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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



The Castle Green Hotel in Kendal is one of Cumbria's leading hotels. James and Catherine

Alexander bought it in 1995, and had the vision to convert and extend it into a perfect hotel for Kendal. In 2010, the Castle Green Fund was established, showing a commitment to South Lakeland and local grassroots groups.

Catherine Alexander, Director at the Castle Green Hotel and a CCF trustee said "When we opened the hotel 16 years ago, we called ourselves 'The Kendal Hotel for Kendal People'. We feel ourselves to be very much part of the Kendal community, as everyone we employ lives locally.

"We set up our Castle Green Fund with the help of Cumbria Community Foundation. By channeling our giving through the Community Foundation, we are confident that our money is being used wisely and effectively. Our fund, to which we add every year, is

specified to be used for the benefit of the people of Kendal. All our staff are involved in choosing which local causes benefit from our fund. It will be there to contribute to the wellbeing of the people of Kendal for many years to come, which gives us a good feeling."

Sight Advice South Lakes recently received a grant from the Castle Green Fund. The organisation provides advice and support to people of all ages who are experiencing sight loss to help them lead full and independent lives. They also run regular support groups across the district and activity sessions such as exercise classes and sailing.

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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