

## CUMBRIA COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

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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 Big Sleep



The Lakeland Ltd team; watching the sun set over Windermere

Last month we featured our Winter Warmth Appeal, which raises money to keep older people across our county safe and warm over winter. To raise even more money for the appeal, we host The Big Sleep, an annual outdoor fundraising event in a field behind the Low Wood Bay Hotel in Windermere.

On Saturday, February 7, more than 200 people braced themselves against the cold and spent a night under the stars in freezing conditions which plummeted to -6 degrees during the night.

Sleepers were kept warm with Cowboy Stew and breakfast rolls courtesy of English Lakes Hotels and fresh hot drinks made by Carvetii Coffee. Entertainment included live music and family favourite film Raiders of the Lost Ark.

Fundholders Westmorland Ltd took part in the mass charity camp out, as well as teams from Lakeland Ltd, Sellafield Ltd, Alertacall, Allerdale Borough Council and Nationwide Building Society.

Evie Smith also celebrated

her 13th birthday at the event and came laden with sweets and birthday cake to share with everyone.

Andy Beeforth, chief executive of Cumbria Community Foundation said: “We couldn’t be happier with the number of people that turned out to support the Big Sleep. Everyone enjoyed the evening and embraced the cold weather but importantly we’ll be able to help lots of older, cold people as a result of the fundraising. Thank you to everyone who took part or supported the participants.”

So far this winter, the appeal has raised £64,000 and helped over 400 older people keep warm, although more is needed. The Fund is still open for donations and anyone can contribute.

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](http://www.cumbriafoundation.org) or call 01900 825760.

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