



The more I give away,
the richer my life seems to become."

Dame Stephanie Shirley

Founding Ambassador for Philanthropy



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Inspiring local giving for local need



Celebrating 5 years
of giving in Surrey

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This foundation is doing incredible work to support communities throughout Surrey. Through the generosity of their donors they have managed to establish an impressive fund for Surrey and are continuing to go from strength to strength. I'm very excited about their on-going ambitious plans and aspirations for the future. Their success benefits the whole community."

Sarah Goad JP, Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Surrey
Patron and President of the Community Foundation for Surrey

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Cover image courtesy of the artist and Artventure Trust, a charitable organisation based in Guildford which enables people with learning difficulties, physical and mental disabilities to explore the visual and performing arts. The Community Foundation for Surrey has helped support its work with grants from its Clyde & Co and Allianz Funds.

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The vision of this Foundation has not changed since our establishment in 2005. We are dedicated to improving the quality of people's lives across Surrey by inspiring local philanthropy for local need – connecting those who can give with community projects that make a difference.

The Community Foundation has made a very promising start in its 5 years. Significant new funds have been built which will support local communities across Surrey in perpetuity.

A keystone of the Foundation's strength is its family of donor funds. They are established by local people who are inspired to support their local communities, bringing people together and improving lives.

My warmest thanks to our donors and also to our dedicated team of Trustees, Advisors and Staff.

Professor Patrick Dowling CBE DL FRS
Chairman



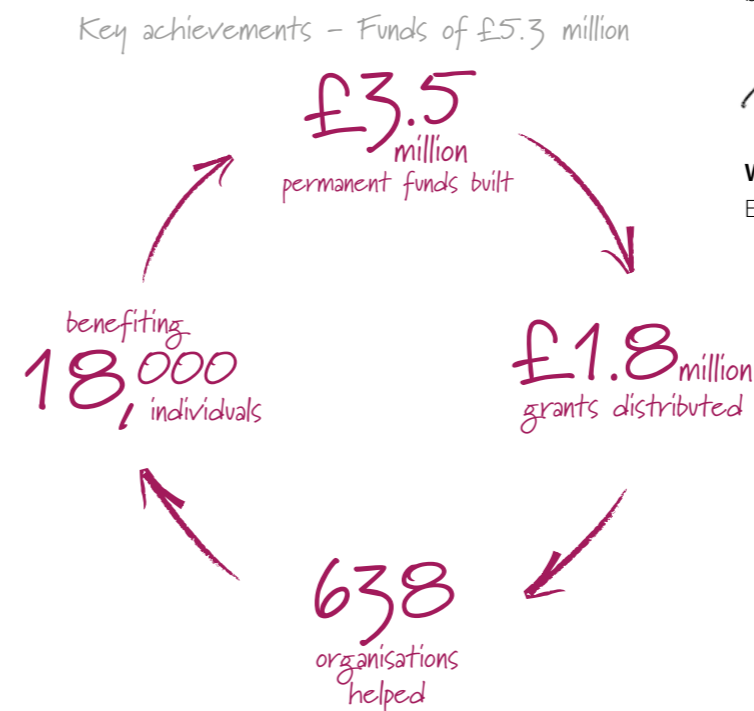
This review is a celebration of our achievements over the last 5 years and the inspiring local community projects that our donor funds have been able to support. At a time when resources are at a premium, the Community Foundation is increasing the funding available – not just for today but for years to come.

This is a magnificent achievement, but top level figures can hide the real meaning and heart of what we are about. If you consider just one of the community projects we have been able to support or just one of the people who have benefited – then you can see the difference that community philanthropy makes!

Our first 5 years provides a very strong basis for the next 5 years. We are ambitious in our plans to raise awareness of local needs and to build permanent community funds of £10 million by our 10th year.

We hope that you will join us to help transform lives and build stronger communities.

Wendy Varcoe
Executive Director



What does the Community Foundation for Surrey do?

The Community Foundation for Surrey is a philanthropic organisation, connecting people who want to give with community projects that are making a difference.

We inspire local giving for local need and provide a way for people to help support a range of needs within their own communities. By building a permanent fund for people in Surrey, and distributing the interest as grants, we are not only able to provide a source of funding to voluntary and community groups now, but also year after year.

We work with our donors in a professional and bespoke way, enabling them to set up their own unique funds and helping match them with projects of interest to them. In this way, many local groups receive the vital support that they need.

Our donors tell us that giving in this way is:

Rewarding

They can choose to support causes close to their heart and see how their money is making a difference by visiting projects and getting updates about progress.

Effective

We make sure their money goes to where it is needed most and where it can make the biggest impact.

Flexible

They can choose how to give, either by setting up a personal fund, or simply by making a one-off donation.

Efficient

Giving in this way is tax efficient and, because we can claim gift aid for our donors, their money also goes further.

Easy

Donors can relax knowing that we do all of the administration for their fund including assessing charitable requests and managing charity legislation on their behalf.



We get fulfilment from helping and getting to know people in need in our local area. It's more rewarding than handing out a cheque."

Angus and Wanda Lloyd
Donors



Hidden Surrey...

In 2009 we commissioned an independent report to identify the need for local giving in Surrey. Researched and written by one the Foundation's donors, Dr Helen Bowcock, the report entitled Hidden Surrey demonstrates that the county's overall affluence conceals the extent of local hardship.

Adjacent to areas of well above average wealth are tight pockets of deprivation with high levels of unemployment, child poverty and other related problems. Not only are they hidden in a geographic sense, but they tend to receive less public funding because the surrounding wealth conceals the extent of need.

There is much that private and corporate donors can do to support the myriad voluntary and community groups that are serving local needs. Whether they are effective in addressing problems of social deprivation, running imaginative youth groups, pioneering arts education or reducing isolation amongst older people, they struggle to fund their essential work.



Surrey has a strong tradition of local philanthropy and abundant financial, cultural and professional resources. Hidden Surrey makes an appeal to those who value our fortunate county to consider how they could contribute and describes some of the organisations and programmes that are improving the quality of life here.

► **If you would like to find out more about 'Hidden Surrey' download a copy of the report on our website: www.communityfoundationsurrey.org.uk or contact us for a hard copy.**

How setting up a fund can help

When you set up a fund with the Community Foundation, you not only have an effect on the work of the groups you support. Your help will also have a dramatic impact on individuals.



Rowing helps enormously, both physically and mentally. My MS means that I don't have use of my legs so I am strapped into the boat across my waist and chest and can only use my arms which is quite challenging! But I love it and it is something I can do on my own without being dependent on anyone else. I am out whatever the season or weather and love the freedom it gives me. The training has helped me stay as strong as possible and keeping active helps me mentally. I am fitter now than I have ever been."

Claire's Story...

Multiple Sclerosis is the most common disabling neurological condition affecting young adults. Claire was diagnosed with MS whilst still at university, but has an extraordinary determination to remain as active as possible and can regularly be seen rowing up and down the River Wey in Guildford. She took up the sport at the suggestion of a trainer who felt that the activity would help maintain her fitness and provide a new mental challenge.

However, whilst the Guildford Rowing Club was very keen to help, it was unable to provide the specialist equipment and adaptations to the boats required to enable Claire to get out on the water. Happily the enthusiasm and support of Club Coordinator, Robert Hall, combined with a grant from the Community Foundation's Hamilton Fund, has enabled the club to adapt an indoor training machine and two boats. A new session has now been established so that Claire and others with MS are now able to row every Friday.



◀ Claire in a specially adapted double sculling boat on the River Wey, Guildford with Robert Hall from Guildford Rowing Club



Being on the water gives me a wonderful sense of freedom."



Help support things that matter to you

We all have interests and passions. Many of us love playing sport or making music. Others enjoy getting involved in community life. Wouldn't it be wonderful if you could help other people around you who, for many different reasons, are unable to participate in this way? That's where our collective funds help. By contributing to one of these you can direct your money to a cause that matters to you. For example...

Surrey Sports Fund

Making sport accessible and enjoyable to everyone, whatever their abilities or financial situations.

Surrey Arts Fund

Helping support the Arts across Surrey.

Hidden Surrey Fund

Supporting high areas of deprivation all over the county.

Our Area Funds

Alternatively some areas of Surrey have chosen to set up their own area fund. With our help they have established a fund for their own community meaning that the money they give locally stays within their locality to support community groups. We have funds in: **Runnymede, Tandridge, Hambledon, Peaslake, Chiddingfold, Horsleys and Haslemere.**

► **To find out more about our collective funds, or setting up a new fund for your area get in touch with us.**

▲ Artventure Trust, Guildford



▲ **All children from Year 2 at St Mary's School, Chiddingfold were able to enjoy a school residential trip thanks to a contribution to their 'bursary fund' from the Chiddingfold Community Fund.**



▲ Woking Minders Football Team

Supporting communities through our Grassroots Grants

Many of the groups we support are very small, voluntary projects doing immediate impact work in their local community.

So we were delighted to be awarded **£1 million from the Cabinet Office in 2008** to run the Grassroots Grants programme. This funding, which is being distributed as grants over a three year period, has enabled us to help the valuable work of even more of these groups throughout Surrey.

Whether it's a small toddler group supporting isolated parents in rural communities, or a community hall that requires a facelift, or a community event that needs just a small injection of funding to make it happen, these funds have achieved a lot.

We have been able to support **321 organisations** with a Grassroots Grant over the last three years, helping over **9,000 people** across the whole of Surrey.

Here's just a small snapshot of some of the community projects and people that this funding has helped:



◀ The Woodhouse Centre

The Woodhouse Centre in Oxted is a friendly place for those with disabilities to meet and socialise. It also provides work opportunities and, amongst other things, they create poppies for the Royal British Legion. Their £5,000 grant helped support transport and running costs, enabling this fantastic amenity to continue.



▲ Intergen

Intergen, Epsom runs computer classes for older people, but was struggling to provide enough equipment for everyone to benefit. A £5,000 grant has helped them expand their services so that more can enjoy learning new skills.



▲ The Federation of Indian Arts

The Federation of Indian Arts from Woking received a £2,450 grant which enabled them to share their rich culture at Celebrating Surrey in 2010.



Kevin's story

Whilst caring for his elderly mother, Kevin Sparkes, the Chairman of this environmental committee, noticed that the elderly residents of a highly urbanised area in Stanwell South were struggling to reach the only small lawn accessible to them by their block of flats. Wheelchairs and zimmer frames meant that many were virtually home-bound without any access to green space.

He established the **Holywell Gardening Project** out of his own pocket, providing hanging baskets and window boxes to cheer up residents. This project was so successful that last year it won a community Award from 'Spelthorne in Bloom' in appreciation of its work to improve the environment for local residents.

We've been able to provide a **£3,290 Grassroots Grant** to enable this project to continue and develop, enabling many of these isolated elderly residents to enjoy the pleasures of growing plants and flowers in their own homes.



Our £1 million Endowment Challenge

In addition to the Grassroots Funding to support small, local groups we also received a challenge from the Cabinet Office... if we could bring in new permanent donations they would match them £1 for £1 up to £1 million over a 3 year period.

This incentive funding has had a fantastic impact, helping to motivate new donors and increasing the funds we are able to distribute. **In total 15 new donor funds have been established** including several new area funds where villages and neighbourhoods have come together to create a fund to directly support their own community needs.

We are delighted to have been able to successfully match this Challenge and would like to thank all the donors who, through their generosity, helped us to raise the additional £1 million for Surrey communities.

Who we've helped

In the last five years we've been able to help a total of **638** projects throughout Surrey with **£1,859,476** in grants. These inspiring projects cover an extraordinary breadth of need and include small groups of volunteers coming together on a vital community project through to established charities working for specialist causes.

Take a look at just a few of the projects we have supported.....

Surrey Heath

£3,666 from the Sport Relief Fund helped support the Surrey Alcohol & Drugs Advisory Service to provide fitness opportunities for people in need.

Guildford

We were able to help Street Level Art continue its work with homeless people with a grant of £4,998 through our Grassroots Grants funds

Waverley

Opportunities is a community project which provides vital support for single parents from an area of deprivation on the outskirts of Farnham. Our £6,498 grant from the Hazelhurst Fund will enable them to mentor students and increase their skills and confidence.

Runnymede

The Runnymede Art Society received a £1,302 Grassroots Grant to support their outreach work with people recovering from Strokes.

Elmbridge

A £3,450 Grassroots grant to the Walton Blind Society has enabled a group to go on a specially adapted holiday

Woking

A £1,500 grant from the Surrey Sports Fund has enabled Woking Minders, a very successful mental health football club, to train and compete.

Spelthorne

A £2,250 grant from the Surrey Sports Fund has enabled 50 young people with severe learning difficulties and 12 adults with disabilities to enjoy the opportunity to experience sailing with Queen Mary Sailability.

Epsom & Ewell

Love Me Love My Mind, a mental health project in Epsom benefited from a £5,000 Grassroots grant to help run an activities week to promote well-being.

Mole Valley

The Box Hill Computer Project was able to provide IT training to elderly people thanks to £3,000 from the East Court Fund.

See how we've grown!

Summary for year

	Sept 2005 - 31st March 2006	Year ended 31st March 2007	Year ended 31st March 2008	Year ended 31st March 2009	Year ended 31st March 2010
Net Income For the Year	164,099	115,403	1,291,860	628,767	1,254,453
Fund Balances at Year End	164,099	279,502	1,551,388	1,997,081	3,594,217

Summary balance sheet

Fixed Assets	5,930	3,529	1,215,738	1,783,038	3,148,905
Current Assets	163,532	293,104	338,600	271,615	462,461
Less Current Liabilities	(5,363)	(17,131)	(2,950)	(57,572)	(17,149)
Total Net Assets	164,099	279,502	1,551,388	1,997,081	3,594,217
Grants awarded	3,662	60,086	163,401	593,282	668,232

Reigate & Banstead

A £5,000 grant from our Grassroots Funds helped Bloomin Arts provide on-going drama activities for adults with learning difficulties.

Tandridge

The Lingfield Nature Reserves provide a beautiful wildlife area for local people to enjoy. A £4,898 grant from our Orchid Environmental Trust Fund has enabled the path to be improved so that it can be used by wheelchairs and buggies.



► Our funds have helped us support groups like the White Lodge Centre in Chertsey which provides vital support to children and adults with disabilities

Corporate giving

It's not just individuals who give through the Community Foundation for Surrey. Many local businesses want to support their neighbourhoods and the communities in which their staff live. We work with many companies who find setting up a fund, specific to their needs, a very easy and effective way to manage their corporate social responsibility.

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This is a fantastic way for businesses in Surrey to manage corporate responsibility efficiently with minimal effort.”

Louise Punter, Chief Executive, Surrey Chambers of Commerce

Surrey Chambers of Commerce has recently launched a collective Community Fund with us – a simple way of enabling small local businesses to get involved. By making a modest, annual contribution we deal with all of their charitable requests for them and together they help support local projects with a focus on those that support people to retrain or gain employment and improve facilities and services for young people.

Skillway in Godalming was the first grant beneficiary of this fund and is a fantastic example of how a charity can make a big difference to the confidence of teenagers who are struggling at school. Skillway raises the motivation of teenagers through apprentice-style teaching of manual skills by skilled craftsmen. By coming away from the pressures of academic work one day a week, they not only develop future job prospects, but gain tremendous self-esteem from their new found abilities.

Other businesses have enjoyed creating their own fund with us. For example, international law firm, **Clyde & Co** enjoys being able to support its local community without the administrative burden this can involve.

Their staff help make decisions about where their funds go so that the whole business feels connected to the local community. They have supported numerous projects in their area including the **Coldingley Crime Diversion Scheme at Send Prison** and the **Barn Youth Project**.

For more information about how your business can get involved and make a real difference to someone's future contact us:

► www.communityfoundationsurrey.org.uk



► *One of Skillway's apprentices learning how to make stained glass*

Thank you

We would like to thank our family of donors, our sponsors and supporters who, between them, have contributed to improving the lives of people across Surrey.

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Chiddingfold Grassroots Community Fund
Clyde & Co Fund
Comic Relief Fund
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East Court Fund
East Court Grassroots Fund
Electronic Arts Educational Fund
Electronic Arts Educational Grassroots Fund
Electronic Arts Youth Fund
Electronic Arts Grassroots Fund
Electronic Arts Grassroots Youth Fund
Grassroots Grants Programme
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Your invitation

If you want to make a difference in your community this is the place to start. It's so simple to give through the Community Foundation for Surrey.

We build a bridge between your wishes and the organisations that make them happen.

If you would like to help us make a start, simply let us know how much you would like to give, what kind of causes you would like to support and how you would like to be involved and we can do the rest.

Call our Executive Director, Wendy Varcoe, on

01483 409230



I am passionate about community philanthropy. I believe it is possible to change our communities into better places by connecting people – those with the wherewithal to support our small voluntary groups with those that have the passion and energy to improve the lives of people around them."

Matthew Bowcock, Chair of the Community Foundation Network,
Vice Chair and donor of the Community Foundation for Surrey