



CUMBRIA
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Introduction

Cumbria Community Foundation (CCF) is an independent charity that connects people who care with causes that matter.

CCF exists to tackle poverty and disadvantage and to strengthen Cumbria's communities by inspiring philanthropic giving and by connecting people who give money with inspirational, life-changing projects.

Our fundholders and supporters benefit from our in-depth knowledge of Cumbrian communities and organisations that we have gained from over 20 years of grant-making and investment in the county.

We have responded to emerging need in times of crisis by launching successful disaster appeals, and most recently, the Cumbria COVID-19 Response Fund, to date raising £1.7m.

We are one of Cumbria's foremost grant makers with an annual grant distribution of circa £2m and endowed assets in excess of £21m. Since 1999, we have awarded more than £46m in grant aid and currently have more than 90 grant making funds. We have funded over 4,000 organisations and 8,000 individuals.

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Families enjoying the Cumbrian landscape as part of a number of funded activities run by Northern Fells Group to improve health and wellbeing.

An independent organisation, we have a highly respected board of trustees drawn from across the county - from community life, businesses and the public sector.

Part of a global network of 1,400 community foundations, together we encourage philanthropy and strengthen the voluntary sectors and communities in the countries, regions and towns in which we operate. We are part of the fastest growing philanthropic movement in the UK with 46 member foundations and over £0.5 billion in assets and we are independently accredited by the UK Community Foundations.

Front Cover Image: Volunteers, aged five to 70, have been working in teams to plant trees in purpose-built protective cages, made possible thanks to £1,000 from the Crofton Trust Fund to Crosby Ravensworth Parish Tree Group.

Chairman's Statement

These are challenging times for the many charities and community groups in Cumbria who play a huge role helping people in need and making our communities stronger.



“Looking back, we had a very successful 20th anniversary year, which contributed to an exceptionally high income year.”

Their struggle is always to sustain essential services and valuable projects in an environment of uncertain funding. We connect people who care with causes that matter and with the help of our generous fundholders and donors, we can offer a constant source of financial support to these organisations.

Looking back – we had a very successful 20th anniversary year, which contributed to an exceptionally high income year, including substantial additions to endowed funds and significant new flow-through funding, and we awarded 558 grants amounting to just over £2m. A major highlight has been the launch of Transforming West Cumbria. This multi-year programme initially worth £2.2 million and funded by Sellafield Ltd and the Nuclear Decommissioning Authority, will take on West Cumbria's most entrenched social and economic problems.

Looking forward - COVID-19 has had an enormous effect on all our lives and, sadly, is exacerbating the challenges identified in our Cumbria Revealed report. In order to provide emergency support to the charity sector, we launched the Cumbria COVID-19 Response Fund on 17th March with first grants awarded on 31st March. I cannot describe our work any better than my favourite quote from a beneficiary of this fund: “While many funding bodies are still discussing what font to use on their application forms, Cumbria Community Foundation has been busily working away getting donations in and distributing funds to those charities on the front-line delivering services in Cumbria. The Foundation has again truly stepped up to the mark. If by any chance you were considering making a donation, the Foundation would get my vote every time.”

It is a great privilege to chair an organisation that has responsibility for directing the charitable gifts of so many kind and generous people and businesses. On behalf of all trustees, I record my thanks and warmest appreciation for their support and also our thanks to the staff team and grant panel members who give freely of their time and expertise.

Collectively, we can reduce disadvantage in Cumbria.

David Beeby – Chairman

Cumbria COVID-19 Response Fund

Coronavirus was confirmed in Cumbria on March 3rd, 2020. The identification of that first case marked the start of a crisis for local communities unlike any in living memory.

Its reach across all sectors and into everyone's lives has been unprecedented, and although the initial emergency phase of the pandemic here can be considered to have ended, the virus remains a present threat and many challenges lie ahead.

The Cumbria COVID-19 Response Fund was launched with £100,000 of the Foundation's own funds on 17th March and has raised more than £1.7m at the time of writing.

Trustee and Chair of the Main Grants Committee, Kevin Walsh, said: "With the expertise we have already got with emergencies such as the floods and foot and mouth, we realised there would be demand that would outstrip the statutory and existing third sector provision.

"With floods, you can see the hardship when people are flooded out, but with

COVID-19, it's just affecting all strands of society in different ways and we realised this early on."

From food banks to mental health charities, in the first six months, the Fund has supported over 160 projects with grants ranging from £150 to £75,000. Many vulnerable people across the county have relied on these local outreach programmes, and – now more than ever – these vital services need to continue to support those in need.

Paul Goodman, chair of the bereavement counselling service, Cruse Cumbria, speaks of the "appalling" situation that left people unable to say goodbye to relatives or friends. He also describes how the crisis has forced a major shift in the way the charity, run entirely by volunteers, operates.

"The great majority of the work we do with bereaved people is to provide face-to-face counselling and, of course, that hasn't been possible since lockdown. So, all the work now is being done on the telephone or on Zoom."

Help with training is where the Cumbria COVID-19 Response Fund came in.

As Cruse is a charity which receives no statutory funding, a grant of just under £5,000 was invaluable in teaching volunteers phone counselling. It will also assist in setting up Friends of Cruse support groups.

"The Foundation is a very significant organisation that supports us and allowed us to keep going through some very lean years," said Paul.

Ambleside Parish Centre has been a pivotal hub for its local community throughout the COVID-19 pandemic. From delivering hot meals to delivering the news, volunteers from the centre have been a welcome sight for people in and around the Lake District town.

Regular activities at the centre were replaced with a community support service

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Staff and volunteers at Cruse Bereavement Care Cumbria

for older people and vulnerable families, with more than 90 people volunteering. The centre also became a focal point for a food share, food bank, and a book and puzzle swap, and volunteers also manned phone lines to offer a 'befriending' service.

Another new initiative, a community newsletter, was launched. It outlined local services and included pen pal articles from those who were self-isolating. The 13-year-old photocopier, however, was no longer fit for use, so a grant from the Fund

helped to get the newsletter printed, as well as going towards the centre's running costs.

Centre manager Caroline Gunning said: "The funding allowed us to stay open, and it helped us to provide hot meals for



Centre Manager Caroline Gunning at Ambleside Parish Centre

those in need. The newsletter has been a big help for people who can't access the internet. Guidelines and information have been constantly changing, so this has been a good way of keeping them informed and letting them know what services are available in the area."

Emergency funding has been paramount to the future of these local projects and will help them to continue throughout the pandemic. As well as individuals and businesses pledging their support for the Cumbria COVID-19 Response Fund, the National Emergencies Trust has worked alongside the Foundation to distribute money to community projects.

Andy Beeforth, Chief Executive of the Foundation, said: "Many charities have not been able to fundraise and so the funds that the Foundation has been able to provide have been vital, not only in supporting services but also keeping staff paid and organisations running.

"The role of the Foundation has never been more important in promoting local giving.

"The organisations that we have funded have demonstrated the value of giving grants to local charities and organisations – they are close to local need, cost effective and get the job done.

"We will continue to be a focus for supporting people most in need as we move forward.

"We will focus on making sure people don't go hungry, that their emotional wellbeing is being looked after as much as it is possible, and giving young people the best chances to maximise their learning and employment.

"I want to say thank you to everyone who has so generously donated. We can only support our local communities if we have the funding to give out. This hasn't gone away, and if you can give, please do."



Impact Review

We are delighted to share our insights and highlights into the social impact and value that donations and grants are making to our county and local communities within Cumbria.

The data paints a picture of the demonstrated difference grant awards have made to local people and communities on behalf of a range of fundholders and supporters. The information is based on completed end of grant reports from projects that have been funded in the previous year. The themes, outcomes and indicators of the impact measurement framework enables us to capture the kind of change that groups are achieving and helps us better communicate this to current and potential donors and the wider community.

Based on projects completed in the last year, the Foundation has supported 86,661* people. The full statistics on which this information is based are available on our website.

In the next year, we are rolling out an upgraded impact assessment framework with partner community foundations to provide more in-depth reporting.



*Please note that one beneficiary may have benefited by more than one project, but this is not information we can track. Also, an individual may have benefited in several different ways via a project.

Grant Making Priorities

Understanding the needs of a community and the issues it faces are the first steps to being able to solve them. Our **Cumbria Revealed** report, issued in 2017, explores the underlying and poorly known social problems in the county and led us to identify our current grant making priorities:

Improving the lives of disadvantaged children and families

Children and young people in the county deserve the best possible start in life. This means that they grow up in loving and supportive families, have positive educational and social experiences, and go on to achieve their potential.

Improving the life skills, education, employability and enterprise of disadvantaged people

Having a job provides self-worth and independence, helping people to take responsibility for themselves. There is a major gap in educational attainment between children from disadvantaged backgrounds and those from better off families. We support projects that try to close that gap for adults and young people.

Supporting Vulnerable Older People

As one of England's popular places to retire, it's hardly surprising that Cumbria has a super-ageing population and that the proportion of older people living here is increasing at a much faster rate than elsewhere. The rurality of Cumbria is a significant factor for older people and access to health and social care services remains an issue. As people age, there can be sensory loss, the onset of dementia, (which is expected to rise in the county by 80% in the next 10 years), and a prevalence of loneliness, which can lead to clinical depression.

Improving people's health and wellbeing

Poverty and low incomes are directly linked to chronic poor health and premature death. Living in poverty is closely related to other factors that influence health such as education, living environment, employment and lifestyle. Childhood poverty leads to premature mortality and poor health in later life.

Strengthening and supporting fragile communities

For many people, living in Cumbria is not an idyll: it is challenging and difficult. However, there are organisations and projects that can help alleviate some of the problems people face. More than 53,000 volunteers across the county are actively involved in making our communities better for the future, from helping clear up after the floods to caring for the elderly. Volunteers help provide services that really make a difference to the lives of thousands of Cumbrians.

Enabling people to access arts, sports, culture, heritage and the environment

The ability to take part in and enjoy sport, art, culture and the outdoors contributes to everyone's wellbeing. While not a top grant making priority, we recognise the importance and continue to support fundholders' wishes by funding groups and individuals under this theme.

Creative Therapy For Children In Crisis

Suicide, self-harm, body image and sexuality are just some of the challenges facing young people across the county.

PAC, which has its base on Carlisle's Lowther Street, provides a free counselling service for children and young people. This includes talking therapy, but also art, drama, dance and movement therapy for those who are not able to express their problems verbally.

The team delivers more than 3,000 therapy hours a year and sees young people who are struggling to deal with the death of a loved one, have suffered or witnessed abuse, or are feeling suicidal. Others are dealing with sexuality issues, eating disorders, school pressures, relationships, or many other life stresses.

Until recently, the charity did not support those under 11 but was regularly contacted by primary schools, GP's and parents looking for mental health support. PAC was able to offer a six-month pilot creative arts therapy project for this age group thanks to £10,115 from the Cumbria Fund and Moorhouse Grassroots Fund.

Thirteen children were supported, with creative therapy offering each child a new, unique way of exploring their issues, their anxiety or their understanding and sense of themselves.

"When I am in the space, I can just be me and express how I want to," said one young boy.

Paul Block, Chief Executive, said: "The ability for this child who lacked in confidence and had a very low sense of self and understanding of his own feelings, to take the time to learn how to express himself in a different medium – in this case he used role play – allowed him to create a deeper sense of self awareness.



The weekly sessions gave each child the time and space they needed to engage in their mental wellbeing and approach to their journey. Teachers also reported that some of the children were more focused after their therapy session and more willing to engage in their work and further their own learning.

"Mental health is not something that's just going to go away. You don't just cure it. What we do is help young people live with and manage it. It all goes back to resilience. We give them that emotional toolbox, to be able to deal with it," said Paul.

PAC received additional funding from the Community Foundation and Children in Need to continue offering this vital service over the next three years.

Supporting Young Apprentices

Together We CIC is a women's health and wellbeing centre offering a one stop shop providing physical fitness programmes, linked with psychological support.

It operates from the fitness and wellbeing centre on Clay Flatts in Workington as well as providing outreach projects across West Cumbria, delivered in venues such as schools and community centres. The CIC also delivers mental health support, emotional resilience courses to adults and young people, postnatal activity, female-only activity clubs, a 12-week diabetes prevention programme and chair-based exercise for those less mobile.



Kaitlyn, front, with her Together We CIC colleagues.

The CIC has an apprenticeship scheme, which £30,000 from the Live the Dream Fund is supporting over the next three years. There are currently two advanced apprentices and two newly appointed apprentices, all under the age of 25. The aim is to recruit a further four apprentices, all trained to a level 3 or 4 qualification.

So far, the apprentices have undertaken a Level 2 Gym Instructor qualification and various other qualifications including Level 2 Kettlebells, Moky Fitness, Youth Mental Health First Aid, Safeguarding and Paediatric First Aid.

Samantha Joughin, Director, said: "The first two apprentices were recruited with support from Cumbria Youth Alliance. They both fell into the 'not in education, employment or training' (NEET) category.

"Our programme allows young people to progress to a higher level of learning. Currently there is a gap in female to male apprentices, with most female apprentices based in the beauty industry."

Kaitlyn Rudd, 19, struggled to find work before becoming an apprentice, but had ambitions of becoming a personal trainer and Together We CIC gave her a boost to get there. She said: "Coming here, knowing that I'm making a difference to all these women's lives is brilliant. It makes me feel better as a person, knowing that I'm helping someone else."

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Bridging The Digital Divide

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Learning Plus Ambleside offers a range of learning opportunities to give adults the basic skills they need to gain confidence, develop new skills, and where appropriate, move on into work, further education or training. It runs classes from Ambleside Library and teaches basic literacy, numeracy, ICT and English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) classes in a friendly, relaxed environment.

The charity wanted to reach out to older people who may be isolated and £3,400 from the Holehird Trust and Kipling Fund for Older People contributed to the part-time coordinator's salary.

The coordinator led on the twice-weekly digital drop-in technology workshops and provided one-to-one and small group support so that those attending could set their own goals and work at their own pace. The project links in with Age UK South Lakeland, Sight Advice South Lakes and Ambleside Parish Centre.

Catherine Powloski, Chairperson, said: "The informal nature of the drop-in workshops allows those who would be nervous of joining a formal course to get the help they need, this has helped them to overcome fears of digital devices and feel capable to use them for communication.

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Learning to lead a more digital life

"The current COVID-19 situation has meant some parts of the project have been delayed, however, 15 older people have so far been supported with digital technology issues throughout the year via the workshops or by telephone."

One 73-year-old learner said: "My memory is shocking as I get older, some things don't sink in straight away. I know when I'm there, it's solely to concentrate on what I'm trying to learn, and the class has been good for me as there were no other interruptions. I'm now enjoying getting to grips with my Kindle."

The charity also delivers creative writing courses, attracting people between the ages of 20 and 90. Alison, said: "I have enjoyed the relaxed way the tutor runs the workshop, giving ample opportunity for learning from one another and developing tools for writing. The classes have stretched me and my confidence has grown."

Learning The Impact Of Drug & Alcohol Abuse

Hundreds of young farmers in Cumbria are more aware of the effects of drugs and alcohol abuse after taking part in the first year of a three-year funded awareness programme.

Cumbria Federation of Young Farmers' Clubs received £15,000 from the Cumbria Fund to run a drugs and alcohol awareness programme, supported by The Well Communities, a charity that helps people recovering from addiction.

Sessions, which are open to any of its members aged 12 – 26, have been designed specifically for young farmers to address the mental, emotional, physical, and legal consequences of abusing drugs and alcohol, how to deal with peer pressure and where to get help.

“I hope that we will be able to use the session at a club meeting in the future, to increase the awareness of drug and alcohol abuse.”



Each of the first year's sessions, which were attended by nearly 300 young farmers, have included personal stories from those in recovery as well as insights into the effects of drugs and alcohol abuse, addiction, and the consequences. Youngsters also learned why people abuse drugs and alcohol, the physical and mental impact of misusing substances and how to cope with peer pressure.

Amy Swinbank, Chairman of Eden Valley YFC, said: “The drugs and alcohol awareness session provided an opportunity to gain an understanding of the physical and mental effects of drugs

and alcohol. It was great to hear emotive first-hand experiences and be able to ask questions. I hope that we will be able to use the session at a club meeting in the future, to increase the awareness of drug and alcohol abuse.”

Eamon Monaghan, Cumbria's County Chairman, is leading on the project. He said: “Cumbria YFC is very proud of our proactive approach to drug and alcohol use in our county. In modern day society, it is a very naive attitude to think that drugs aren't around you and it is important that everyone is aware of the effects and how to deal with them. It's important that County Federations take a pro-active stance against drug and alcohol abuse.”

Joanne Mills, Chief Officer, said: “As an organisation we have sent a strong message out to our members, supporters and funders that we take the issue of drug and alcohol abuse in young people seriously and recognise that it must be addressed. Those who attended, now have the tools and knowledge to make informed decisions to keep themselves and their friends safe and know where to seek help and guidance on these matters should they need it.”

Multicultural Cumbria

Multicultural Cumbria is a charity best known for Carlisle's Culture Bazaar, where each year, it engages with the local and ethnic minorities in north Cumbria, sharing similarities and celebrating differences.

With more than 60 nationalities living and working in Cumbria, one in 11 people in the county have foreign heritage, which Multicultural Cumbria wants to harness and celebrate.

Saj Ghafoor, founder of Multicultural Cumbria, arrived in Carlisle at the age of seven as a member of only the second Pakistani family to have made their home in the city. After organising Eid events to bring together the Muslim community in Cumbria, Saj realised there were lots of people keen to learn about different cultures and ethnicities throughout the region, but they had no way of getting together. The first Culture Bazaar was held in 2007.

“At our first event, we had about 200 people come along, and at our tenth event, held in February 2020, 5,000 people attended, speaking 70 languages. Culture Bazaar is very much about bringing the community, no matter what their background, together and helping them to be proud of their culture, and to meet with friends and neighbours they may not have spoken to before,” said Saj.

The charity was forced to relocate from its former base on Paternoster Row and a grant of £4,465 from the Cumbria Fund and the Abbeyfield Carlisle Society Community First Fund helped secure its new location at the University of Cumbria campus in Carlisle. The grant also helped the charity create a virtual hub to reach a wider audience and continue raising awareness and promoting the county's ethnic diversity.



Cultures come together to celebrate differences
Photo courtesy of Mike March

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Unlocking Potential Through Sport

Rugby league club, Barrow Raiders, runs education and skills outreach sessions in the town and surrounding area via its own community foundation.

In January 2019, it launched 'Advantage!', which uses rugby league to promote sport, health and wellbeing and support disadvantaged groups, young people and adults in schools, colleges, and the wider community.

Advantage! delivers various community engagement programmes, including Educating Raiders, which offers local schools coaching expertise, developing the skills and confidence of young people, and focusing on fun, small sided games, and inclusivity. Overseas players also deliver multi-cultural workshops and offer reading support for free in schools.

RaiderGirls is a weekly coaching session, delivered by female role models from Barrow Island Ladies and local PE staff in Askam and Millom. Meetings are arranged with local clubs and schools to develop the local structure and provide a pathway for girls to play, either recreationally or competitively.

Other programmes include: Raiders on the Move, Raiders in the Community, and Raiders Camps. Sessions are free to attend and run by the Raiders' community liaison officer, Siona Hartley, with £6,000 funding contributing towards her costs.

Siona said: "We specifically ask schools to target students who they think are disadvantaged or ordinarily would not get or choose to try rugby. Some have targeted those on free school meals, some lower ability or lower self-esteem, some targeting girls only and some students with special educational needs. We also go in to listen to children read - those selected by staff who need additional support or encouragement.



Community coaches Stargroth Amean and Wartova Puara Jnr with two future rugby stars

"We want to reach out to our communities, help children and adults alike be active and healthy, tackle social isolation and mental health."

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Investing in Communities

Cumberland Building Society has worked with Cumbria Community Foundation since 2011, when we first administered its charitable foundation fund. In 2019, the business wanted to give more to the community and created the Cumberland Building Society Community Fund within the Foundation, which awarded just under £100,000 in its first year.

Chief Executive, Des Moore, said: "We're keen to make even more of a difference in our communities and working with Cumbria Community Foundation in this way means we will be able to make larger, strategic contributions to projects that have a longer-lasting impact.

"Our purpose is to make a difference to people's lives and that applies not just to the services we offer, but the part we play in the community. As well as the financial contributions we can make to help projects, we are also keen to offer practical help. Many of our people get involved and volunteer their time and we hope they can work with charities to offer a brighter, more positive future to those people in our communities who are in real need."



Des Moore meeting Susan Aglionby who runs Susan's Farm near Carlisle, after the charity received £45,000 to help sustain its educational activities over the next three years

A charity which helps young Cumbrians leaving care was awarded £20,000 from the fund. The Stepladder of Achievement Programme gives teenagers the chance to earn up to £1,500 in a savings account by completing an online course in financial and life skills, ready for when they leave care aged 18.

"If I hadn't done the Stepladder programme I genuinely don't know where I would be. The whole aim is to make you more employable and confident in your abilities," says one 19-year-old from West Cumbria who left care last year.

She now has a job and says: "It was all good information that I wouldn't have got

elsewhere. The section on 'making my money work' was very helpful for me, moving to living independently. It's like a security blanket. Growing up is generally scary but if you don't have that family support system behind you it is even more difficult."

The programme, supported by Cumbria Youth Alliance, aims to help combat the disadvantage faced by young people in care. Forty per cent of 19-year-olds who have been in care are not in education, employment or training compared to 13 per cent of the general population.

£2.2m funding boost to target social inequalities in West Cumbria

Transforming West Cumbria is a £2.2m three year social investment programme to help West Cumbria's most vulnerable communities and forms part of Sellafield Ltd's social impact multiplied SiX programme.

Sellafield Ltd and the Nuclear Decommissioning Authority (NDA) are funding the multi-year initiative, which is being delivered by the Community Foundation in partnership with Cumbria CVS, Cumbria Social Enterprise Partnership, Cumbria Exchange, Citizens Advice Allerdale & Copeland.

It aims to put local people in charge of their own futures by helping people to create change in their communities.

The programme will focus on family wellbeing, financial education, community activism, and inspiring young people.

Among the initiatives are a £1.3m fund for community and voluntary groups, £660,000 to support families, £175,000 to fund financial education, schemes to nurture young entrepreneurs and a drive

to make community activism the norm for young people.

It has been developed to address issues identified in our West Cumbria: Opportunities and Challenges report.

Gary McKeating, Sellafield's Head of Community and Development said: "I believe Transforming West Cumbria can create profound and long-lasting change in our community.

"It will laser focus on the causes of inequality and confront the issues holding back our most vulnerable. Research tells us people from disadvantaged backgrounds are not lacking in ambition, what's sometimes missing is the knowledge, skills, and support required to achieve those ambitions. Transforming West Cumbria is a package of tailored support to address this."

Andy Beeforth, Chief Executive at the Foundation, said: "We have a long-standing relationship with Sellafield Ltd and we are proud to be a partner on this programme. Community and voluntary organisations play a crucial role in helping us understand the needs of our local

people and Transforming West Cumbria will enable this understanding to be used to tackle some key challenges in our area.

"The programme will significantly invest in community projects that build the capabilities and financial sustainability of critical organisations, inspire and encourage new and existing social entrepreneurs, and help children, young people and families to thrive by building resilience and self-efficacy. We are looking to fund more innovative and diverse projects that offer unique alternatives and innovative solutions to improve the health and wellbeing of local people and reduce inequalities. By working together and focusing our efforts, we will help create thriving communities and a better future for West Cumbria."

For more information, visit: www.cumbriafoundation.org/transforming-west-cumbria/



THE WEST CUMBRIA CHALLENGE:

Key findings from Cumbria Community Foundation's report revealed:

3,900 children in the West Cumbria region live in poverty

More children in care than in any other part of Cumbria

10,000 households with an income of less than **£10,000**

Teenagers achieve fewer GCSEs than the national average

1 in 4 people over 16 has no qualifications

High levels of youth unemployment

Low rates of business and social enterprise start-ups

More than **20,000** people in debt



Transforming West Cumbria 2020-2023 – a positive catalyst for long-term change

Delivered by Cumbria Community Foundation



THIS INVESTMENT WILL HELP:

Sellafield Ltd and the Nuclear Decommissioning Authority are funding the initiative, which will be delivered by Cumbria Community Foundation.

It aims to put local people in charge of their own futures by empowering neighbourhoods to create transformational change.

The programme will focus on:

- building resilience
- supporting enterprise
- inspiring young people
- family wellbeing
- financial education
- community activism

£2.2m fund to help west Cumbria's most vulnerable communities

The projects within the Transforming West Cumbria programme include these here:

Social Impact Multiplied Objectives: 1 Resilient Economies 2 Thriving Communities 3 Social Value Chains 4 Sustainable Incomes 5 Collective Impact 6 Improve Performance

Bedrock:

Building organisational resilience and sustainability



- Empower leaders of community organisations with skills, resource, and time to invest in business strategy and development.
- Support businesses to explore new ways of working, including: money making, use of digital, collaboration, sharing resource and better management of community assets/premises.
- Improve governance.
- Build the ability and future proofing, through staff development, expert volunteer recruitment and clear succession planning.

Objectives covered: 2 4 5

Young Disruptors:

Unlocking entrepreneurial spirit



- Provide young people (10-25 years) from disadvantaged backgrounds in West Cumbria with the opportunity to have their ideas and ambitions heard and the potential to have them realised.
- Challenge young people to think creatively and in more enterprising ways.
- Empower young people to 'positively disrupt' the status quo and to be heard.
- Support young people to test out their enterprising ideas.
- Break down the barriers for aspiring young entrepreneurs, by developing an enterprising culture based on encouragement and support.

Objectives covered: 1 2 4 5

Financial wellbeing:

Improving financial capability



- Improve the financial capability of people on low incomes living in deprived areas of West Cumbria.
- Promote financial capability via existing community networks and in places where people come together and feel welcome without stigma.
- Break down the barriers to discussing personal finance, overcome stigma and engage people in a solution-based approach.

Objectives covered: 2 4 5

Spark:

Supporting entrepreneurial talent



- Inspire, encourage and nurture new and existing social entrepreneurs.
- Work with Cumbria Social Enterprise Partnership (CSEP).
- Deliver three levels of support:
 - Think it** - bespoke business advice will be delivered in workshops or 1:1s.
 - Try it** - support to test out ideas via grant awards of up to £5,000.
 - Grow it** - support for existing social entrepreneurs to build sustainable financial models via grant awards and/or repayable grant loans of up to £15,000.

Objectives covered: 1 2 4 5

Family wellbeing:

Building emotional resilience



- Improve the health and wellbeing of some of the most vulnerable and disadvantaged children and families in West Cumbria.
- Invite community-based organisations working with disadvantaged children and families to apply for multi-year grants of up to £50,000 against the established criteria.
- Partner with local charitable organisations:
 - West Cumbria Child Poverty Forum.
 - Children's social care and health services.

Objectives covered: 1 2 4 5

#CanDo:

Inspiring youth community action



- Raise young people's aspirations and build their confidence.
- Provide grants to support social or environmental action projects designed by young people, for the benefit of their communities.
- Part of the national #iwill campaign, which aims to make social action part of life for 10-20 year-olds.

Objectives covered: 1 2 4 5

Cumbria Club

This year has seen the Foundation reach out to people outside the county who have an interest in its wellbeing and want to make a difference.



The Cumbria Club was launched online in July by the Foundations' Vice President, Lord Bragg of Wigton. The aim of the Cumbria Club is to connect Cumbrians

who live 'out-of-county', and friends of Cumbria, with opportunities to engage with the life of our county, support the work of the Foundation, and positively influence the lives of people in need. It is based on the successful 'Cornwall Club', run by Cornwall Community Foundation.

Invitees to the online launch were given a presentation describing the work of the Foundation and our response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Assistant Chief Constable, Andy Slattery, Chair of the Cumbria Local Resilience Forum, which has been coordinating the countywide response to COVID-19, spoke alongside representatives from two frontline charities that the Foundation has supported. The event was very well attended, and a number have since signed up and become Cumbria Club members.

Events are planned for the Cumbria Club that will combine presentations about the people and issues in the county with an opportunity to network and make new connections. While in-person events are on hold, we have a series of online events in the pipeline, and all members and supporters of the Cumbria Club will be invited to join us at this year's Annual Showcase Event, which will be held online in October 2020.

“Wherever you look, the people of Cumbria are helping the people of Cumbria, and friends of Cumbria, far and wide, are sending in welcome and moving contributions.

It's heart-warming, it's effective, and in my view it's the only way to keep our unique society together.”

*Vice President,
Lord Bragg of Wigton*

To find out more or to become a member of the Cumbria Club, visit: www.cumbriafoundation.org/give-to-your-community/cumbria-club/

Membership

Our members are at the heart of our work, linking us to our communities across Cumbria, knowing that they are part of an organisation that delivers much needed help across the county. By regularly supporting the work we do, our members enable us to respond to emerging need when disasters strike, and to produce reports that help us highlight the need in our county, such as Cumbria Revealed.

Over the past year, we have continued to welcome new corporate and individual members, as well as members from the voluntary sector. From local branches of international companies such as Marsh, to Cumbrian-based businesses such as Alertacall in Windermere and Castlegate Gallery in Cockermouth, our membership continues to grow from strength to strength.

We list our corporate members in both our annual review and on our website, with links through to their website where possible, and our members form the nub of our guest lists when we arrange events to highlight the work we do and seek new supporters.



Steven and Christine Swallow of Castlegate Gallery

Steven Swallow, owner of Castlegate Gallery, said: “We've certainly found that being a member of the Foundation and participating in the associated events, has proved not only hugely enjoyable but actually really quite valuable. It's enabled us to meet other business owners from within the county, sharing experiences and thoughts with people we would likely not have met in the normal course of life or business.”

By becoming a member, individuals and organisations not only support the Foundation financially, but also act as informal ambassadors. In the coming year, we hope to formalise an Ambassador programme, drawing on our supporters

- our corporate, individual, and voluntary sector members, our fundholders, and members of the newly formed Cumbria Club - to help us spread the word about the work we do and how supporting the Foundation helps address disadvantage across Cumbria.

If you, or anyone you know, would like to know more about becoming a member, visit our website www.cumbriafoundation.org/membership or contact us directly at enquiries@cumbriafoundation.org or on 01900 825760.

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University of Cumbria
Warwick Square
Osteopaths Ltd
Westlakes Engineering Ltd
Womble Bond Dickinson LLP

Dynamic duo sign up as members

South Lakeland-based events company, Flock, joined as corporate members.

Janett Walker and Sophia Newton founded the events and PR company in 2017. They provide memorable and thought-provoking events and experiential marketing with a social conscience for businesses that like big ideas.

Janett and Sophia said: "We're chuffed to bits to be corporate members of Cumbria Community Foundation. We're so proud to live and work in Cumbria and what better way to show it than signing ourselves up to be members? It's not just for the certificate either - we love the good stuff that's being done for people and places and we want to help in making Cumbria's community even better."



Janett and Sophia from Flock

Voluntary Sector Members

Ambleside Bowling Club	Ireby Festival
Ambleside Parish Centre	Kirkbarrow Residents' Association (KRA)
Bay Trust Radio	Kirkgate Arts Cockermonth
Broughton Village Hall	Longtown Memorial Hall Community Centre
Carlisle Cricket Club	Maryport Model Club
Carlisle Mencap Ltd	New Rainbow Pre-School Playgroup Ltd
Cleator Moor Methodist Church	Our Place Youth Club
Cockermouth School Association (CSA)	Parton Village Hall
Cumbria Deaf Association	Rotary Club of Workington
Cumbria Family Support	The Farmer Network Ltd
Cumbria Youth Alliance (CYA)	Watchtree Nature Reserve Ltd
Distington Community Centre Association	Westward Parochial Church Council
Dobie's Charitable Trust	Workington Transport Heritage Trust
Evergreen Club Ambleside	Young Cumbria
Gosforth Nursery	
Heron Corn Mill (Beetham) Ltd	

Volunteers Keep Key Workers Moving

Some of the newest volunteers at Workington Transport Heritage Trust have been helping key workers travel to their jobs during the coronavirus pandemic.



Nikita Wilson and Keith Turner trained to Passenger Carrying Vehicle (PCV) standards to allow them to drive the Trust's buses, thanks to a grant from the Live the Dream Fund.

Nikita and Keith completed their training just before lockdown. They have since been driving carers, hospital staff and other key workers to their jobs while the rail services carried out repairs, by driving the shuttle bus between Workington and Whitehaven.

Keith said: "The road to learn to drive our buses was a bumpy one at times, but now I have the full licence I can look forward to putting something positive back into the Trust by taking it forward to preserve our heritage in the future."

David Wallace, Volunteer Coordinator, said: "The future of our local transport heritage is in the hands of today's youngsters. We hope to encourage other young people to volunteer and go down the same path in the near future."

Winter Warmth Appeal tops the million mark in a decade

One man's bright idea has helped to raise more than £1 million to keep older people warm.

A decade ago, a retired auctioneer talked to chief executive, Andy Beeforth, about creating a 'Winter Warmth' fund.

Myles Walker, now 82, explains: "It is remarkable how a twinge of conscience can give birth to a now ten-year-old millionaire! In those days, I delivered medicines for the local surgery to people stuck at home. One such patient, living in a small cottage, spent day and night in one room which had a fire with a back-boiler. She could not afford electricity for heating and seldom cooked. I told Andy of my ambition to form a fund to help the many other elderly people in similar circumstances. He and his wonderful team formed the Winter Warmth Appeal, to which I recommend anyone who does not really need the government's winter warmth payment to donate it – preferably with Gift Aid."

One in eight households in Cumbria are living in fuel poverty, and older people in

cold homes can become seriously ill or even die during the winter. In the severest winters more than 500 older Cumbrians have died.

Since the appeal was launched and by working in partnership with local Age UK's across the county, thousands of older Cumbrians have been given a grant of between £150 and £250 to keep their homes warm in the winter. Many pensioners have spoken of how it has helped.

John, 73, from Penrith, has been in a wheelchair for 18 years and said: "It's helped with my electric and gas bills. I am very cold when I get home and need to warm up. It's handy to have the winter warmth grant."

Linda, 67, from Distington, said: "Last year they took the gas fire out and put an electric one in, which is much more expensive to run, but we're tenants so we can't choose what we have. We both get stuck in the house quite a lot for health reasons, so the money means we keep warm."

Edward, 89, from Ulverston, said: "Our



Myles Walker (far left) with Alison Ambrose (third from left), CEO of Age UK Carlisle & Eden with members from one of its lunch clubs in Carlisle

boiler broke last winter and we needed a new one. The winter warmth grant helped us with the diabolical cost of fuel which goes up and up each year. My wife and I are on a limited income and we need to keep warm at our age."

Alison Ambrose, Chief Executive at Age UK Carlisle and Eden, said: "The Winter Warmth Fund plays a vital part in supporting vulnerable older people across Cumbria and helps to alleviate some of the winter pressures attributed to fuel poverty."

To find out more about the Winter Warmth Appeal or to donate visit: www.cumbriafoundation.org/winter-warmth-fund

Grant Making 2019 - 20

Full details of the funds, including their grant making criteria, are available on our website.

#iwill Fund
15 grants, 71,442

Abbeyfield Carlisle Over 55 Fund
12 grants, 19,087

Abbeyfield Society Community First Fund
11 grants, 19,631

Alston Moor Community Fund
1 grants, 900

Barker Fund
3 grants, 11,946

Barrow Community Trust
9 grants, 10,949

Barrow in Furness Endowment Grassroots Fund
2 grants, 2,249

Beck Burn Wind Farm Community Fund
57 grants, 164,405

Beeby Family Fund
15 grants, 18,000

Beverley Charitable Trust Fund
11 grants, 38,520

The Border Fund
4 grants, 3,488

Brian & Ann Clark Fund
15 grants, 60,006

Broughton Moor Windfarm Fund
1 grant, 3,000

Carr's Group Fund
3 grants, 3,000

Castle Green Grassroots Fund
4 grants, 4,881

CCL Secure Community Fund
9 grants, 11,273

CN Fund
6 grants, 4,862

Crofton Trust Fund
3 grants, 2,988

Cultural Fund
2 grants, 2,940

Cumberland and Westmorland Herald Fund
2 grants, 1,000

Cumberland Building Society Community Fund
17 grants, 99,652

Cumberland Educational Foundation
12 grants, 37,640

Cumbria Covid-19 Response Fund
20 grants, 81,799

Cumbria Disaster Fund
5 grants, 2,050

Cumbria Fund
35 grants, 190,018

The following funds contributed income:
Francis C Scott Challenge Fund
Gregg Fund
Harvey Family Fund
Hensman Acorn Fund
HSBC Fund
James Cropper Fund
Laing Fund
Middlebrook Foundation Fund

Naphens Fund
Northern Rock Foundation
The BG Fund
Viscount Whitelaw Fund
Winander Leisure

Cumbria Grassroots Fund
5 grants, 6,346

Cumbria Industries Amenities Fund
2 grants, 1,154

Cumbria Victims Charitable Trust Fund
19 grants, 4,632

Cumbria Young People's Fund
16 grants, 40,877

Cumbria Young People's Grassroots Fund
6 grants, 24,479

Doosan Babcock Grassroots Fund
1 grants, 592

Dora Beeforth Memorial Fund
5 grants, 4,180

The Dulverton Trust
28 grants, 103,500

Edmond Castle Educational Trust
11 grants, 11,270

Elizabeth Fell Memorial Trust
3 grants, 2,243

English Lakes Hotels Sustainability Fund
2 grants, 11,141

Evening Hill Grassroots Fund
5 grants, 5,500

Fairfield Community Fund
7 grants, 18,143

Fryer Grassroots Fund
5 grants, 6,168

Gibb Charitable Trust Fund
1 grant, 250

Gurney Charitable Trust Fund
4 grants, 6,181

Hackney & Leigh Fund
1 grant, 500

Hellrigg Windfarm Community Fund
10 grants, 25,952

High Pow Community Fund
1 grant, 5,000

High Sheriff's Crimebeat Fund
3 grants, 3,250

High Sheriff's General Fund
12 grants, 8,250

Hunter Davies Fund
1 grant, 2,912

Janetta Topsy Laidlaw Fund
1 grant, 2,500

Johnson Fund
14 grants, 13,200

Kipling Fund for older people
4 grants, 3,660

Kipling Fund for younger people
2 grants, 1,828

Kirkby Moor Wind Farm Community Benefit Fund
2 grants, 5,850

Laidlaw Fund for the Environment 1 grants, 1,000
Lamont Pridmore Grassroots Fund 2 grants, 3,100
Lawrence Fund 5 grants, 2,735
Liddle Thompson 2 grants, 2,000
Live the Dream Fund 13 grants, 37,245
LLWR Grassroots Fund 1 grants, 5,000
Lord Egremont Fund for West Cumbria 3 grants, 10,500
Mary Grave Trust 41 grants, 32,692
Mental Health Fund for West Cumbria 2 grants, 79,000
Moorhouse Grassroots Fund 4 grants, 21,973
Nuvia Ltd Fund 1 grant, 2,000

Out of Eden Fund 3 grants, 2,900
Quarry Hill Grassroots Fund 3 grants, 6,500
Robinson Family Fund 9 grants, 10,900
Roselands Trust Fund 7 grants, 9,666
Rowan Community First Fund 4 grants, 4,000
Russell Armer 2 grants, 752
Shepley Group Fund 9 grants, 12,800
Solway Fund 8 grants, 10,132
Staff 10th Anniversary Fund 1 grants, 340
Stobbarts Ltd Grassroots Fund 1 grants, 1,000
Strummer Calling Community First Fund 4 grants, 3,348

Swales Trust Fund 33 grants, 15,433
Tallentire Windfarm Fund 4 grants 11,289
Tampon Tax Fund 4 grants, 24,378
Thomas Graham Grassroots Fund 9 grants 10,177
Thomas Milburn Fund for West Cumbria 2 grants 9,675
Ullswater Trust Grassroots Fund 7 grants 10,609
United Utilities Legacy Fund 8 grants 96,044
Violet Laidlaw Trust Fund 2 grants 5,500
Westmorland Arts Trust 13 grants 19,800
Westmorland Family Community Fund 13 grants 95,111
William Milburn Trust Fund 8 grants 30,357

Wing Cdr H Thompson & Rev Green Grassroots Fund 1 grants 1,000
Winscales Moor Community Benefit Fund 4 grants 7,134
Winter Warmth Fund 4 grants 152,920
Workington (Ashfield) Lawn Tennis Club Fund 2 grants 4,857
TOTAL 685 £1,939,151

Funds administered by CCF

Holehird Trust 28 grants, £40,000
Joyce Wilkinson Trust 20 grants, £104,938
TOTAL 48 £144,938

CCL Secure sets up charitable fund

Corporate Member, CCL Secure, the global expert in polymer banknote substrate, launched a new charitable fund that benefits people and communities in Allerdale and Copeland. The CCL Secure Fund provides grants to small voluntary and community groups helping people facing disadvantage across West Cumbria.



Mark Lancaster with Director of Programmes and Partnerships, Jenny Benson

Mark Lancaster, HR Manager-EMEAC, from the Wigton-based company, said: "CCL Secure is committed to supporting the long-term sustainability of the local community, and to that end we are delighted to have entered into a partnership with Cumbria Community Foundation to help us achieve this goal. The company is committed to supporting ideas and initiatives which will enhance the lives of local people within the community, and we are focussed on supporting a broad range of projects which will have an impact and ensure a positive legacy within the community."

Financial Summary

Cumbria Community Foundation Year ended 31 March 2020

This information is drawn from the draft accounts of the Foundation for year ended 31 March 2020. The final accounts, audited by Armstrong Watson, will be available from our website.

Incoming resources	£
Donations and legacies	4,912,013
Grant programmes	2,831,119
Investment income	682,132
Events	44,609
Total income	8,469,873

Resources expended	£
Charitable activities	2,221,548
Fundraising and publicity	235,268
Investment costs	70,291
Total expenditure	2,527,107

Surplus for the year (excluding movement in value of investments) composed of:	£
Donations to invest for future grant making	2,953,796
Revenue grants programmes	3,078,109
Deficit on unrestricted reserves	(89,139)
Surplus for year	5,942,766

Net assets at 31 March 2020:	£
Funds invested for future grant making	19,551,333
Current grants programmes	4,581,801
Core unrestricted funds	214,853
Total assets	24,347,987



- Improving the lives of disadvantaged children and families - **£264,428**
- Strengthening and supporting fragile communities - **£295,316**
- Supporting vulnerable older people - **£264,410**
- Enabling people to access arts, sports, culture, heritage and the environment - **£125,770**
- Improving the health and well-being of the people of Cumbria - **£509,459**
- Improving the life skills, education, employability and enterprise of disadvantaged people - **£479,768**

The Team

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We would like to thank our team of more than 70 volunteers who gave many hours of their time at the various grant panels throughout the year. Their collective skills, knowledge and dedication are what make our work possible.

Why give through Cumbria Community Foundation

At Cumbria Community Foundation, we offer a tailored service to anyone who wants to invest in their local community, whether you are an individual, family, company or Trust and Foundation. We know where your charitable giving can make the biggest impact thanks to our research into the needs of the county and our knowledge of charities and community groups. We review, monitor and evaluate diligently on your behalf so you can have full confidence in our grant making.

Setting up a fund

Establishing a named fund with us is one of the most effective ways of giving money to local causes without needing to set up a stand alone charitable trust. We support individuals, families and businesses to set up a named fund, it could be in memory of a loved one or in support of one or more causes close to your heart. We take care of the financial and legal requirements, leaving you to work alongside us to fund vital work in local communities.

Building partnerships

We work closely with businesses across the region to deliver effective corporate giving. Managing a range of social responsibility funds, we support companies who have a clear social ambition and want to award funding to local charities through grants and donations. With hundreds of local causes in our portfolio, we can work with you and your staff to direct your giving to support the causes you care about, in the communities where your clients and staff live and work.

Trust Transfer

Managing a charitable trust can be a challenge for trustees. The responsibilities that come with this can become burdensome. Issues such as securing appropriate applications, administration and trustee succession are all challenges of operating stand alone grant making trusts. The Charities Commission and the Community Foundation work closely together to ensure that trustees looking to revitalise dormant or ineffective trusts can release their funds to the Community Foundation to provide a powerful legacy.



The Cumbria Allied Health Professionals raised over £3,000 by climbing all 214 Wainwrights within a month

If you'd like to discuss your charitable giving options, contact our Chief Executive, Andy Beeforth, via email: andy@cumbriafoundation.org or by calling 01900 825760.



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We are one of 46 community foundations across the UK, and over 1,700 similar foundations around the world. We work with fundholders to provide a permanent, flexible and growing source of local charitable funding that will directly address the needs of Cumbria's most vulnerable.

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The Soil Association has been teaching thousands of school children in Eden about the importance of Cumbrian produce thanks to a three-year grant of £36,804 from the Westmorland Family Community Fund.



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