

2000 – The West Cumbria and Furness Key Fund the Foundation's first large grant scheme was established.



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Newsletter Spring 2009

10 years supporting Cumbria's communities

This April marks the start of the Foundation's 10th Anniversary year. So what have been the highlights?

So far we have given out more than £11.5m through 4,000 grants to groups and 2,000 grants to individuals. From Bewcastle to Barrow in Furness and from Dent to Burgh by Sands people have felt the benefit of the Foundation's grants.

We've grown quite a lot since those early days. In the beginning we had one fund and gave away £24,000. Last year we managed over forty different grant funds, making awards worth £1.3m.

As with all charities the Community Foundation is the result of discussions amongst like-minded people. We owe a debt of gratitude to John Fryer Spedding, Arthur Sanderson and the other founding trustees – thank you. British Nuclear Fuels then set the ball rolling with a founding donation of £1m.

Our first big contribution to Cumbrian life came in 2001, when we launched our Appeal to help people affected by the



1999 – Cumbria Community Foundation launch. Brian Watson, Head of Site BNFL Sellafield, hands over the founding donation. Photo: CN Group.

Foot and Mouth Disease outbreak. We raised over £2.1m and made grants to groups and individuals providing emotional, practical and financial help to hundreds of families.

When the storms and floods hit Cumbria in January 2005 we responded again, raising over £800K and co-ordinating much of the charitable recovery effort.

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10th Anniversary Fund

The Foundation would like groups across Cumbria to join our 10th anniversary celebrations by celebrating in their own community.

A special £10,000 fund has been set up. We are inviting groups to apply for a grant between £500 and £1,000 to run a local celebration between July and September 2009. Priority will be given to activities that bring together people who would otherwise not usually meet. Applications must be received by 5th June.

See our website for more details.

Because this is a 10th anniversary fund successful celebrations will need to include a special 10th anniversary cake and the Foundation will want the photographs to prove it...here's one we made earlier!



Groups give back to the Foundation

Over the last 10 years the Community Foundation has given 4,000 grants to over 2,500 community organisations. Two groups have decided to thank the Foundation for the support they have received by raising money for our Grassroots Endowment Challenge.



Pupils at Cockermouth School raise money each year for charity. For 2009 they have chosen to support the Community Foundation with a sponsored non-uniform day in June.

Grants from the Foundation have supported out of school drama and sports groups and helped children from families on low incomes take part in educational trips to Germany and France.

In recognition of the support made to youth development in more than 30 Rugby League clubs across the county, the West Cumbria Rugby League Association has agreed to donate £1,000 to support the Grassroots Endowment Challenge.

Left: £3,000 bought new equipment for the youth section of Barrow Rugby League and helped 100 young people.

New funds...

Live the Dream

British Nuclear Fuel Ltd's (BNFL) £1m donation in 1999 established the Community Foundation. Once again they have given us something to celebrate.

In February 2009 BNFL donated £525,000 to establish a new endowed fund that will provide bursaries to help people take up training and further education. It will also support young people striving for excellence in sport and the arts.

Below: £1,000 bursary from the Cumbria Cultural Fund enabled Nicole Dixon to take up her place at the Tring Park School for the Performing Arts.



Shepley take the Challenge

Taking advantage of the Grassroots Endowment Challenge, Shepley Engineers Ltd has set up The Shepley Group Fund. A donation of £25,000 will be topped up to £37,500 by the Challenge initiative.

Small charities like play groups, youth clubs, first responders and village halls will benefit from the fund.

Below: Managing Director Paul Scott receiving his Corporate Membership Certificate from Peter Hensman, Trustee.



Mary Grave Trust Transfer

The Foundation has worked with the Mary Grave Trust since April 2005. In February 2009 the partnership was cemented when the Community Foundation became sole trustee of the Mary Grave Trust. Former Mary Grave Trustees remain to oversee grant making and are represented on the Foundation's own Board.

The transfer secures the future of the Mary Grave Trust and its grant making in West Cumbria.

Since the Foundation and the Trust started working together, almost 400 grants totalling over £300,000 have been awarded.

Above: In April 2008, 26 young people from Maryport were able to visit the Pyramids, Egyptian temples and Petra with their bursaries from the Mary Grave Trust.



Seeing for ourselves

The Foundation prides itself on knowing its communities.

In January Trustees and staff dedicated a long (cold) day to meet as many people and organisations as possible in Upperby, Carlisle. We saw for ourselves the difficulties that some communities face and heard from the people about the difference community organisations make.

We learned how important our grants are to small groups. So our Grants Officers are planning to visit other communities in Barrow, Whitehaven and Workington later this year.

In 2006 a £1,940 grant was given to the Upperby Carer and Toddler Group (above). On our visit we learned that they are still going strong.



Giving time as well as money

The ProHelp scheme continues to link professional support to community groups, but increasingly our corporate fund holders are interested in staff volunteering.

Last November Nuvia Ltd staff joined Muncaster Centre for Complementary Care volunteers to plant the apple trees funded by the first grant from the Nuvia Fund.

The Shepley Group have introduced social awareness and volunteering in the community into their apprenticeship schemes and will be working with the Foundation to find projects that they can support.

NMP and Sellafeld Ltd are also exploring ways in which community organisations can benefit from the skills of their staff.

Grassroots Endowment Challenge - update

Last September the Government challenged Cumbria Community Foundation to raise £1m by March 2011. If we achieve this goal they will add another £500,000 to build long term grant funds.

Target: £1m by March 2011

By the end of March 2009 the Grassroots Challenge will have secured donations from 22 donors including the establishment of 6 new named funds.

Below: Malcolm and Elaine Wilson invited Cumbrian business people to join them for a Grassroots fundraising Dinner at Dovenby Hall in February. Pictured (left to right) are Andrew Beeforth, Andrew Tinkler, Alison Schmutz, William Stobart, Julie and Alistair Wannop. Photo: Cumbria Life.



Achieved: £259,272 by March 2009

GRASSROOTS ENDOWMENT CHALLENGE



Raising the profile in Barrow

The last few months have been very busy raising the profile of the Barrow Community Trust (BCT).

There can't be many Barrovians who haven't heard of the Trust and its work after regular articles in the Evening Mail and a month long radio campaign on Abbey FM.

Events have included a Professional Advisor lunch courtesy of J.L. Winder & Co and a Corporate Lunch sponsored by Furness Building Society. A spaghetti night, kindly hosted by Roger & June Chapman, at Salvana's Restaurant launched the Grassroots Endowment Challenge in the Borough and attracted 55 guests.

The Trust has welcomed Joe Sides to its committee. Joe is BAE's Corporate Social Responsibility Manager and is working with BCT to enhance BAE's support to the Trust and community groups in Barrow.

Above: Barrow Community Trust staff and trustees at the spaghetti night. Photo: NW Evening Mail

NMP sponsor 10th Anniversary year

Nuclear Management Partners (NMP), the new consortium running the Sellafield site, is our sponsor for 2009.

NMP is currently developing a new £2.5m fund for West Cumbria that was part of their successful bid for the Sellafield contract.

Charlie Anderson, General Manager with NMP, said "It is an investment that will produce good returns for the communities of Cumbria. We are proud to support the Foundation in their continuing efforts to meet the community needs of Cumbria."

NMP has also sponsored the Community Foundation's Prohelp project.

Right: Tom Zarges, NMP Chairman and Andy Beeforth. Photo: Whitehaven News.



Welcome...

New Trustees

Catherine Alexander, *Director Castle Green Kendal Ltd*
Eric Apperley, *founder Trustee the Mary Grave Trust*
Mike Casson, *Independent Financial Advisor*
Christine Hughes, *Tribunal Judge*
Derek Lyon, *Barrow Community Trust committee member and former Barrow Town Clerk.*
Peter Stybelski, *Chief Executive Cumbria County Council*

New Corporate Members

- Abbey House Hotel
- Bay Radio
- Bluepole Design Ltd
- Bowness HR
- Cinnamon Creative Events
- Co-operative and Mutual Solutions Ltd
- Holmegate Farms Ltd
- Jacobs Engineering UK Ltd
- Miller Waite Ltd
- Poole Townsend
- Salvana's Restaurant
- Shepley Engineers Ltd

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As well as responding to emergency we've developed permanent sources of funding. We have created funds such as the Kipling Funds for the Elderly and for Young People. The Violet Laidlaw Fund is a recent example. Violet was a Cumbrian who cared for the needs of the homeless and her money is already making a difference to people who have no permanent home. Anyone can give through the Foundation whether you are an international company, a local business, a family or an individual.

Our achievements have been recognised beyond Cumbria. The Foundation has won national awards for fundraising and grant making. More recently we have been accredited by the Community Foundation Network to national quality standards endorsed by the Charity Commission.

We have achieved a lot in our first 10 years and we will work hard to make sure the next 10 are as successful, helping people in need and making Cumbria a better place to live.



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