

# Inspiring GIVING

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Dear Supporter

I am writing this as we head towards the end of what has been an eventful 2017. It has also been a year to reflect.



We heard the sad news in September that our Founder, the 10th Duke of Richmond, had passed away. He was an extraordinary and wonderful man. He worked tirelessly to make the world a better place and he inspired many people to do the same. Sussex Community Foundation is one of many charities which

he helped to found and we owe him a great debt of gratitude. I am in no doubt that we would not have been so successful without his ardent support. The Duke set out the vision for this charity when he spoke at our first board meeting in 2006: "We have a huge opportunity to make a significant contribution over time to the quality of life of the people of Sussex."

In this latter part of 2017, we have launched two new funds. One is the £1 million Brighton & Hove Legacy Fund which will support the educational and personal development of children and young people in Brighton & Hove.

The other is the £3.1 million Rampion Wind Farm Fund which will support a range of projects benefiting the community, in particular those with links to the environment and ecology, climate change and energy, and improved community facilities. Priority will be given to disadvantaged people and communities. Both will have a significant impact on the work that charities and community groups do.

So, the Duke of Richmond's vision back in 2006 continues to inspire us and we continue to develop opportunities to make a significant difference to people's lives across Sussex. I'd like to thank everyone - staff, donors, trustees, ambassadors and our grant recipients - who come together to make this happen.

**Kevin Richmond, Chief Executive,**  
Sussex Community Foundation

## News in brief

### QUALITY ACCREDITATION

As part of a UK-wide network of 46 community foundations, Sussex Community Foundation goes through a process of quality accreditation every three years.

We are proud to announce that we passed this year with flying colours, which has put us among the top ten foundations in the country.

### TRUSTEES – goodbye and hello

In the autumn, we said goodbye to trustees Denise Patterson, Richard Pearson, Humphrey Price and Michael Simpkin. Thank you all for everything you've done to support the staff and Foundation – we wouldn't be where we are now without you. And hello and welcome to solicitor Martin Roberts who joins our merry band.

### GDPR

General Data Protection Regulations (or GDPR) are new regulations that come into force next May by which every organisation must abide. The new regulations will give individuals greater rights over the use and retention of their personal data.

As a team, we are working through what it all means for us. We will be in contact with every single person on our database to ensure we have the right permissions from you to use and store your data in the way we wish to. You can ask what data we hold about you, what we do with it and ask us to take us off our mailing list at any time by emailing [miranda.kemp@sussexgiving.org.uk](mailto:miranda.kemp@sussexgiving.org.uk)

## High Sheriff Community Teas

Over the summer, Maureen Chown, the High Sheriff of East Sussex, hosted three community tea parties for charities and community groups in East Sussex – at Crowborough, Eastbourne and Hastings. The ancient office of High Sheriff is one of the highest secular offices in the country.

In Saxon times, the Shire Reeves, as they were known then, were directly responsible to the Crown in respect of law and order and tax collecting. Clearly the duties of the role have evolved over time and, these days High Sheriffs often wish to use the role to understand more about the charities in their patch and do what they can to support them.



The High Sheriff of East Sussex with guests at our Crowborough community tea.

## From Russia with love

Also in September, we hosted a group of people from community foundations in Russia, pictured below. The movement is in its infancy there and they wanted to find out how foundations are working in the UK.

We took them to visit Lewes FC, a community-owned football club, and the Linklater Pavilion on a nature reserve, here in Lewes. It was enlightening to hear the differences in the way a community sector works in both countries but, ultimately, of course we were reminded that 'we have far more in common with each other than things that divide us'.



## UKCF

Sussex Community Foundation is one of 46 community foundations across the UK and is a member of UK Community Foundations (UKCF).

In September, UKCF held its biennial conference, this time hosted by the Community Foundation in Wales at the Royal Welsh College of Music & Drama and a number of staff from Sussex Community Foundation attended. Speakers included the inspirational Clotilde Perez-Bode Dedecker, President/CEO, Community Foundation for Greater Buffalo in New York and Anni Rowland-Campbell from Intersticia who gave a fascinating talk on 'digital solutions to community issues'.

Cardiff City Hall.

## Annual General Meeting

Our Annual Meeting will take place on Friday 1st December 2017 at the Attenborough Centre for Creative Arts (6-8pm). If you'd like to come along, drop an email to [miranda.kemp@sussexgiving.org.uk](mailto:miranda.kemp@sussexgiving.org.uk) with Annual Meeting in the subject line and we'll get an invitation over to you.

## Rampion Fund

We were delighted to announce in November the launch of the £3.1 million Rampion Fund, a community benefit fund set up by Rampion Offshore Wind Ltd, the company building the 116-turbine windfarm off the shore of Sussex. The Fund will support organisations working within an area of benefit from Littlehampton Harbour in the west, to Beachy Head in the east and up to the A272 near Twineham in the north close to the wind farm's onshore substation.

Projects that benefit the broad community, in particular those with links to environment and ecology, climate change and energy, and improved community facilities, will be considered and priority will be given to projects which benefit disadvantaged people and communities. "We're pleased to be chosen to work with Rampion to help manage this community fund," said our Chief Executive, Kevin Richmond, at the launch which was held at the magnificently refurbished Southern Pavilion on Worthing Pier. "This fund will have a very positive long term impact for local charities and community groups. We are excited to be managing it and we will make sure that it reaches the local groups that most need the funding." For more information, visit [www.sussexgiving/rampion](http://www.sussexgiving/rampion).



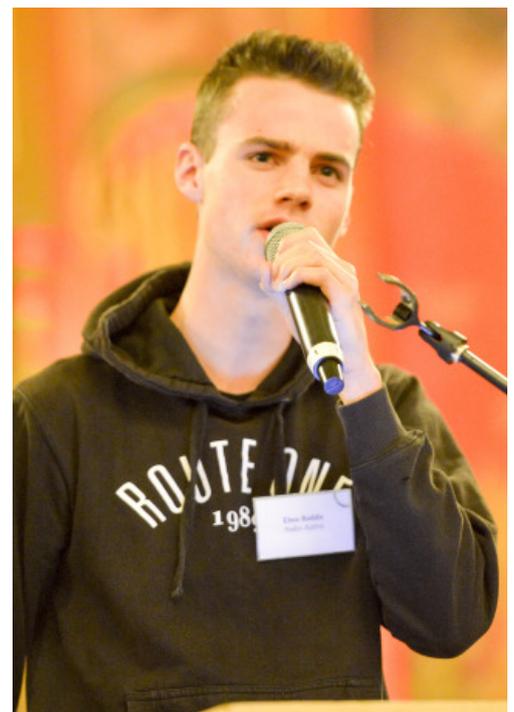
Our CEO, Kevin Richmond  
at the launch of Rampion  
Offshore Windfarm Fund

## Brighton & Hove Legacy Fund

Also in November, we launched a new £1 million fund with Brighton & Hove Council to support the personal and educational development of children and young people across the city. The event, in the fabulous surroundings of the Royal Pavilion in Brighton, was kindly supported by CCLA.

Brighton & Hove City Council has transferred a number of trust funds, set up over the years as result of legacies and endowments, into the new fund. Grants of up to £5,000 from the new fund will be awarded to community groups and charities that support children and young people (up to age 25) across Brighton & Hove. Grants will also be made to support and to promote community engagement with libraries.

Grants made will be in line with the wishes of the donors who made the original bequests and the aim is that the fund will raise more money and attract new endowments to support other local community causes. Councillor Emma Daniel, Chair of the Neighbourhoods, Communities and Equalities Committee, said: "Many of the trust funds included in the new B&H Legacy Fund date back for decades. We wanted to modernise the way grants are allocated, and create opportunities for any organisations, businesses or individuals who want to set up their own funds to benefit local community and voluntary groups, so that we can expand the support available." More information at [www.sussexgiving/brightonhove-legacy](http://www.sussexgiving/brightonhove-legacy).



Poet-rapper Ebanflo from community group Audio Active (alma mater to Rizzle Kicks) performs at the launch - the first time rap has been performed in the Prince Regent's Music Room.

## Headway

In our last completed round of grant-making (Round 1, 2017-18), we gave over £290,000 in grants to 125 charities and community groups from 24 of our funds. Groups who have made applications to our Round 2, 2017-18 will hear the outcome by the end of November and the deadline for applications to Round 3, 2017-18 is Friday 12 January 2018 – more information here: [www.sussexgiving.org.uk/apply](http://www.sussexgiving.org.uk/apply).



**Headway East Sussex serves the people of East Sussex and Brighton & Hove who have suffered brain injuries caused by strokes, tumours, falls or road traffic accidents. They received a £10,000 grant from our Gurney Charitable Trust Fund recently.**

## Inspiring story

The inspirational James Hamilton-Andrews (right) set up the East Hoathly and Halland Community Garden in 2014. An ex-serviceman, James developed a life-altering neurological condition and suffered a serious mental breakdown which led to a time of homelessness and becoming a user of a local foodbank.



“The food was very gratefully received of course but what I did notice was that there was a lack of fresh fruit and vegetable available for foodbank users,” says James. “At the same time, the local council were offering garden plots at a new site in the village and kindly offered us a plot at a discounted rate so the community garden was born.” The vast majority of the fruit and vegetables grown there go to supply foodbanks in Hailsham and Uckfield but the main aim is to provide a space for those who have mental health and physical disabilities.

Local people experiencing such difficulties, who want a therapeutic activity, to supplement their diet with some healthy fruit and veg or who are simply in need of some company are all welcomed at the community garden. It is designed and managed to make it accessible to all and the £1,740 grant received by the group from our Brighton Rock Fund last year was to develop a sensory garden – and there are regular opportunities to sit down and share a meal made from the food grown.

Sue, who is recovering from gruelling chemotherapy and radiotherapy for breast cancer, is a regular at the garden. “My cancer has been life-changing. I lost my job, and the rigours of the treatment have left me with little energy. Being involved at the garden gives me the opportunity to be outside in the fresh air, working at my own speed and able to rest whenever I need to,” she says.

James was awarded The President’s Cup from Action in Rural Sussex this year for his work in setting up the allotment project and is now studying for an MSc in Mental Health Recovery and Social Inclusion.

**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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