Isle of Wight Community Foundation
Annual Review 2019-2020

Island Funds for Island Causes

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Lord-Lieutenant's Welcome

Welcome to our Annual Review for 2019-2020, thank you for taking the time to read about our achievements and the difference we have made to the lives of vulnerable people.

It has been an extremely busy and unusual time for us, as we continue to respond to the needs in our local communities during the ongoing Coronavirus pandemic.

Our Annual Review would usually cover our work to the end of December 2019, but the Covid-19 crisis has changed our focus so dramatically, that this year we have included an update on our activities to show you how your support has helped our Island charities, community groups and voluntary organisations whose work has been so seriously impacted by the virus.

I am delighted to announce that our Island Chairman, Michael Smith, joined the team in September 2019. Michael brings a valuable insight into local needs in our communities and he is helping to raise and build substantial funds that will benefit our work immensely on the Isle of Wight.

It is thanks only to the commitment and goodwill of local people that we are able to carry out our work helping disadvantaged local people and I would like to thank all of our donors, supporters and partners for their support and generosity.

Susie Sheldon, Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant on the Isle of Wight

IWCF Chairman's Report

Our Isle of Wight Community Funds are now worth £1.6m and these are ring fenced for spending on the Island.

Endowments are managed by the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Community Foundation (HIWCF) and the income is distributed at the discretion of the Isle of Wight Committee or at the request of Island fundholders.

During 2019, I am pleased to confirm that £88,224 in grants were awarded to support 24 Island organisations, benefitting over 11,000 local people. Over the past ten years we have supported 665 projects with grants of almost £1.5m, making us one of the largest grant-making charities on the Isle of Wight.

However, since the Covid-19 crisis began in March 2020, over £200,000 has been awarded in emergency funding to Island groups, and our thanks must go to the National Emergencies Trust, the NHS, HIWCF donors and our Isle of Wight donors and community funds.

I am also delighted that we were able to collaborate with WightAID, The IW Sports Foundation, The Isle of Wight Foundation, The High Sheriff's Trust and The Daisie Rich Trust during the peak of the crisis to help local people impacted by the pandemic.

Thank you to all of our donors and partners for your support during these challenging times.

Michael Smith, IWCF Chairman

National Emergencies Trust

HIWCF has received an astounding £1.5m in funding from the National Emergencies Trust (NET) and DCMS since the Covid-19 pandemic began, of which 22 grants totalling £125,889 have been awarded to help Island groups respond to the crisis.

South Wight Area Youth (SWAY) Partnership received £8,228 from NET to help local people, including 'Molly', who experienced serious behavioural problems with her children during lockdown. Online schooling and the stay at home restrictions were proving extremely challenging, but fortunately the Families Worker from SWAY supported the family and prevented escalation of the difficulties they were experiencing. SWAY has also been able to reduce the impact of isolation on vulnerable families through a range of online and socially distanced activities, including cooking, poetry and kayaking.

> **It's vital that these relationships continue as they offer a stable reliable contact for the family whatever happens during the coming months.**
> Jennie Burke, SWAY's Youth and Families' Worker

One group to receive a grant of £3,250 was **Nature Therapy CIC** meaning that gift boxes containing sensory activities for those with dementia could be provided to families and individuals to help tackle the disruption and isolation caused by the Covid-19 pandemic.

A grant of £10,000 to the **Isle of Wight Community Rail Partnership** has enabled hot and nutritious lunches to be prepared at the Gaslight Café at Sandown Railway Station for those in need.

Storeroom 2010 Men In Sheds received £5,000 to continue to support over 90 members across the Island, helping to build up the confidence and self-worth of people facing hardship during the ongoing pandemic.

NHS Covid-19 Fund Supports Island Residents

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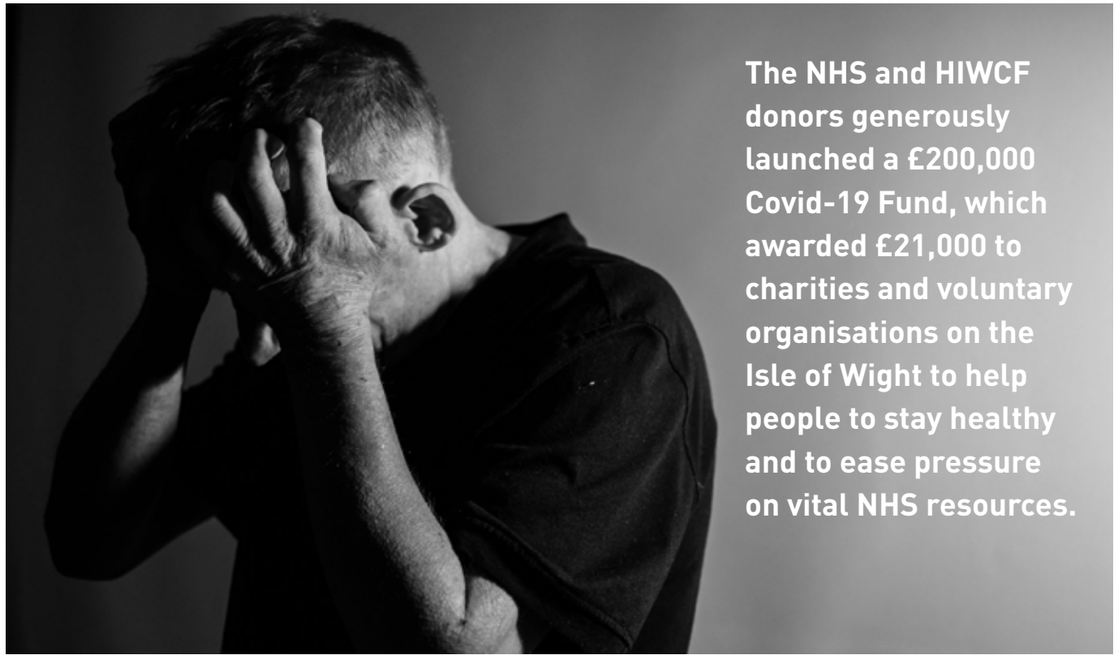
Hampshire and Isle of Wight
Partnership of Clinical Commissioning Groups



The NHS and HIWCF donors generously launched a £200,000 Covid-19 Fund, which awarded £21,000 to charities and voluntary organisations on the Isle of Wight to help people to stay healthy and to ease pressure on vital NHS resources.

Medical aid charity **Mad-Aid** received a grant of £10,000 to provide high quality PPE for care organisations on the Island including Age UK and Mountbatten Hospice.

Isle of Wight Samaritans received £10,000 to help keep the branch open, enabling volunteers to continue to take calls from people in emotional distress and often experiencing suicidal thoughts and feelings.

SAMARITANS
Isle of Wight

A grant of £1,000 from the NHS Covid-19 Fund has enabled **People Matter IW** to lend out sensory equipment to help families and individuals with autism, ADHD and learning disabilities.

IWCF 2020

During 2020, all IWCF funding has been channelled to support the work of local voluntary organisations and charities that are working so hard in Island communities to tackle the impact of Covid-19.

Age UK Isle of Wight have provided groceries, medication, wellbeing checks and weekly telephone befriending calls thanks to an IWCF emergency grant of £2,500.

> ***At the start of the pandemic, this grant enabled us to quickly co-ordinate an emergency response team to recruit and co-ordinate vital support to older Island residents enabling them to stay safe and shielded at home.***
> Elisha Leachman, Age UK

Aspire Ryde received an IWCF grant of £2,500 to help with their Covid-19 response.

> ***This grant will allow us to continue the work we are doing to support the community within our town. Whether this is providing food for people, cooking and delivering meals or offering friendship and advice at the end of a phone we all need to be looking out for each other at the moment and that is what Aspire exists to do.***

Wessex Cancer Trust received £1,500 from the IWCF crisis fund, to help cover the costs of a telephone helpline and virtual counselling service for three months.

> ***This is wonderful news, thank you so much. This money will help significantly with our current work, providing emotional support to islanders affected by cancer.*** Jess Zubaidi, Wessex Cancer Trust

Our Work In More Normal Times

Ryde Football Team received an IWCF grant of £2,844 to cover the cost of grass cutting and team registrations for one year, meaning the children could continue to enjoy playing football, while keeping fit and healthy with their team mates.

An IWCF grant of £3,000 to the **Footprint Trust** helped Islanders living in Shanklin, Sandown and Lake to get to grips with energy and water bills. Free energy-saving home visits will help to cut utility bills, and keep people warm and well.

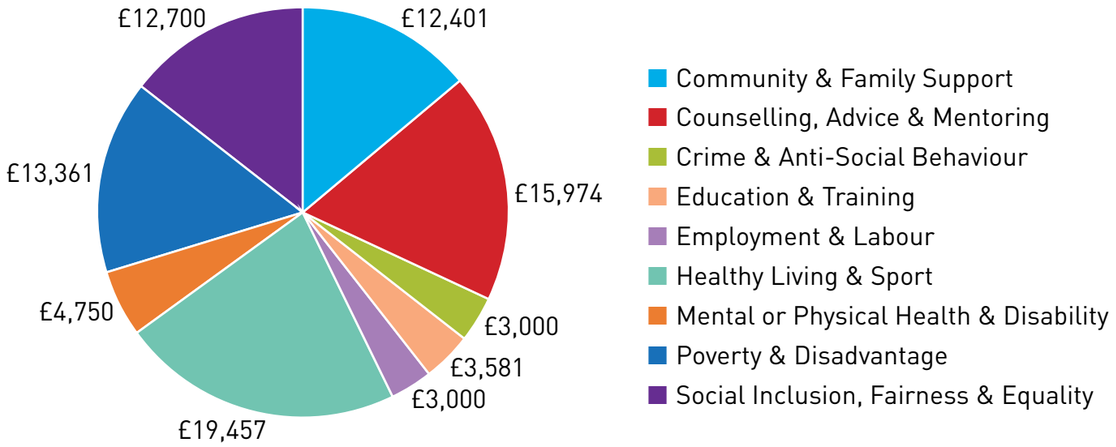
> ***By supporting people to take control of their own energy use and bills, they can save money each year. We save most island families £200 on their bills, which can then be spent on food or other essentials.*** Ray Harrington-Vail, Footprint Trust

In 2019, an IWCF grant of £3,000 enabled the **Isle of Wight Street Pastors** to recruit and train an additional 20 pastors. Street Pastors are trained to diffuse tension to help prevent crime and anti-social behavior.

Community Spirited Café received £2,100 through the first round of funding from the Heart of Isle of Wight Fund, bringing older people together for arts, crafts and companionship.

Wight Dash received £9,240 from the Tampon Tax Community Fund (raised through the Government levy on sanitary products), to deliver support sessions to women who had experienced traumatic Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) including domestic and sexual abuse.

Themes Supported on the Isle of Wight 2019



Grants awarded in 2019

Beneficiaries supported 11,476

Thank You from HIWCF

Research has shown that families are facing unprecedented times with the use of foodbanks increasing by over 80%, while unemployment and financial hardship are still rising during the ongoing Covid-19 crisis. At the same time, the support network of smaller local charities are struggling to keep their vital services and resources operational due to a lack of funding. The pandemic has shown us that community really matters, and from the start of the crisis, HIWCF reacted swiftly to help those organisations that sprang up to provide emergency food, hot meals and medication, together with support and companionship for vulnerable people impacted by the virus.

The majority of the charities we support are small, volunteer-led groups and I have found it incredibly inspiring to see local businesses, fundholders, donors, trusts and government agencies helping us to support their vital projects and resources to meet the needs of vulnerable people.

We know that the crisis is far from over and that the voluntary sector is still under enormous pressure, and so the Foundation is now focused on making the best use of its funds to ensure that local groups can alleviate the burden of poverty and deprivation and lessen the impact on people's health and wellbeing.

On behalf of everyone at HIWCF, and the groups that you have helped, thank you, and we hope that you will continue to support our work in the coming year.

Grant Cornwell MBE
HIWCF Chief Executive

GRANTS 2019

Angel Radio Isle Of Wight	£3,000
Brading Community Partnership	£4,840
Break the Cycle Community Interest Co.	£6,734
Community Action Isle of Wight	£550
Community Spirited Cafe	£2,100
Cowes Baptist Church	£7,838
Footprint Trust Ltd	£5,361
Frontline	£6,000
Helping Hands	£2,000
Isle of Wight Beach Soccer	£1,000
Isle of Wight Street Pastors	£3,000
Living Paintings	£750
Medina Park Residents Association	£3,000
Newclose County Cricket Ground	£5,823
Our Place - West Wight	£2,600
Pan Together	£1,013
Royal Yacht Squadron	£3,000
Ryde Saints Football Club	£2,844
Saturday Club for Deaf Children	£1,450
Sea View Yacht Club Ltd	£3,581
Shanklin Voluntary Youth & Community Centre	£4,500
Suicide Prevention & Intervention IOW	£3,000
Vectis Radio Community Radio Station	£5,000
Wight DASH	£9,240
Total	**£88,224**

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