channels due to lockdown restrictions.

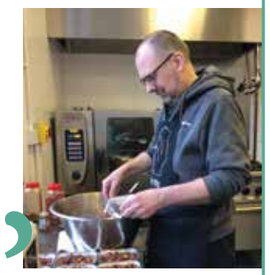
> ***Like many charities during the Covid-19 crisis, KidsOut's income has been hit hard at a time when our services are needed more than ever. The grant of £1,000 means we can continue to provide essential supermarket vouchers to families self-isolating in Hampshire women's refuges. This project will enable mothers to purchase essential groceries, helping alleviate financial pressures that have been exacerbated by Covid-19. This will help ensure the basic physical needs of families are met, reducing the stress many will be facing, and aiding the preservation of long-term mental health.***
> Gavin Bedford, Grants & Trusts Executive, KidsOut

We're All Together

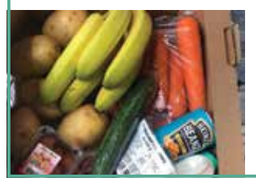
At the beginning of the Covid-19 crisis, HIWCF launched the We're All Together Fund, partnering with VIVID Housing, to provide emergency support for local communities. Thanks to all of our donors and supporters including the National Emergencies Trust, the Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS), Hampshire County Council and the NHS, almost 300 emergency grants have enabled local organisations to help people to stay safe and well.

Local housing association VIVID has teamed up with HIWCF to donate £125k to help vulnerable people affected by the crisis.

A grant of £10,000 enabled **The Vine Centre, Aldershot** to deliver care packages containing basic food provisions, home cooked meals and toiletries.



> ***I'm so thankful for the food received. So, so thankful. Thank you so much, knowing I can eat and feed my son until Monday means everything to me.*** Beneficiary, The Vine Centre



City Catering Southampton received a grant of £2,500 to provide schools with healthy packed lunches for pupils eligible for free school meals, with bags of fresh groceries delivered to families, allowing schools to remain in contact during lockdown.

> ***This grant of £5,000 will enable volunteers working from our Hub at Waypoint Church to continue to deliver weekly food parcels, including fresh food items, to an increasing number of vulnerable families and households reducing their anxiety and worry as to where the next meal is coming from.***
> Waypoint Church, Fareham

A grant of £20,000 to **Communities First Wessex** enabled volunteers to shop for food and medication for those recently discharged from hospital, who needed to shield at home to avoid catching the virus. Community kitchens also made and delivered hot meals to those in rural communities.

The National Emergencies Trust

The National Emergencies Trust (NET) was launched by The Duke of Cambridge in 2019, following the Manchester terrorist attack and the fire at Grenfell Tower. HIWCF has received over £1m from NET, which, together with additional funding from DCMS of £594,000 is making a huge difference to the lives of those affected by the pandemic in our communities.

Scotty's Little Soldiers received £2,600 to support 26 bereaved British Forces children across Hampshire and the Isle of Wight. Scotty's helps children to build their self-confidence, make new friends and survive lockdown by getting involved in a programme of exciting and fun online events such as quizzes, music and singing for those whose lives have already been turned upside down by parental loss.

With domestic abuse increasing during lockdown, a grant of £20,000 to **Aurora New Dawn** enabled a new 24/7 helpline to be set up to protect victims and survivors across Hampshire, with over 50 calls received during the first week alone.

The HIVE Portsmouth received £5,000 to deliver care packages including fresh food, nappies, toilet rolls, sanitary products and activity packs for children to support vulnerable families across Portsmouth.

Hayling Island Community Centre received £10,000 to provide food parcels and to run a phone-in shop for people requiring specific food ranges including gluten free foods. Volunteers are collecting and delivering prescriptions, and a chatterbox group is connecting those feeling isolated by lockdown. Fuel vouchers have also enabled deliveries to be made to those unable to leave their home.

Alleviating Pressure on the NHS

NHS
Hampshire and Isle of Wight
Partnership of Clinical Commissioning Groups

Our amazing nurses and doctors have repeatedly put themselves on the front line during the pandemic to help save lives, while at the same time losing their own colleagues and patients to Covid-19. Although working with total focus during the peak of the pandemic, the NHS still found time to support local communities through the NHS Covid-19 Fund. Worth £200,000 with match-funding from HIWCF donors, this fund has eased pressure on NHS services during challenging times.

SERV Wessex, also known as The Blood Runners, transport urgent medical items and supply the Air Ambulance with the blood and plasma carried on the aircraft. Volunteers use their own vehicles for charity work and pay all their own costs, and at the height of the pandemic, the workload increased massively to 15 jobs a day and 150 deliveries. The grant of £2,000 has helped SERV to purchase a new scooter to continue supporting the NHS and the community.

Paul has Chronic Lymphocytic Leukaemia and is on the shielding list for Covid-19. His treatment requires medication only available from Basingstoke Hospital Pharmacy, and unfortunately Paul could not travel to collect the prescription. Paul's wife, Linda, had cancer last year and needs to be very careful to protect both herself and Paul's health, so the delivery service provided by SERV Wessex has been vital for them both during the pandemic.

> ***Serv Wessex are delivering my medication and have never let us down. We are so grateful for their help and for giving us one less worry in these challenging times.***
> Paul and Linda Crook

A grant of £1,880 to **Pink Place** has helped the group to continue providing wellbeing services and support to adults affected by cancer. When Covid-19 hit, the group quickly adapted their services to facilitate virtual support sessions.

In 2019, the **Isle of Wight Samaritans** answered 9,810 calls, totalling 2,561 hours on the phone and dealt with 2,034 emails and 2,027 texts. The grant of £10,000 will help the branch to remain open so that volunteers can continue to take calls from people in emotional distress and often experiencing suicidal thoughts and feelings.

Sebastian's Action Trust supports seriously ill children and their families, and a grant of £10,000 has provided emergency supplies for those who are shielding at home to protect their immune compromised children.

A grant of £3,200 was awarded to the **Twins Trust** to support new and expectant families with multiple births during the pandemic.

A grant of £9,500 is enabling the **Rainbow Trust** to support families who have a child with a life threatening or terminal illness. The trust has been delivering baby milk to hospitals, medication to homes, providing bereavement support and supporting families as they try to manage the fear and uncertainty that their child's condition might deteriorate as a result of the virus.

Rosie is 2 years old and is at high risk to coronavirus as she makes frequent visits to hospital for dialysis treatment. Rainbow Trust has been an immense source of support for the family, helping with transportation to and from the hospital, making the whole experience of going to hospital during the peak of the crisis a little less stressful.

> ***Without our Rainbow Trust support worker Liz as a helping hand mentally and emotionally, being there to help with transportation, we would find this time a lot harder and lonelier, Liz has been amazing providing our family with support.*** Beneficiary, Rainbow Trust

How We Help

Donors establish a fund with HIWCF for many reasons, including to leave a lasting legacy in memory of a loved one, to support a local cause close to their heart or as a way to demonstrate impactful corporate social responsibility.

Setting Up A Fund

HIWCF provides a range of options to make local giving efficient and effective. A named fund can be tailored to suit the personal wishes of the donor, either through an Endowment Fund providing a long lasting legacy for the community or a Flow-Through Fund providing an opportunity to make immediate grants to smaller local charities.

Supporting Community Needs

Alternatively, donors can support existing themes, such as the Better Start Fund helping to tackle child poverty or the We're All Together Fund responding to the effects of Covid-19. This pooling of resources enables grant making to achieve greater impact in local communities.

Leaving a Legacy

Taking care of family and friends will always come first in people's thoughts when making a will, but a charitable gift left to HIWCF will make a big difference for those less fortunate. A legacy gift allows donors to continue to support the local causes that inspired them during their lifetime, meeting the needs of future generations and providing a lasting memorial.

Revitalising Charitable Trusts

HIWCF is experienced in taking over the management of older charitable trusts, which may have become dormant or ineffective. Revitalising the funds in this way ensures that grants can continue to be made in line with the original wishes and objectives of those leaving a legacy.

> ***What attracted us to the Foundation was their expert knowledge of local need. The research and due diligence carried out by the team allows us to be confident that our donations are going where they are most needed to make a real difference.*** Sir Euan A-G-Calthorpe, HIWCF Fundholder

Helping Business to Support Communities

HIWCF has a strong record of managing professional charitable funds on behalf of local businesses, to achieve high impact corporate social responsibility goals. Partnering with HIWCF enables businesses to support the local communities in which they operate, raise the profile of the business with stakeholders and create goodwill with employees.

Our corporate funders include BAT, Co-op, Ford, Hildon Water, Kenwood, Moneybarn, Red Funnel, Sovereign, VIVID and Wight Link and we help companies to support the issues and causes where they want to make a difference, ensuring that donations achieve maximum impact.

Moneybarn Social Impact Fund

Moneybarn is a vehicle finance lender based in Petersfield, and the Moneybarn Social Impact Fund provides grants to alleviate underlying social issues.

> ***Partnering with HIWCF is a fantastic way to share the success of the business with others in our local communities, and reflects our commitment to support people facing barriers to social and financial inclusion in the areas where we operate. HIWCF does a fantastic job in understanding local priorities and then helping us to identify the organisations who are effectively serving these communities.*** Sharon Orr, Community Affairs Manager, Provident Financial Group

Kenwood Community Fund

The Kenwood Community Fund was set up to address health, nutrition and wellbeing issues in local communities. A grant to Rowan's Hospice has enabled bereaved cookery courses for remaining partners to take place in Havant.

> ***My husband was my carer for 14 years and he wouldn't let me do a thing. He said to me, this isn't fair. I said what isn't fair? And he said, I shouldn't be going before you. He was so upset that he was leaving me to care for myself. But now coming here, it has meant more than cooking, it has meant caring for yourself. It has brought me back to life and given me a real interest again.*** Rita Wright, Rowans Hospice Bereaved Cookery Participant

Tackling Child Poverty

During 2019, the first round of grant funding worth £57,784 from the Better Start Fund began helping to tackle child poverty. Twelve local community and voluntary groups were supported through this funding, thanks to the generosity of our donors.

John Pounds Community Trust received a grant of £4,980 to help alleviate pressure on low income families for the cost of food during school holidays. The group provided free nutritious breakfasts and lunches at 'Go Active' camps for 120 children living in Portsea, in the heart of the Charles Dickens ward. The camps support children from families that struggle to afford out of school activities and children receiving free school dinners.

End Child Poverty statistics show that 36% of children in South Portsmouth are living in poverty and in some areas, such as Charles Dickens in Portsmouth, the percentage is even higher at 50%.

A grant of £5,000 enabled volunteers at **Home Start** Hampshire in Havant to provide one-to-one support and a parenting role model to families with children up to 11 years old.

Southampton Sight Loss received a grant of £5,000 to support local children and young people affected by sight loss, helping them to develop everyday skills like sharing, coordination, and social behaviours.

> ***This grant enabled us to support 20 young people living with sight loss, with our activities divided into age appropriate groups to ensure maximum impact, where young people were able to make new friends and achieve individual goals based on their own interests.*** Jackie Powers, Chief Executive at Southampton Sight Loss

Avoiding Loneliness and Isolation

We are very fortunate to have many local voluntary and community groups providing a lifeline for isolated and lonely older people, offering weekly lunch clubs, activity groups, befriending and organised trips which make the world of difference to a person living alone. During 2019, grants totalling £22,000 from the Heart of Hampshire and Heart of Isle of Wight Funds helped 11 groups to bring older people together.

Romsey Arthritis Hydrotherapy Group received a grant of £1,000 to help run weekly hydrotherapy classes. Members meet up and exercise together to improve their mobility and fitness, and many who have undergone joint replacement surgery report that they experienced reduced pain levels and recovered faster than expected.

Community Spirited Café based at East Cowes Pavilion received £2,100 to purchase craft materials so that club members could get creative by knitting and crocheting. The club brings people together to make items to sell on behalf of the group, to have a cup of tea and a catch up.

The Campaign to End Loneliness reports that 17% of older people have contact with family, friends and neighbours less than once a week, and for 11% it's less than once a month.

A grant of £609 to **St Mary's Lunch Club** in Broughton has enabled the club to continue providing a hot and nourishing two-course meal for 50 members, following modernisation of the village hall.

> ***This grant has make a big difference, enabling the club to purchase new kitchen equipment to meet required hygiene standards. Our members really look forward to coming along for companionship and to make new friends and we hope over time to expand our group to welcome even more local people.*** Pippa Evans, Chairman, St Mary's Lunch Club

Supporting Women and Girls

The Tampon Tax Community Fund, created through the government levy on sanitary products, helped vulnerable women and girls to overcome the barriers affecting their lives. Grants supported victims and survivors of domestic and sexual abuse, those facing barriers to employment and those experiencing mental health issues. In 2019, grants worth £96,421 supported twelve community organisations and as with many of our funds, there was huge demand, with HIWCF able to meet only 20% of the requested total, leaving many vital community projects unfunded.

City of Sanctuary Southampton Group received £6,098 for a Sewing Club providing an opportunity for women facing cultural barriers and social isolation to get together and learn new skills. Many of the attendees were facing financial, educational, and health disadvantages and the group created opportunities for friendship and shared expertise between local people and the women and girls seeking sanctuary.

Aurora New Dawn received £9,967 to help women who had experienced domestic abuse, sexual abuse and/or stalking. The groups 'Strength In Survival' Project offered a weight lifting course with a professional instructor, to support women to build strength, movement and confidence.

Wight DASH's grant of £9,240 enabled the group to deliver support sessions for women with high levels of stressful or traumatic Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs). ACEs are traumatic childhood events that can affect how people perceive themselves as an adult, how they interact with others, cope with emotional pain and use parenting skills.

Yellow Door received £10,000 to support women over 60 where domestic abuse has been identified. Research has identified this as a growing area of concern within our ageing population.

Supporting Youth Social Action

The #iwill Campaign is a joint investment between the Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS) and the National Lottery Community Fund. The Campaign encourages significant contributions to the local community and to make volunteering, fundraising and campaigning a regular part of life for less affluent young people. Currently four in ten young people participate in meaningful social action and those from more deprived communities are much less likely to take part than their wealthier peers.

HIWCF donors match-funded the £51,211 programme in 2019, which awarded grants to twelve local groups helping with young people, to make a difference in their local communities.

Southampton based **Theatre for Life** received a grant of £5,000 for their 'Silent Mind' project, to raise awareness of coping with mental health issues through wellbeing and mindfulness. The group delivered their message through youth theatre to reach other young people with limited access to the arts.

Theatre for Life photographs courtesy of www.RichardBudd.co.uk (c) 2019

> ***It is encouraging to see the enthusiastic and passionate engagement of young people with causes they support. Their involvement at this stage of their lives will help to ensure that the causes are sustainable and effective as well as developing not only their understanding of the issues but a valuable set of skills.***
> Krysia Butwilowska, HIWCF Trustee

Monty's Community Bike Hub in Southampton received £4,967 to train young people as junior leaders and bicycle mechanics in a community affected by high crime rates and educational disadvantage. These new activities enabled the young volunteers to gain self-confidence, leadership and communication skills, while raising their expectations and aspirations and developing positive relationships with those involved in the project.

Surviving Winter

If you don't feel that you need your annual Winter Fuel Allowance, please donate to our Surviving Winter Appeal

Our annual Surviving Winter Appeal raises donations for local older people struggling during the winter months from the combined effects of fuel poverty and social isolation.

Older people can become vulnerable, particularly if they turn down their heating to save money or become trapped indoors due to bad weather and icy road conditions. In 2019, we awarded £7,083 to help older people keep warm, well and mobile during the coldest months.

Latest data from the Office of National Statistics reveals there were 1,682 deaths across Hampshire and the Isle of Wight in winter time, and it is believed that up to 30% of these deaths were attributable to the impact that cold homes have on those with respiratory and cardiovascular diseases.

To help a local older person who is vulnerable to the cold weather, please donate online to **virginmoneygiving.com/fund/SurvWinter** or please send a cheque by post to **The Chief Executive, Surviving Winter Appeal, HIWCF, Westgate Chambers, Staple Gardens, Winchester, SO23 8SR.**

Surviving Winter

The Winter Hardship Fund

The Winter Hardship Fund helps local people living within Portsmouth City Council boundaries to keep warm during the coldest months. During the winter of 2019-2020, £1,050 was awarded to the Salvation Army Haven Community Centre, enabling the purchase of key meter top-ups for gas and electricity for those needing help with their heating. The centre was also able to provide sleeping bags and blankets to help homeless people who came to the centre needing support.

Working with Government

Managing Grant Programmes for Local Government

HIWCF manages charitable funds for local government, ensuring that grants support communities effectively. The Foundation works closely with local authorities to transfer the management of older and dormant charitable trusts, to revitalise them in line with their original objectives. During 2019, the city of Portsmouth benefitted from £35,000 in grant funding, thanks to older trusts which were transferred from Portsmouth City Council in 2012.

HIWCF also distributes funds annually on behalf of the Lord Mayor of Portsmouth with £13,000 in grants during 2019 supporting groups such as the **Portsmouth Down Syndrome Association**.

The 'Businesses Supporting Older People' Grant Programme is managed on behalf of Hampshire County Council, encouraging older people to access social activities and events in their community. Grants have supported projects such as the **Voxschool 'Sing Happy' sessions** for residents in sheltered housing in Yateley.

Directing Government Funding Into Our Communities

The Foundation has recently distributed funds on behalf of the **Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport** (DCMS) through the Tampon Tax Community Fund supporting women and girls, the #iwill Fund encouraging young people to be pro-active in their communities and the National Emergencies Trust helping those impacted by coronavirus.

Match-funding programmes enable our donors and fundholders to match Government money to make it go significantly further, and in 2019, HIWCF won £880,000 of funding from the European Social Fund, which has been match-funded by local authorities and HIWCF donors, to tackle employability issues across Hampshire and the Isle of Wight.

European Union
European
Social Fund

Solent
Supporting
Employment

Solent Supporting Employment

The three year £1.76m 'Solent Supporting Employment' Grant Programme is providing grants of between £30,000 - £60,000 to local organisations in the Solent Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP) area, to help individuals facing complex barriers to employment, particularly where deprivation and unemployment are high. The first round of grants opened in August 2020 and will re-open in Spring 2021.

Launched in August 2020, at a time when the full impact of Coronavirus on the local labour market is not yet fully known, grants will support organisations with a proven record in employability to enable those from BAME communities, people with disabilities, long-term unemployed and people facing factors such as mental health, age and homelessness to move closer towards, or into employment.

The programme was created by Solent LEP in response to the call issued by the Department of Work and Pensions, and is part-funded by the European Social Fund, Hampshire County Council, Portsmouth City Council and Southampton City Council together with extensive support from HIWCF donors.

The programme follows the successful 2016-2018 Solent Community Grants Programme, where over 524 people, representing 52% of participants were able to either move into employment, engage in education or training or begin looking for work, with many more improving their employability prospects through volunteering opportunities.

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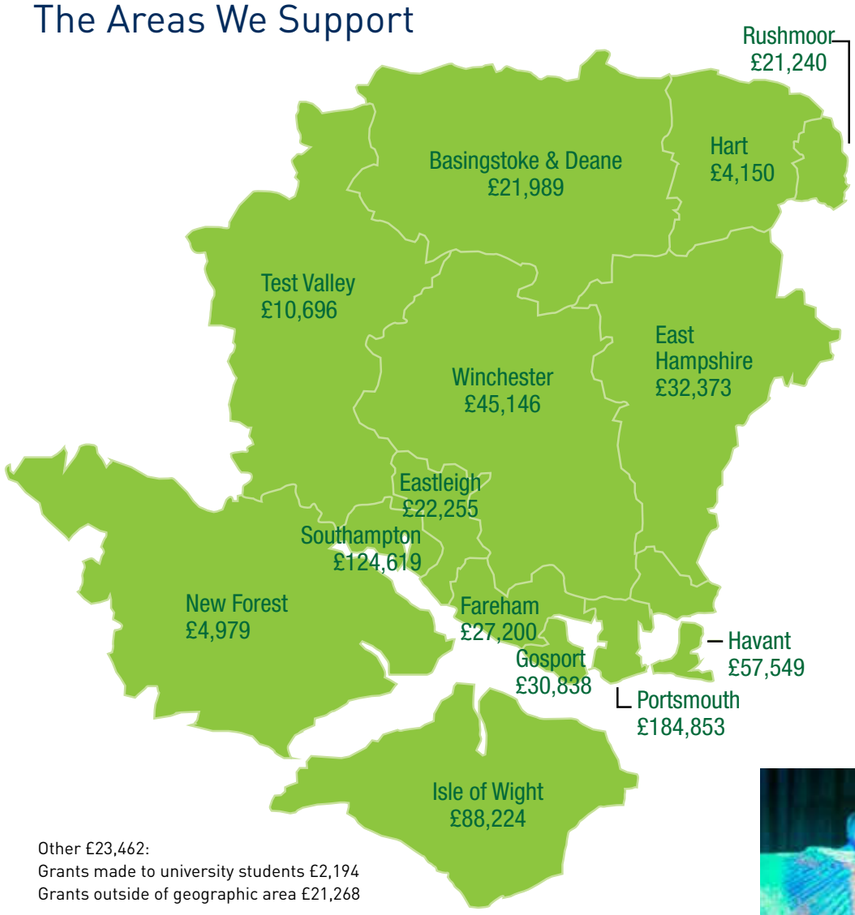
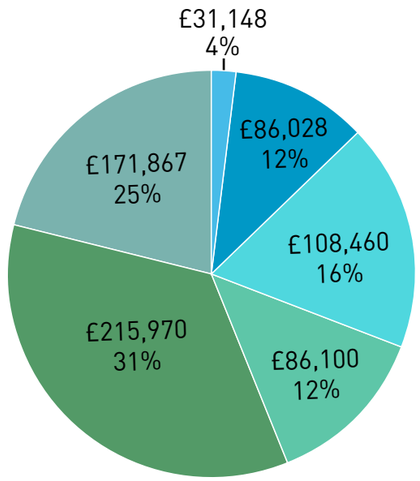
Grants in 2019

The Areas We Support



Other £23,462:
Grants made to university students £2,194
Grants outside of geographic area £21,268

Theatre for Life photograph courtesy of www.RichardBudd.co.uk (c) 2019



Age Groups supported

- Early Years (0-4)
- Children (5-12)
- Young People (13-18)
- Young Adults (19-25)
- Adults (26-65)
- Seniors (65+)

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Our grants supported 279 charitable causes
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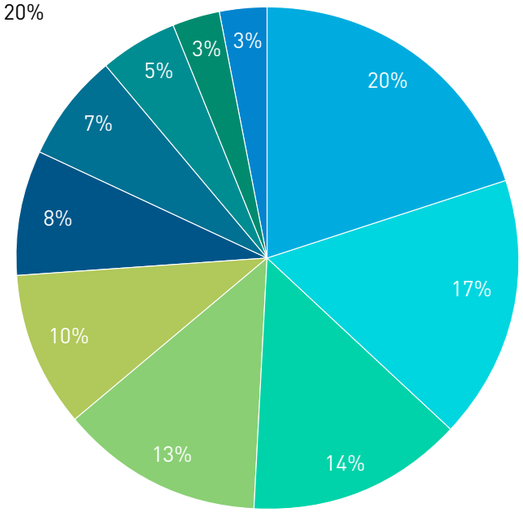
To see the full list of our grant awards made during 2019, please visit **www.hiwcf.com/about-us/publications**

The Projects We Support

The pie chart below shows our grant spending across 12 key local issues.

Local Issues

- Mental or Physical Ill-health & Disability £142,364 - 20%
- Poverty & Disadvantage £120,434 - 17%
- Education & Training £99,510 - 14%
- Community & Family Support £86,969 - 13%
- Counselling, Advice & Mentoring £72,477 - 10%
- Social Inclusion, Fairness & Equality £56,913 - 8%
- Healthy Living & Sport £47,239 - 7%
- Crime & Anti-social Behaviour £35,554 - 5%
- Arts, Culture & Heritage £21,067 - 3%
- Employment & Labour £16,546 - 3%



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Average grant = £2,200
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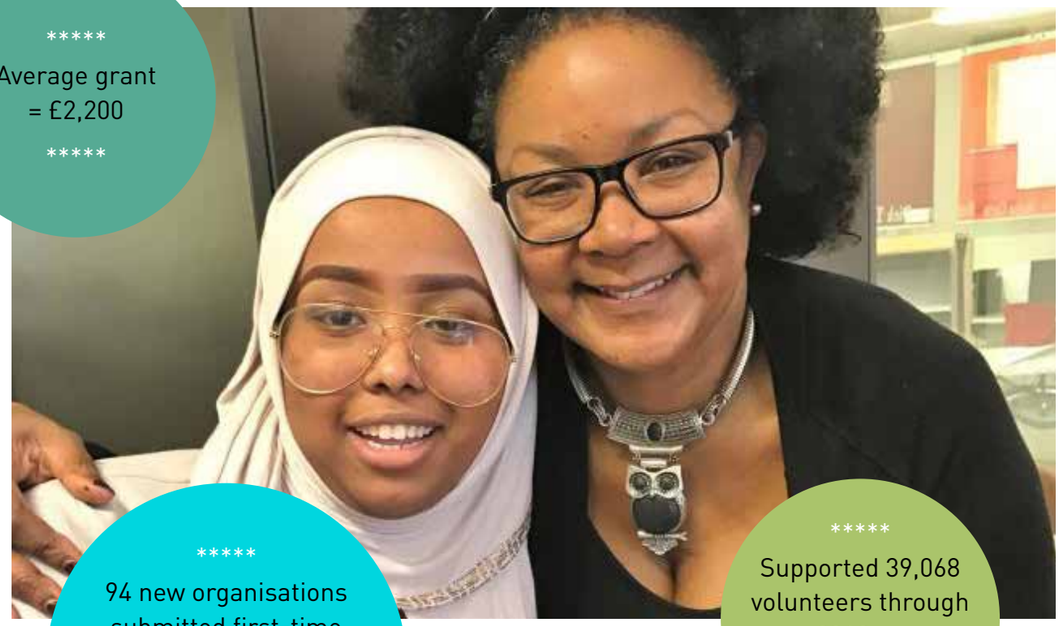

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94 new organisations submitted first-time grant applications, compared to 58 in the previous year.
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Supported 39,068 volunteers through our 2019 grants programme
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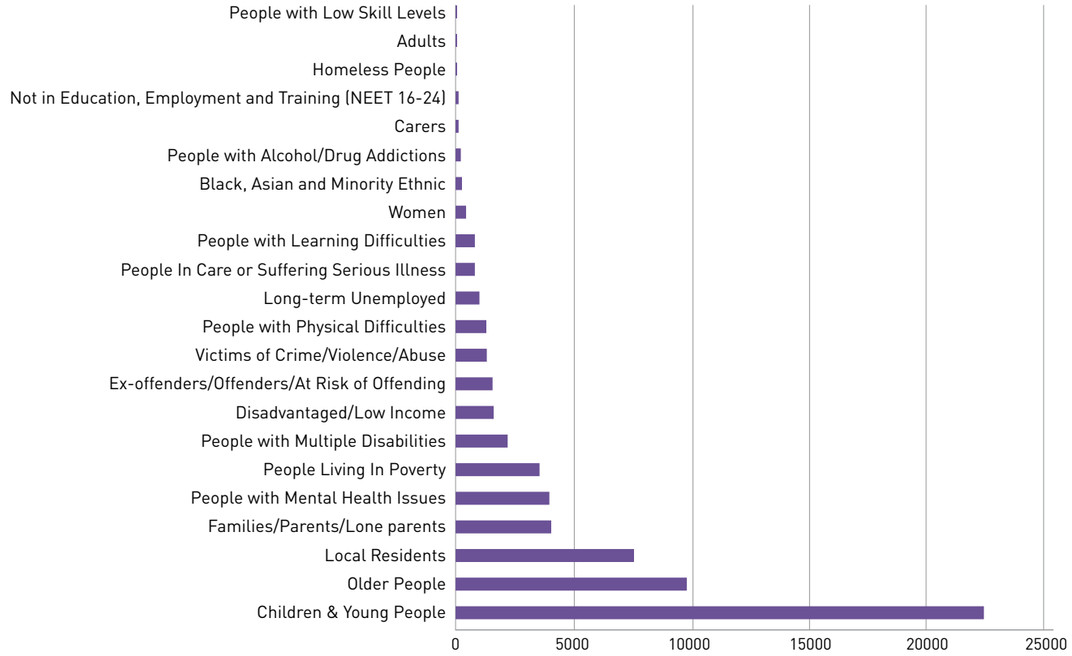
Our Main Beneficiaries

In 2019, HIWCF grants supported over 70,000 beneficiaries in Hampshire and the Isle of Wight. The largest group benefitting from grant funding were children and young people.

Number of Beneficiaries



Supporting Smaller Grassroots Organisations

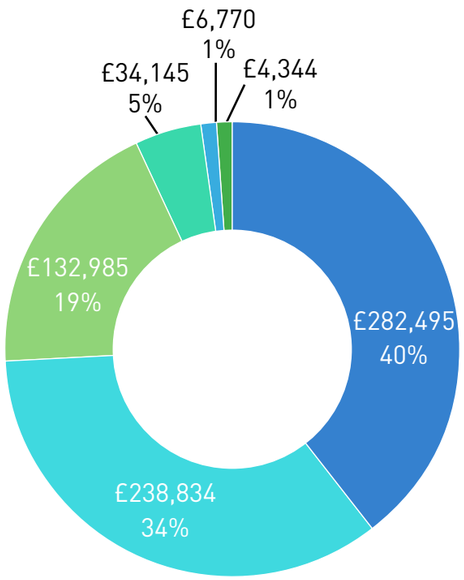
HIWCF is particularly interested in supporting small local charities, community groups and voluntary organisations, where a few hundred pounds can make a real difference to the lives of those in need.

In 2019, we directed **39%** of our total grant funding of £699,573 to support the work of smaller charitable organisations with an annual income of less than £30,000.

Making an Impact

We assess the impact of our grants in order to demonstrate the difference we have made in local communities to the lives of disadvantaged and vulnerable people.

In 2019, 40% of our grant funding resulted in reduced isolation and disadvantage and promoted access to local services, and over a third of our grants improved physical and mental health, wellbeing and safety.



- Promote reduction of isolation and disadvantage and access to local services (£282,495 - 40%)
- Advance people's physical and mental health, wellbeing and safety (£238,834 - 34%)
- Improve life skills, education, employability and enterprise (£132,985 -19%)
- Maximise ability to strengthen community cohesion and build social capacity (£34,145 - 5%)
- Connect people with the arts, culture and heritage (£6,770 - 1%)
- Transform access to, and engagement with, the environment and public spaces (£4,344 - 1%)

Meeting The Needs of our Communities

The need to support the voluntary sector has never been greater, and in 2019 applications for funding to HIWCF far outweighed the funds available. In many cases, we were only able to support 20-30% of the applications we received, and sadly in 2019 requests totalling £3.2m to fund vital projects went unmet, representing an increase of £1.4m compared to the previous year.

£3.2m in unmet need in **2019**

Summary Financial Information

For year ended 31st December 2019

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total Funds 2019
	£	£	£	£
Income and endowments from:				
Donations and legacies	3,478	289,354	51,628	344,460
Investment Income	20,825	0	436,175	457,000
Total income and endowments	**24,303**	**289,354**	**487,803**	**801,460**
Expenditure on:				
Raising Funds	102,367	-	-	102,367
Charitable activities	146,376	693,075	32,731	872,182
Total Expenditure	**248,743**	**693,075**	**32,731**	**974,549**
Net gains on Investment Assets	26,874	0	1,583,640	1,610,514
Net (expenditure)/income	**(197,566)**	**(403,721)**	**2,038,712**	**1,437,425**
Transfers between funds	213,057	454,666	(667,723)	0
Net movement in funds	**15,491**	**50,945**	**1,370,989**	**1,437,425**
Fund Balances brought forward	264,556	280,431	11,828,261	12,373,248
Fund Balances carried forward	**280,047**	**331,376**	**13,199,250**	**13,810,673**

The full audited accounts are available on our website:
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Thank You from our Board of Trustees

What a strange and challenging period it has been recently for the Foundation. We have built many new strong relationships, secured significant new funds and launched our busiest ever grants programme, through the emergency coronavirus funding.

Our Board of Trustees has worked together with private philanthropists, family fundholders, businesses and the public sector to provide permanent, flexible and growing sources of charitable funding to solve the unacceptable social problems we face and it is clear that these issues have been intensified by the Covid-19 crisis.

The impact of the pandemic is severe, and an increase in unemployment and poverty is leading to charities and voluntary groups cutting their services, right at the time when they are most sought-after.

We are working incredibly hard to ensure that the local charitable sector can continue to respond to the crisis and in time recover, to continue to provide support for the most vulnerable and disadvantaged people who have been hit hardest by the crisis.

Our special thanks go to Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Hampshire and our President, Nigel Atkinson, Hampshire County Council, the National Emergencies Trust, the NHS, VIVID Housing, KPMG, Blake Morgan, Brewin Dolphin and Hildon Water for their support.

We would also like to thank our staff, community partners and UKCF for helping us to make a difference when it is most needed, in local communities across Hampshire and the Isle of Wight.

Finally, we are of course incredibly grateful to all of our generous donors, fundholders and partners, your support enables us to react to the huge challenges facing our communities and provides a lifeline to disadvantaged and vulnerable people in need across Hampshire and the Isle of Wight.

Thank you, The Trustees

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