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Cumbria Community Foundation helps philanthropic individuals and businesses by managing their funds to put something back into their chosen community. Each month, we'll introduce you to a different fund and highlight how the money is helping people across the county. This month, we focus on the Quarry Hill Fund

A wide range of individuals and families in Cumbria understand the value of giving through the Community Foundation to ensure their gift reaches the causes they feel passionate about. The awards we make through their generosity can genuinely transform lives.

Charles and Margaret Woodhouse created the Quarry Hill Fund in 2008. Charles is a former partner in the London law firm Farrer & Co, where he helped form many charities, including Essex Community Foundation.

He has been a trustee of many grant-making charities over the past 35 years, including the Mulberry Trust. He is a passionate advocate for the role of sport in developing the potential and confidence of young people.

Charles and Margaret's Fund's focus is support for young people and sport and recreation in the North Allerdale area. This is their home patch and an area identified as having limited opportunities for support from other sources.

Recent grant awards include support for Wigton Youth Station, Carlisle Wheelchair Basketball Club, Silloth Rugby Union Club, Derwentwater Independent Hostel, and Silloth Ladies Netball Club. The Fund has recently provided start-up funding for Sports Leaders' UK Energy Clubs at five north and west Cumbria primary schools.



Sisters Emily and Hannah Smith at the Silloth Ladies Open competition

Coaching is a valuable part of the development of young people in sport. Silloth on Solway Golf Club Junior Section received funding towards professional tuition fees for 100 of their members over an eight-week period. The Junior Captain, Hannah Smith, has won the Silloth Ladies Open competition for the last three years and the Cumbria County Ladies Open Championship.

Charles said "We're happy to share the story of our fund to encourage more people to create their own funds. We have confidence in the team at the Community Foundation and value their expertise.

"We appreciate the benefits of them looking after all the paperwork including investment management and project sourcing and monitoring."

If you would like to know how to apply for a grant or create a grant making fund, please visit the Foundation's website www.cumbriafoundation.org or call 01900 825760.

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