

Inspiring GIVING

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INSPIRING LOCAL GIVING • MEETING LOCAL NEEDS



“How can I make sure that the money I give really makes a difference to people’s lives?”

This is the crucial question and, for those who want to give locally, community foundations can be the answer. It is 13 years since I joined Sussex Community Foundation. After a career working for small charities, I believed that people would give more to local charities, if they could see the massive difference that local giving can make. This vision is becoming a reality.

Last year, community foundations in the UK gave out £100 million in grants, among the ten largest funders of charities in the country. In Sussex, we gave out over £2 million for the first time. Yet our success only serves to demonstrate the need. Over the last year, we received nearly £5 million in high quality grant applications – which we would have loved to support, if only we had enough money.

Every one of the charities we support is making a big difference to local people. Don’t just take my word for it – read what Marco from the Real Junk Food Project has to say on page 4.

We are working hard to demonstrate the impact of giving locally, to inspire more people to support these amazing local charities and plug the gap between our grants and the need in the community.

We hope you will want to join us.

Kevin Richmond, Chief Executive,
Sussex Community Foundation



News in brief

INTRODUCING TONI



After over two and half hugely successful years at the Foundation, Development Manager Lauren Lloyd has moved on to pastures new. We wish her well in her new role at charity Jamie’s Farm. At the end of 2018, we were delighted to welcome Toni Darton as our new Philanthropy Manager. Toni comes to us with extensive experience in fundraising, management and consultancy in the not-for-profit sector.

What do you love about Sussex? Sussex has been my home for almost 20 years and I love the combination of cities and seaside, countryside and big skies, along with the friendliness of people here. Oh, and watching Brighton and Hove Albion win!

What’s the best thing about working at the Foundation?

Getting to meet and work with really inspiring people, both donors and those involved with the projects we support. It feels a real privilege to be part of this.

Tell us one thing we couldn’t guess about you.

I have driven a train on the Beijing Underground!



The Duke of Richmond with Chief Executive of Sussex Community Foundation, Kevin Richmond, (right).

Sussex Charities Fair

We were delighted to host the first Sussex Charities Fair, along with long-time supporter Anthony Bolton, at Goodwood House last October. The event brought together 27 Sussex charities and community groups across the whole of Sussex, representative of the 400-plus groups we support each year, with potential donors. Over 140 guests had the opportunity to speak to representatives and service-users from the exhibiting groups.

Sussex Charities Fair gave guests the opportunity to see that investing in smaller local charities through Sussex Community Foundation makes sustainable economic sense for those keen to maximise their charitable giving and to see and understand the impact of their investment.

We were also delighted to introduce to guests our new patron, the 11th Duke of Richmond and Gordon. The Duke is well known for the tremendous success he has made of the Goodwood Estate and especially of the Festival of Speed and Goodwood Revival.

“At Goodwood, we value entrepreneurial spirit, attention to detail

and a sheer love of life. The amazing diversity of local charities in Sussex is testament to the great vitality of our community and shows that many people share these values,” said the Duke. “Sussex Community Foundation provides flexible and long-term funding that allows local charities to continue their amazing work.”

“My father showed great entrepreneurial spirit in getting the Foundation started in 2006 and I am delighted to continue our family’s support for this great charity.”

Speakers at the Fair included Kevin Richmond (CEO of Sussex Community Foundation), Keith Hollis (Chair of Sussex Community Foundation), Caroline Greenhalgh (academic and philanthropy expert), William Shawcross (ex-chairman of the Charity Commission), Alex Spofforth (chartered accountant, Spofforths Partners Limited) and Monica Brown (Charities Aid Foundation).

You can read more about the event, view the event brochure and download two of the presentations at www.sussexgiving.org.uk/sussex-charities-fair-2018

Bluebell Vineyard

It seems an age ago now but, last May, we welcomed over 70 guests to a private reception at Bluebell Vineyard Estates, kindly hosted on our behalf by Joyce and Barry Tay, owner of Bluebell Vineyard Estates. Bluebell Vineyard Estates is a family-run vineyard and winery with a passion for producing world class sparkling wines.

During the evening, guests heard the fascinating story of the vineyard and had the opportunity to taste its award-winning Hindleap sparkling wines while finding out more about our work.

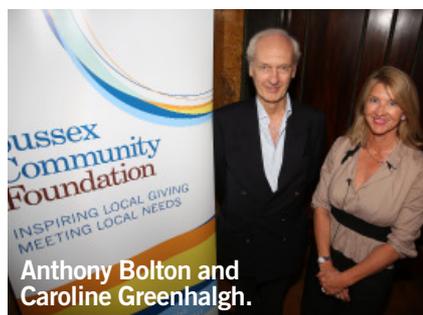
Our supporter Arthur Kay spoke passionately to guests about the importance of doing good locally and how the Foundation supports him and his wife, Rosemary, to manage their philanthropy. With thanks, too, to Rosemary and her friend Mary Everett for the catering.



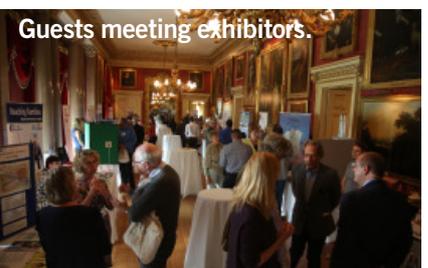
Guests, enjoying the reception



Arthur Kay speaks to guests



Anthony Bolton and Caroline Greenhalgh.



Guests meeting exhibitors.



The entrance hall at Goodwood.



An attentive audience, listens to the speakers.

Amber House

One of the projects we funded through the national Tampon Tax Fund in the autumn was Safe in Sussex in Worthing that provides refuge accommodation and other support services to women, children and young people experiencing or fleeing domestic abuse.

Amber House is their community refuge and Philanthropy Manager **Toni Darton** went to visit.

“Soon after I joined the Foundation, I was lucky enough to visit Amber House with the High Sheriff of West Sussex, Caroline Nicholls, and one of our supporters. We were all both impressed and inspired to learn more about the range of support they offer people of all ages and genders, helping people to identify and avoid abusive behaviour and to escape harmful relationships, and providing both emotional and practical support.



Louise Gilbey from Safe in Sussex at the Sussex Charities Fair in October

In particular, I was keen to learn more about their work with children (aged 5-13 years) whose parents are accessing Amber House’s services.

Through group and one-to-one sessions, they help these young people to process what is happening (or has happened) within the family, to build their confidence and self-esteem and enable them to talk about their experiences, all whilst providing healthy relationship education. Hearing about this reminded me of a moving article I had read by a journalist who witnessed domestic violence from

the age of seven, in which they had written that:

“Nobody seemed to be too bothered about what went on behind my father’s closed door and we thought it was just a normal part of life.”

This project is supporting children and young people to understand what is and isn’t ‘normal’ behaviour. Amber House is a drop-in centre at the heart of the community and open to everyone, helping to remove the stigma and silence that still surrounds domestic abuse.”

NEW FUNDS

We are thrilled to highlight three funds recently set up at the Foundation and to extend our thanks to the donors.

The **Munday Family Fund** was formed after the family decided to seek advice on maximising the impact of their philanthropy in Sussex. The fund supports groups working with children and young people and the homeless across Sussex – two causes about which the family is very passionate.

The **Newhaven EZ Community Fund** follows a donation from the Newhaven Enterprise Zone, the organisation charged with helping the economic regeneration of the town. This new fund has been designed to complement the work of the Enterprise Zone by sup-

porting projects which encourage a sense of place and build on the thriving community in Newhaven.

The **Nino Fund** makes grants to organisations working to promote environmental sustainability, healthy living and the outdoors and nature conservation in Sussex.

After receiving a legacy, the donor consulted their professional advisor to find out how best to support smaller, local charities working for those causes. He recommended contacting Sussex Community Foundation as an expert local grant-maker and we were delighted to help!



The launch of the Newhaven EZ Fund in summer 2018

Credit: Darren Cool

Waste not, want not - The Real Junk Food Project

It is a staggering estimation that a quarter to a third of food produced globally is wasted. And yet, according to last September's State of Food Security and Nutrition report, there are an estimated 821 million people who do not get enough to eat. In the UK, 2 million people are estimated to be malnourished, while the UK as a whole creates an estimated 15 million tonnes of food waste every year.

The Real Junk Food Project, based in Brighton but part of a national network, works to solve both problems by using 'surplus' food to feed people who may have otherwise gone hungry. The project prevents edible food from going to landfill by turning it into healthy, nutritious meals for the community by intercepting food from farms, food banks, restaurants, households, factories and supermarkets.

The group has received £20,000 in funding from Sussex Community Foundation since 2016, almost half of which was from our Rampion Fund.

The project runs pop-up cafes at St Luke's Church, Old Shoreham Road (Tuesdays and Wednesdays); at Hollingdean Community Centre (Thursdays) and at One Church Gloucester Place (Fridays). There is also a food hub at Leybourne Parade in Bevendean.

In 2017, the Real Junk Food Project saved 47 tonnes of food from landfill and fed 17,000 people. In addition, it gives local people the opportunity to support each other and really helps to build a sense of community. Marco Borgatti is one of the volunteers.

"The work carried out by the Real Junk Food Project in regards to the depressing food waste problem touched me on a very personal level," says Marco. "They welcomed me into their world at the right time, giving me a sense of purpose again. It has given me the chance to feel part of the community again and to give back to the community at my pace, without any pressure."



Volunteers at the Real Junk Food Project. Marco is pictured, far left.

Credit: Darren Cool

Friends

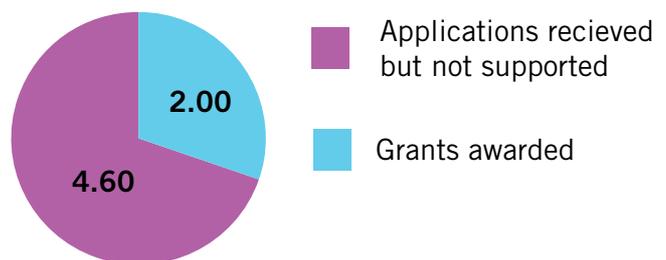
As Kevin Richmond noted in his introduction, last year was an extraordinary one for the Foundation. We gave out an astonishing £2 million in grants for the first time but yet there was £4.6 million of quality applications we were unable to support. We are resolved to continue in our work but need your support to do so.

Our Friends Scheme offers an easy and effective way to support our work in Sussex by making an annual gift from £500 or donating £40 a month. Please consider joining us as a Friend. To find out more:

- Visit www.sussexgiving.org.uk/friends
- Phone 01273 409440 or
- Email toni.darton@sussexgiving.org.uk

Huge thanks to our passionate network of long-standing and new Friends. You are crucial to our work and our ability to help those who need it the most in Sussex.

The value (in £ millions) of what we could afford (and not afford) to fund 2017-18



Sussex Community Foundation raises funds for and gives grants to smaller charities and community groups across East Sussex, West Sussex and Brighton & Hove. We make it easy for Sussex people to give money to local causes close to their hearts and ensure that those donations reach the people that need them. Our endowment fund enables our donors to benefit Sussex people for generations to come.

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