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# CUMBRIA Community Foundation

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## Cumbria's Charities to lose £2.5m in funding

Research undertaken by the Community Foundation identifies that there will be a £2.5m hole in the funding available to local groups in 2008/09. This is due to the reduced activity of the Northern Rock Foundation, reductions in budgets by the Big Lottery, Lloyds TSB Foundation and the European Union. Changes in government funding have also seen the end of the Local Network Fund and Community Champions scheme.

It is only because of the government's recent 'rescue' package for the Northern Rock Foundation linked to public ownership of the bank that the news is not much worse.

### Implications

The result will see groups shelving development plans, reducing or closing services and, in some extreme cases, the loss of organisations. The impact will be felt hardest by small groups which have limited fundraising capacity.

### New and renewed funds

It's not all bad news. This year we have developed five new grant schemes with donors (see inside). We'd also like to thank the following organisations which have chosen to renew their grant making through the Foundation: the Holehird Trust, which supports projects in the

former county of Westmorland; Coalfields Regeneration Trust, which supports former coalmining communities in West Cumbria and the Fluor Cumbria Fund, which will distribute another £30,000 to groups in Allerdale, Barrow and Copeland.

### Looking ahead

The Foundation will be bidding to run a new government Grassroots Grants scheme. This scheme combines a grants programme and an endowment fund challenge incentive. This means that for every £2 raised we hope to be in a position to draw down £1 from the government to create permanent grant making funds for the county.



### Sponsor of the Year – Fluor Ltd

Fluor Ltd has boosted its commitment to West Cumbria. The nuclear firm, based at Westlakes Science Park, has agreed to be our Sponsor of the Year for 2008. The above photograph shows Ron Gallagher, Senior Vice President, receiving the Sponsor of the year Trophy from the Community Foundation's Director, Andy Beeforth.

# Foundation Winners and Achievers

Grant aid from the Foundation helps remove barriers and enable people to achieve their true potential. Here are a few of their stories...



## A590 - European Champions

A590 Youth Theatre Seniors from Barrow returned from Prague in November 2007 as overall winners of the international youth theatre challenge. They beat seven other groups from all over Europe to the title.

Grants from Barrow Community Trust sponsored the rehearsals of 'Friends' – a play about bullying. Maureen Pearson, Chair, said "At the awards ceremony the whole room stood and cheered when the result was announced and when the Barrow young people were presented with their certificate and big teddy bear. Twenty 14 - 20 year olds have had an experience which has boosted their self confidence".

A590 runs groups for younger children from seven up and for teenagers and involves over 100 young people. The senior group has just had a successful run of Back in the 80s at Forum 28 and the juniors are putting on Honk, based on the story of the ugly duckling.



## Two Golds and a ticket to Beijing

Carlisle born Richard Devine competes at the highest level in the Chinese martial art called Wushu. He won two gold and a bronze medal in the 2007 UK Championships and trains six days a week in Moscow.

Richard was the first person to be supported by a grant from the Dora Beeforth Memorial Fund, set up in 2006, to support young people from Cumbria to participate in sport and foreign travel. The grant will help him participate in the World Championships to be held in Beijing.

## Lucky Thirteen

Last November thirteen orienteers from Cockermouth collected top awards at the British Schools' Orienteering Championships. A grant from Allerdale Community Fund went towards travel and accommodation.

## Six more Extraordinary Community Champions

Another six volunteers in Cumbria have been awarded a Community Champion certificate in recognition of their contribution to improving the lives of others.

Well done to: Ben Benson (Embleton Multimedia Group); Keith Crowe (Whitehaven Sea Cadet Corps); Saj Ghafoor (Asian Women's Group, Carlisle); Joe Human (Keswick and District Fair Trade Campaign); David Smithson (Newland Furness Trust); Tom Tweddle (West Cumbria Still Life); and Amy Whattam (Penrith Foyer Residents' Group).

# New funds a Foundation



## The Janetta "Topsy" Laidlaw Trust

Topsy Laidlaw was an occupational health specialist who worked for the Cumbria Health Authority. It was her wish that money from her estate be used to help elderly people in Carlisle. The purpose of the Trust is to provide support and equipment to enable people to stay in their own homes. The Trust made its first grant in February 2008.



## AMW Environment Fund

AMW Contractors, a company specialising in environmental clean up, have set up a fund that will support environmental projects. Mark Walker, Managing Director, hopes the fund will grow significantly over the coming years and will be encouraging the company's suppliers to contribute to the fund.

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# Building a better Barrow

The Barrow Community Trust continues to grow its local support with a combination of commitments to create funds and new corporate members. However, with the impending loss of Lottery funding, the challenge of retaining a dedicated member of staff in Barrow has been a major preoccupation.

We are delighted to have received the support of Barrow Borough Council which is contributing £5,000 annually for three years and also to welcome BAE Systems, Furness Building Society, and SDS 06 as new Corporate Challenge Members. Despite this good news, Sarah Gardner's post has had to be reduced from three days to two days a week from April 2008. We very much hope this will be a temporary measure and that additional funds can be secured soon.

"The Trust is really important to our community, we have helped give out over £650,000 to groups and we need to continue to help them build a better Barrow" - Rob Cairns, Chair of the Trust.

The value of the Trust to Barrow has been recognised by local businesses, which have been quick to take tables at the Sixth Charity Dinner in April. It is hoped that the money raised from tickets and an auction will top last year.

"Barrow has the greatest concentration of disadvantage anywhere in the county. Therefore it is vital that the Trust thrives" said Andy Beeforth, Director of the Foundation.

The following example is just one of many awards made in the Borough.

## Dedicated Dads

Barrow Dads group received £4,400 to set up a health and fitness programme for them and their families. Thanks to the help of a local chef and Liverpool football club coaches, the dads and their kids are now able to prepare and cook nutritious meals and are enjoying working up an appetite on the pitch. Dave Morrison of Barrow Dads Group said "The scheme had an excellent response. Without the funding we wouldn't have been able to run the project."

*Below: Rob Cairns, Chair of the Trust (left of centre) congratulating (from left) Roger Chapman of SDS 06 Ltd as a Corporate Challenge member, and Jonathan Hartley of JN Murray Ltd and Jeff Dandy of Dandy's Furniture as Corporate Members.*



## Help for Children and Young People's groups

The County Council have committed £160,000 a year for the next three years to establish a grant scheme that will help to alleviate the funding gap left by the loss of the Local Network Fund. At the time of going to press the final details have not been agreed. We are looking forward to making the announcement in the very near future.



## Community Funds from Wind Farms

Developers can choose to create funds to support communities near to wind farms. Your Energy has established the Winscales Moor Community Fund. We will administer the Fund in conjunction with the three local parish councils.

Cornwall Light & Power has also set up a fund at the Foundation that will benefit Boltons Parish in Allerdale.

*Above: Andy Beeforth, Director, signing the agreement with Alex Bowers, Your Energy, watched by parish councillors from Winscales, Great Clifton and Little Clifton*

# Support for the Foundation – a big thank you...

Francis C Scott Charitable Trust for their investment in our development team for two years.

## New supporter for ProHelp

We are delighted to announce that Washington Group International are sponsoring Cumbria ProHelp in 2008/09.

## Corporate Challenge members

In recognition of those companies who have increased their subscriptions to help minimise the impact of the end of Lottery funding for the Foundation.

- Academy for Chief Executives
- Armstrong Watson Accountants
- B I Properties Ltd
- BAE Systems
- Baines Wilson
- Bank of England
- Border Asset Management
- Burnetts Solicitors
- Carrs Billington Agriculture (Sales) Ltd
- Carrs Flour Mills Ltd
- Carrs Milling Industries plc
- CN Group Ltd
- Coordination Group Publications (CGP)
- Cowens Ltd
- Cumberland and Westmorland Herald
- Cumbrian Homes Ltd
- Cumbrian Seafoods Ltd
- David Allen and Co
- Dodd and Co
- Dodd Murray Ltd
- E H Booths & Co
- English Lakes Hotels
- Firpress Printers
- Fluor Ltd
- Furness Building Society
- H & H Group plc
- HSBC Bank plc
- Iggesund Paperboard (Workington) Limited
- Invest in Cumbria
- James Cropper plc
- James Walker and Co Ltd
- Lake District Estates Co Ltd
- Lamont Pridmore
- Moorhouse Charitable Trust
- M-Sport Ltd
- NB Lancaster and Co
- Northern Security Ltd
- Nukem Ltd
- Pioneer Foods
- Robert Hughes Ltd
- S.D.S 06
- System Group Information Technology Ltd
- Thomas Graham and Sons Ltd
- Washington Group International
- Westmorland Ltd
- Windermere Marina Village

## And finally...

To all our individual and corporate members and regular donors for your continued support.

# We welcome new Board Members

Four new Trustees joined the Community Foundation at the AGM in November 2007. Robin Burgess, Chief Executive of Cumbrian Newspaper Group and a former Trustee of the Foundation, Sarah Dunning, Chief Executive of Westmorland Ltd. Heike Horsburgh, Chief Executive Officer of Young Cumbria and Elaine Woodburn, Leader of Copeland Borough Council.

We are also delighted to announce the appointment of John Fryer Spedding and Arthur Sanderson as Vice Presidents of the Foundation.



Heike Horsburgh



Elaine Woodburn



Sarah Dunning

## Dates for your diary

- 8th April ..... Corporate Challenge Members event at M-Sport, Dovenby
- 2nd June ..... Race Day at Carlisle Racecourse
- 10th June ..... Philanthropy Forum
- 4th November ..... Annual General Meeting (West Cumbria)



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