

Annual Review 2018|2019





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Facts and Figures 2018/19

Our Resources:

Income: £3,055,715

**Endowment Fund:
£5,618,503** (as at 31 March 2019)

**Number of donor
funds supporting our
community: 89**

**Nine staff
(7.4 full-time equivalent)**

Our Activities:

**Expenditure: £2,666,253
which included:**

**£641,711 awarded
from our regular
grants programmes**

**£132,340 awarded as
social investments**

**£1,580,637 awarded
from the Hinkley Point C
Community Fund**

Seven convening events

**£23 raised for every £1
spent on raising funds**

Our Impact:

**Funding provided to
288 organisations,
reaching over 40,000
Somerset residents**

**61 individuals
supported directly**

**Over 100 local
organisations better
connected and informed**

Grantee survey results



91% told us our website was good or excellent

89% told us our application form
was good or excellent

86% felt able to apply for what they
really needed

83% told us our speed of decision making
was good or excellent

Message from our Chairman and CEO

2018/19 was a record-breaking year for the Foundation in terms of income and the amount we spent on charitable activities. We continued to deliver a high quality service to the voluntary sector and our donors and funders alike.

At the heart of our work is a programme of small grants and social investments focused on supporting local organisations. These small organisations make up over 80% of the voluntary sector yet account for just 4% of the overall income received by the sector. Here, in Somerset, they are essential to the health and well-being of our communities, tackling issues of need that are nationally significant but often hidden from sight, locally. It is our privilege to connect our donors with them, helping to ensure they thrive at a time when there is a rising demand for their services.

This was also the first full year of delivery of the Hinkley Point C Community Fund. Working with our partners, this programme has enabled us to award over £2 million to communities closest to the construction of the new power station, since its launch in November 2017.

We hope this report will give you a flavour of the difference the funding that we have awarded to 288 organisations across Somerset has made.

We both remain very ambitious to continue to do more to ensure Somerset thrives in the future. Building our endowment as an asset for Somerset is an important part of our underlying mission, and towards the end of the year we recruited our first Development Director, Laura Blake, to further grow and develop the Foundation. We are seeing great progress with both the Somerset Philanthropy Network and corporate support of The Somerset Fund and we are currently developing our next strategy for 2020–2025. We look forward to presenting that early next year.

Somerset Community Foundation relies on a small and very committed team of trustees, staff and volunteers and we wish to thank them all. We particularly wish to thank Paul Hake, who has been our treasurer since 2009, for his service as a trustee. Above all, we would like to thank all of our donors, fundholders and partners for their commitment to Somerset and the support they continue to offer us. We are truly grateful.

Our Vision

What we want to see in the future

Our vision for Somerset is a county of vibrant, inclusive communities where voluntary organisations and social enterprises thrive, transforming and enhancing the lives of the most disadvantaged people.

Our Mission

How we will contribute to our vision

Our mission is to be the catalyst for inspirational philanthropy, providing a simpler and more effective way for donors to make a lasting difference in Somerset through community investment and thought leadership.



JANE BARRIE OBE DL
CHAIRMAN




JUSTIN SARGENT
CHIEF EXECUTIVE

The need for our work

A county of contrasts

Somerset is an incredibly beautiful county. But the picturesque countryside and historic buildings mask a lot of hidden need.

The very nature of rural life means that many of those who live in Somerset are isolated; for some, this can be a huge barrier, affecting everything from accessing medical care to getting into education and employment. For many, it prevents them from connecting with others in their community. Somerset is also a county of contrasts where areas of affluence hide pockets of poverty with many families struggling to make ends meet.

Local charities and community groups play a vital role in supporting the most vulnerable people in Somerset. They are the lifeblood of our towns and villages and help build strong, thriving communities where people stay well and happy.

But almost 80% of charities in Somerset state that funding is their main challenge.

We're a key source of funding and support for hundreds of good causes in Somerset. Most of the charities we support run on less than £60,000 a year and many are led solely by volunteers. The thing that unites them all is a passion for helping others and for making Somerset a great place to live.

The difference we're making in Somerset

- Thanks to the generosity of our fundholders and supporters we were able to fund **288 good causes** in the year, reaching **over 40,000** people from Wincanton to Watchet
- **61 individuals** have benefited from direct funding across the year
- We've funded a **huge range of causes**, from youth projects to support for older people with dementia, and from mental health groups to projects making art from rubbish
- Almost **half of those** are too small to be registered charities and often **struggle to get funding** for their vital grassroots work
- Around **half of those** who applied for grants with us **also received advice** about other sources of funding or links to other groups doing similar work
- A recent survey of our grant applicants scored our grants team **4.5 out of 5** for their **availability and helpfulness**
- Since the Hinkley Point C (HPC) Community Fund was launched in November 2017, over **£2 million grant funding** has been awarded

60%

of charities in Somerset say demand for their services has increased

Villagers enjoying a Christmas meal at Evercreech Friendship Club



Helping you change the world on your doorstep



High Sheriff of Somerset, Johnnie Halliday, and Laura Blake, Development Director at SCF visit On Your Bike, a social enterprise which has received funding from Jane and her husband

Named funds: making giving simple

Named funds offer families and businesses all the benefits of a charitable trust, without the cost and administrative burden. We provide expert philanthropic advice and professional administration of charitable giving, so you can be sure your donations will make a real impact.

You can choose to visit or get involved with the causes you support or remain completely anonymous. By giving through Somerset Community Foundation, you can focus on the most rewarding parts of giving: supporting the causes and places that matter most to you.

Jane's story: finding joy through giving

Jane and her husband have a Fund with SCF that supports a range of good causes.

“The Foundation is the only organisation that supports lots of different charities in the county; we didn't want to just focus on one charity but wanted our giving to reflect the variety of our interests.

By having a fund with SCF we can really see the impact – directly and easily. I've been able to get involved with some of the charities we've supported and can really understand the need and see that our donations are being used effectively. It's a very fruitful and life enhancing thing to do.” Jane, Fundholder

Legacy gifts: could you support Somerset for generations to come?

Leaving a gift in your Will is an incredible way to change lives in Somerset for generations to come. Donors can name Somerset Community Foundation as a beneficiary in their Will to help us respond to urgent need, or can set up a named fund that will be held in our endowment to support a place or theme they are passionate about. You can leave a gift of cash, shares, or property in your Will, and donating 10% or more of your net estate can reduce the Inheritance Tax on the remainder of your estate from 40% to 36%.

Donald's story: The Donald Lake Memorial Fund

Donald Lake, from Yeovil, was a widower when he passed away and he left his entire estate to charity. His executors decided to invest the proceeds from the estate in our endowment, creating the Donald Lake Memorial Fund in 2010.

Since then, in Donald's name, we have awarded more than £15,000 of grants to support older people in Somerset. One grant has enabled Contact the Elderly to start monthly Sunday tea parties for isolated older people in three villages, and another helped to fund a new lift to help elderly and disabled people access social activities in a church hall in Langport.

The Somerset Fund: changing lives together

In 2018, we established The Somerset Fund to unite local businesses and families in support of small, local charities. **All donations to The Somerset Fund are matched by 50%** before being awarded as grants, meaning every gift makes an even bigger impact.

The Fund offers an easy and rewarding way to make a difference in Somerset, and donors can benefit from networking and volunteering opportunities, as well as regular updates on the difference their donations have made. Grants will support a wide range of causes including summer holiday clubs, sports clubs, youth clubs, health charities and Men's Sheds.

Local business leader Graeme Crosbie, of Level Up South West, was one of the first supporters of the Fund, raising money by donating a portion of the profits from his programme of training workshops.

“I knew the Foundation through my involvement with local youth sports clubs which benefited greatly from their support, so I know what impact they make at a grassroots level. The Somerset Fund offers my business a great opportunity to support groups while raising awareness among other businesses of the good that they do.”

Graeme Crosbie, Level Up South West

Somerset Philanthropy Network

Our Somerset Philanthropy Network brings together influential local donors who are passionate about supporting local good causes. Members donate £1,000 or more a year which provides vital funding for the Foundation.

All members benefit from opportunities to attend exclusive events where they can learn more about local issues and hear from the inspiring charities we support, as well as an annual social dinner.

We are delighted to have welcomed more than 20 members to date* since launching the Network in 2018. We hope to see the group continue to grow and become a vital source of knowledge, insight and expertise to support our work and that of local charities in Somerset.

*correct as at 31 March 2019



Take Art
delivering their
Word/Play social
prescribing project



Lucy McMahon,
trustee at Frome
Birth Talk

Reducing loneliness and disadvantage

£67,045

Value of
grants awarded

63

Number of
grants awarded

Somerset has an ageing population. The number of local people aged 75 or over and living alone is projected to increase by almost 60% from 26,500 to 41,300 over the next 25 years.

At the same time, the number of over 75s with a long-term health problem or disability is also projected to increase by 60%, and the number of over 65s with a learning disability is projected to increase from 2,900 to 4,000.

Meeting the needs of our ageing population is one of the great challenges of our age and one that will place growing pressure on public finances. But helping older people remain active and included in community life will ensure more people stay in good health for longer.

Key to achieving this is the efforts of local community groups, which are crucial in tackling loneliness and keeping people healthy and active in later life. Small community groups can offer meaningful, warm relationships – something that larger organisations are not always able to maintain. This may take the form of community meals, exercise classes and community transport schemes, alongside other initiatives such as Men's Sheds, which give many older men a space to connect, create and have fun.



Somerset Levels and Moors
Men's Shed in Bridgwater

Barbara Middleton tells us how a grant awarded to Accessible Transport West Somerset will help keep people active and connected



“We live in a very rural part of England, with one third of West Somerset* residents aged over 65 – the highest ratio in Somerset. We’ve just five bus services running across 280 square miles, and in many areas there are very few buses or none at all. Unless they drive, people have always had great difficulty in getting out and about to access facilities such as the shops, and have to rely mainly on neighbours or family. And society has changed, leading to more loneliness and isolation.

Since 2005 we have been running bus services for individuals or groups, enabling local people to attend medical appointments, go shopping, socialise, visit partners in care homes, get to the train station in Taunton, and go on day trips. It is important to us to provide our drivers with safety and First Aid training, and a uniform so they can be clearly identified by our passengers, helping us to provide enjoyable, safe journeys for our users. Due to unforeseen circumstances, we recently found ourselves struggling to afford the training and uniform for our volunteers. Our IT equipment had also become outdated and no longer functional.

The grant from Somerset Community Foundation meant we were able to replace our old IT equipment and provide the essential training and uniforms for our volunteers, allowing us to keep our vital service going.

One of our passengers summed up what our service means to people in West Somerset: “...with the help of community transport, life goes on and we can be part of it.” Keeping people active and connected is crucial for their health and wellbeing.

Communities work best when people look after each other; charities and community groups are a significant part of that. Somerset Community Foundation really understands the needs in our communities, is well connected, has a strong voice and can ensure the effectiveness of local giving. It’s really heartening to regularly learn something new about the voluntary sector in Somerset and how people benefit from that. The Foundation helps make that happen.”

**Barbara Middleton, Project Officer,
Accessible Transport West Somerset**

*West Somerset District Council and Taunton Deane Borough Council merged to become Somerset West and Taunton on 1 April, 2019.



ATWS provides support
to communities in rural
West Somerset



Improving health and wellbeing

£262,891

Value of
grants awarded

91

Number of
grants awarded

According to the Somerset Children and Young People Survey,* one in six boys and one in three girls aged 17–19 have self-harmed and a similar number have thought about taking their own life.

Hospital admission rates in Somerset as a result of self-harm are consistently above the national average and currently stand at 783.5 per 100,000 people. The demand for Somerset's Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service (CAMHS) is high. Waiting lists are often long, with many young people waiting longer than four weeks for treatment.

Subsidised counselling for children and families, drop-in centres and other community solutions can support young people to manage their mental health and often act as a stopgap for CAMHS. This year we continued to support Routes, a Frome-based drop-in advice and guidance centre, delivered by Mind in Somerset, and awarded our first grant to Wellington Community Counselling, while also supporting a number of peer support groups for adults with mental health problems.

*Based on a survey of 1,000 sixth form and Further Education college students, commissioned by the Somerset Public Health team.

Angela Kerr talks about how Citizens Advice South Somerset created a new initiative with grant funding



“At Citizens Advice South Somerset, we help people manage changes in their personal circumstances. Each year we support over 5,000 people, but realised that we were struggling to reach people suffering from more serious mental health problems.

Our grant from Somerset Community Foundation helped us to create a new initiative – the Assist Pathway – to tackle the root causes of disadvantage among this group of clients. Mental ill health was preventing these clients from accessing sustained support from advice services. This meant that unresolved problems often escalated, worsening their mental health issues and creating barriers to their recovery.

We identified that consistent, regular support from one person would be the most effective way to support these clients, and the Assist Pathway does just that. A coach helps clients by creating an individually tailored

recovery plan, offering advice and signposting support, then reviewing progress with each client and evaluating the impact of the service.

When clients come to the Assist Programme they often under-state or overlook their money advice and housing advice needs, but as trust grows with the coach and we help clients to better understand their situation, we're able to provide a wealth of advice on everything from money to housing and welfare. We found that most of the people we helped who lived on very low incomes were quite isolated and had lost confidence. But with the support of their coach they were able to tackle the issues they faced, allowing them to have greater control over their lives and to see improvements in their health and wellbeing.”

Angela Kerr, Director,
Citizens Advice South Somerset



Transforming lives

£83,951

Value of
grants awarded

45

Number of
grants awarded

The poorest children and young people in Somerset perform significantly less well than their wealthier peers at school. This starts with children as young as three years old and continues into adulthood.

Disadvantaged young people are 25% less likely to achieve five GCSEs than more affluent students and are three times more likely to be on out-of-work benefits by the time they are 27 years old.

We support projects that help to re-write young people's futures by improving social mobility and raising their aspirations. We know that small community groups can provide the inspiration and supportive environment needed to set a young person on a different path. This might be a sports club, or a mentoring scheme, or a social action project to help others. Many of these initiatives are run by adult volunteers who act as role models and mentors, offering cost-effective interventions that have been shown to have a positive impact on young people's lives.

The role of community groups in this area also extends to improving the skills of adults, including those who have been long-term unemployed and those who have recently arrived as refugees.

Hamdon Youth Group in South Somerset runs two club nights a week



Kerry Panteli tells us how funding helped Berrow Junior Football Club support women and girls



“Our Club has members from age four to 16 from across the local area. We’ve been growing in recent years and now have over 40 children and young people participating in sport with us. For many it’s the start of a sporting journey they continue for life.

With funding from Somerset Community Foundation, we created a female-led coaching academy for women and girls in our area. Female coaches are under-represented in sport and very few gain coaching qualifications, so we felt it was important that our Club addressed this issue at a local level.

Our grant allowed us to employ a qualified female coach who was able to support some of our members to take FA coaching qualifications. They’re now providing coaching for the eight teams in our Club and taking more of a lead in how the Club is run. At the same time, we’ve been setting up more girls teams for different age groups. Our aim is to create strong teams of sportswomen and female leaders who will not only act as role models in our community but will also be able to use their experiences in other areas of their lives in the future.”

Kerry Panteli, Chair,
Berrow Junior Football Club



Creating strong, vibrant communities

£120,267

Value of
grants awarded

56

Number of
grants awarded

Strong communities play an important role in reducing the impacts of crime and anti-social behaviour. At no time has this been truer in Somerset than with the recent rise in 'county lines' gangs in our towns and villages.

Communities are resilient to crime when people have access to community spaces and activities that bring them together. Luckily, many of our communities are inclusive places and, as a result, people are less at risk of becoming marginalised. This means criminals have fewer opportunities to exploit vulnerable people. But some communities are struggling, and it is those places the county lines gangs are targeting.

County lines is where drug gangs from larger cities expand their operations to smaller towns, drive out local dealers and exploit young and vulnerable people to sell drugs. Avon & Somerset Police recently reported that 34 such gangs were embedded in our county, including in Bridgwater, Taunton, Yeovil, Wells and Shepton Mallet.

We fund projects that help to make the pull of community stronger than the pull of the gangs. This may be through support for youth clubs, uniformed groups like the Scouts, or targeted projects designed to support those at risk of crime, and to help keep them safe.



Street Pastors keep
people safe in our towns



Adam Fouracre on setting up Stand Against Violence and how grant funding made a difference



“I set up Stand Against Violence following the murder of my brother Lloyd in an effort to prevent others losing their lives to violence. We carry the memory and image of Lloyd through our work.

I focus my efforts on educating young people, not because they are the problem but because they are the future of our society. They are the ones with the power to influence the future of our society. They will be heading into jobs, raising children of their own and choosing their directions in life. I hope that through sharing Lloyd's story they will make the right choices, stay clear of potentially violent situations and affect the future in a positive way, ultimately reducing violence

Our charity has grown quickly, so we applied for funding from Somerset Community Foundation to strengthen our foundations, ensuring the quality and consistency of our message remained strong. Our aim is to reduce and prevent street violence by working directly with young people aged 9 to 25. We want to promote good citizenship, demonstrate the consequences of violence and equip young people with the skills they need to handle potentially violent situations. As a result of our grant we've been able to offer training to all our instructors, increasing their confidence and building a greater team culture.”

Adam Fouracre, Chief Executive,
Stand Against Violence



Stand Against Violence
helps young people steer
away from violence

Enriching lives through arts and the environment

£21,473

Value of
grants awarded

22

Number of
grants awarded

Engaging with the arts can help people to overcome challenges and improve their wellbeing, influencing everything from maternal nutrition to tackling chronic stress.

The concept of 'arts on prescription' is becoming well established and has been shown to reduce anxiety, depression and stress, helping people to better manage long-term conditions. A growing number of community groups in Somerset now use the arts to create a therapeutic space for local people. Some are run by paid staff, while others are peer-led groups run by their own members.

A similar trend can also be found in the use of outdoor green spaces to improve health, boost connections with others and encourage people to get active and outdoors. Because of this we convened Grow for Good, a workshop for community horticultural projects across the county to meet, share ideas, and explore ways to work with more commercial growers. The workshop helped us to understand the sector's strengths and weaknesses, while also setting the foundations for future development and growth.



Grow for Good brought people together who use growing and gardening to support positive change in their communities

Lucy Smith talks about how the **Rubbish Art Project** improved health and wellbeing



“We wanted to see community art throughout the streets of Shepton Mallet, and in 2018 we took over an old HSBC bank in town and created the Art Bank as our base. The Art Bank is an architecturally inspiring space that exhibits thought-provoking work around waste. It also provides workshop space for different community groups, a studio space for artists and a not-for-profit vegetarian café. It's become a place where people can talk, share ideas and feel inspired by their surroundings.

At the Art Bank we believe that creativity is the key to the health and wellbeing of a strong community, so some of our projects are specifically for people with learning disabilities or mental health problems.

Our grant from Somerset Community Foundation helped fund our Rubbish Workshop Project, which is an initiative providing creative and collaborative activities for people with mental ill health. Twice weekly workshops, led by local artists, were held over a period of ten weeks, focusing on delivering a message of environmental awareness and positivity by repurposing unwanted waste materials into works of art. We created a calm, creative and inspiring environment to welcome, host and support people with mental health problems. This helped them to overcome isolation and improved their wellbeing.”

Lucy Smith, Director,
Rubbish Art Project



The Art Bank is a space for
community workshops and
a not-for-profit café



Social Investment

The Somerset Social Enterprise Fund provides blended social investments, combining loans and grants to organisations that are seeking to grow their social impact and/or increase their sustainability and independence.

An increasing number of VCSE (voluntary, charity and social enterprise) organisations are exploring ways to generate their own income while sustaining or increasing their impact on people's lives. To support this, and in partnership with Somerset County Council, we established the Somerset Social Enterprise Fund (SSEF) in 2016.

Four new social investments worth £132,340 were awarded during the year, supporting local VCSE organisations across Somerset, bringing the total funding awarded to date to £334,200.

In addition to the social investments awarded in 2018/19, three further investments worth over £250,000 were agreed in principle subject to satisfying pre-conditions.

SSEF is funded by Somerset County Council and the Growth Fund, which is managed by Access – the Foundation

for Social Investment with finance provided by the The National Lottery Community Fund and Big Society Capital. The Fund supports work that will make a social impact within local communities while also generating a financial return.

We are also a partner to the Enhance Social Enterprise programme, funded by the European Regional Development Fund, meaning we can provide over 60 hours of professional support to VCSE groups on improving their financial sustainability.

Heart of the South West
Enhance Social Enterprise



European Union
European Regional
Development Fund

The Heart of the South West Enhance Social Enterprise Programme is receiving funding from the England European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) as part of the European Structural and Investment Funds Growth Programme 2014-2020.



Delivered by



“We are delighted that Somerset Community Foundation is supporting the work of Root Connections by offering blended finance in the form of both a grant and loan. This will enable the Root Connections market garden to establish itself. Income generated from the project, including the sale of veg boxes, jams and chutneys, will go towards our work at Dairy House to end rough sleeping and also provide vulnerable adults with the opportunity to participate in the market garden. We want to thank the Foundation for all the work they do in the community partnering with organisations like ours.”



Suzanne Addicott, Manager,
Root Connections CIC

Social investments awarded in 2018/19:

Organisation	Purpose	Value of the investment
Frome Memorial Theatre	Upgrading the lighting system to sustain the future of the volunteer-run theatre	£57,000
Root Connections CIC, Mendip	Expanding their veg box scheme to support work with homeless and vulnerable clients	£30,000*
SSVCA, Yeovil	Investing in new vehicles to sustain their community transport provision	£15,000
Creative Innovation Centre CIC, Taunton	Growing the delivery of arts and cultural events to rural communities	£30,340*

* first instalments of phased investments



Veg boxes are sold from the produce grown at the market garden at Dairy House to support other work with the homeless

Leadership

Our leadership role in Somerset is growing, helping us to expand our impact beyond the core business of funding local VCSE (voluntary, charity and social enterprise) organisations. This role is focused around connecting and convening people and organisations, and in sharing knowledge and insights. We often work closely with other partners to achieve these goals. Here are our two key initiatives:

VCSE Strategic Forum

With growing demands on social and health care systems alongside pressures on funding, it is becoming increasingly important for the local VCSE and public sectors to work more closely together.

This programme, which is managed by us in partnership with Somerset County Council, Somerset Clinical Commissioning Group and Somerset's infrastructure charities, is designed to build understanding, collaboration and trust between organisations with shared goals. Ultimately, we want to help them make more impact, together: we do this by delivering regular 'forum' meetings which cover either a broad spectrum of topics or focus on specific issues and opportunities, an annual VCSE Leadership Conference, and through the production of a State of the Sector report.

Hidden Somerset

One of the great privileges of running an extensive grants programme is the insights we receive into important issues from those working in the very heart of our communities.

That is why we are producing a new series of reports called Hidden Somerset, which shine a spotlight on key issues affecting our communities where charities, community groups and generous donors can have a significant impact. Drawing on the experience of the organisations we fund, combined with national and local data, we aim to both highlight the hidden need in our communities and start to shape potential solutions for the future.

We are very grateful to The Fairfield Charitable Trust for supporting us in this work. Work on the first report, focusing on rural isolation, started in early 2019 and three further reports will follow this year.



The panel event which launched the first Hidden Somerset report



HPC Community Fund

In November 2017, the Hinkley Point C (HPC) Community Fund opened for applications for the first time. Since then, over £2 million has been awarded to a wide range of projects and initiatives that, together, help mitigate the impacts and increase the opportunities arising from the construction of the new power station here in Somerset. The programme is funded by EDF Energy as part of the overall Section 106 agreement for Hinkley Point C.

During this year, the Fund has supported a number of diverse organisations, supporting many of the communities most affected by the construction. Through them we have successfully funded initiatives that improve economic, social and environmental well-being and enhance overall quality of life.

For further detail and more case studies, visit: www.hpcfunds.co.uk or contact us to request a copy of the HPC Community Fund Annual Report 2018/19.

HPC Community Fund Grants Programmes

£1,586,931 awarded
in grants across all
HPC Community Fund
programmes*

55 grants awarded
across all HPC
Community Fund
programmes

An additional
£571,303 was secured
in match funding for
projects supported by
the HPC Community
Fund

* April 2018 – March 2019



somerset
COMMUNITY FOUNDATION



Combwich Motor Boat and Sailing
Club have recently purchased a
Cornish racing gig



Strategic Grants

The Strategic Grants Programme targets specific impacts felt within Somerset communities, identified through consultation with communities and their representatives.

Community Cohesion was the first theme to be identified. This broad 'umbrella' term can be used to describe many aspects of community development and because of this, three focus areas were identified within the overarching theme. The first was strengthening Somerset communities, the second was supporting services (particularly for those community members in housing need) and the third was strengthening BAME communities. Seven grants were awarded under this theme.

The second theme identified was Out of Hours Social Activities. This focus was identified to strengthen VCSE (voluntary, community and social enterprise) and public support in areas to where workers and their families are moving and therefore social and leisure activities are increasing. Four grants were awarded under this theme.

Small Grants

This programme offers grants of up to £5,000 for charities, voluntary groups and social enterprises with an annual income of less than £100,000. The Fund will also consider applications for up to £10,000, awarded over a three-year period, if the projects can demonstrate that they are addressing 'exceptional circumstances'.

By the end of the financial year, 36 groups had received funding through the Small Grants programme, totalling £147,815 in grants. Projects have included supporting young people, improving employment opportunities, enhancing the local environment and developing local amenities.

Open Grants

The Open Grants programme is available for any Somerset VCSE organisation to apply for funding in response to the impacts or opportunities being felt in their communities as a result of the Hinkley Point C development.

The Open Grants programme was launched in autumn 2018 following the closure of the HPC Community Impact Mitigation Fund, administered by West Somerset District Council. Two grant awards were made in January 2019.


Otterhampton Ring Fenced Fund

The parish of Otterhampton was allocated funding of £500,000 within the Hinkley Point C site planning agreement.

A team comprising members of the Parish Council and community representatives identify projects and schemes put forward by the community to mitigate impacts being felt within the parish. This year, four grants have been awarded.

Community Development Grants

Two grants of £5,000 were awarded to community and voluntary sector organisations: Engage Voluntary Sector Development, who work in Somerset West and Taunton, and Spark Somerset who work in Sedgemoor, Mendip and South Somerset. The organisations will work with those communities most impacted by Hinkley Point C to help groups to develop their infrastructure, project ideas and build on existing social capital.



“The funding from the HPC Community Fund has provided us with the opportunity to work with community members, creating family groups which can be effective now, and sustainable in the future.”

Paul Matcham, Manager,
CLOWNS



“The HPC Community Fund grant has enabled us to offer both practical and emotional support to more women and their families from our new women's centre in Bridgwater. It also supports our Community Education Programme, increasing the safety of women and their children, offering community inclusion and life opportunities to help marginalised families achieve their full potential.”

John Trolan, CEO,
The Nelson Trust

HPC Community Fund

Grants awarded to organisations

Small Grants Programme	Project summary	Award	Project length
Air Cadets 290 Squadron Detachment Burnham and Highbridge	Adventure training control facility	£4,158	1 Year
Bridgwater Carnival Gangs & Features Association	Skills development to help secure the future of the carnival	£4,200	1 Year
Bridgwater Photographic Society	AV equipment for Sydenham Community Centre	£5,000	1 Year
C.L.O.W.N.S (Creating Learning Opportunities in WesterN Somerset)	A series of weekly parent and child sessions delivered across West Somerset and Sedgemoor	£5,000	1 Year
CPRE Somerset (Campaign to Protect Rural England)	Restoring historic fingerposts within a 10-mile radius of Hinkley Point C	£5,000	1 Year
Crowcombe Parish Council	Footpath construction to avoid a local dangerous road	£4,800	1 Year
Cruse Bereavement Care	Setting up a telephone counselling service to overcome traffic impacts on Cruse volunteers	£4,000	1 Year
Dunster Memorial Hall	Development of a museum to improve the visitor experience	£5,000	1 Year
Fiddington Parish Council	Installation of two local defibrillators	£5,000	1 Year
Friends of Berrow Beach	Equipment purchased for beach clean-up	£2,650	1 Year
Friends of Minehead First School	Development of an outdoor school play area	£1,648	1 Year
Holford Cricket Club	A contribution towards cricket equipment and storage for Holford Cricket Club	£5,000	1 Year
In Charley's Memory	Outreach work for mental health support work in and around the Bridgwater area for young people up to 24 years old	£1,500	3 Years
Inland Waterways Association West Country Branch	Volunteer environmental project maintaining the waterways around Bridgwater and Taunton	£2,000	1 Year
Live Naturally	Set up of a trampoline club and increasing access to healthy eating courses	£2,498	1 Year
Lydeard St Lawrence Primary School PTFA	Increasing capacity for breakfast and after-school clubs	£2,500	1 Year
Marina Sydenham Juvenile Carnival Club	Development of the cart-building shed to improve working environment and encourage new members	£5,000	1 Year
Minehead Cycling Club	Establishing the Minehead Grand Prix as an annual cycling event	£10,000	3 Years
Minehead Museum	Enhancing facilities	£4,426	1 Year
Nourish Bumps, Babies and Breastfeeding	Running a breast-feeding and parental support group in Cannington	£9,056	3 Years
Over Stowey Village Hall And Recreation Ground	The installation of new kitchen equipment at Over Stowey Village Hall	£2,004	1 Year
Phoenix (Bridgwater) Scout Group	Outdoor equipment to help expand the activities available in a new group	£4,500	1 Year
Quantock Players	Modern lighting equipment	£1,589	1 Year
Samaritans of Taunton and Somerset	Focused outreach supporting vulnerable people in Taunton, West Somerset and Bridgwater	£10,000	3 Years
Sir William Godolphin's Regiment of Foote	Developing interest in local heritage, support for local history curriculum in schools and a re-enactment of the Battle of Sedgemoor to take place in Bridgwater in 2020	£5,000	1 Year
SPARC SPORT CIC	Support community cohesion in impacted communities around Bridgwater through sport and a focus on youth services	£2,850	1 Year
Spaxton Village Hall	Installation of a new outdoor community gym in Spaxton	£1,907	1 Year
Stockland Bristol Parish Meeting	Installation of a village defibrillator	£3,539	1 Year
Stockland Sports Club	Refurbishment of community facilities	£5,000	1 Year
The Hub at Bridgwater	The purchase of audio-visual equipment	£2,836	1 Year
The Monkton Players	Lighting equipment for West Monkton Village Hall	£4,000	1 Year
The Quantock Foodbank	A contribution towards a new foodbank in Watchet and Williton	£2,563	1 Year
Walton Parish Council	High Street environmental improvement works	£3,190	1 Year
Wembdon Art Group	Display boards for a community art exhibition involving a local school	£400	1 Year
Wembdon Cricket Club	Support towards ground maintenance equipment for Wembdon Cricket Club, Bridgwater	£5,000	1 Year
Wilstockhub	Supporting a feasibility study for Wilstockhub	£5,000	1 Year

Strategic Grants Programme	Project summary	Award	Project length
Community Council for Somerset	Providing support, events and training to existing and incoming workers and their families	£38,173	3 Years
Diversity Voice	Providing legal and welfare advice, English language support, and events and training for incoming workers and their families	£65,000	3 Years
Home-Start West Somerset	Volunteer-led project supporting vulnerable families in Stogursey, Williton and Watchet, and activities and events for the wider community	£142,000	3 Years
Sedgemoor District Council	Eight CCTV cameras in Bridgwater, near Sedgemoor Campus, to improve community safety	£88,540	1 Year
St George's Parish Centre, Wembdon	Community outreach, events and support organised by a new Centre Worker for the benefit of a growing community	£35,000	3 Years
Taunton Street Pastors	Supporting Bridgwater Street Pastors to grow and provide support to vulnerable people	£30,000	3 Years
The Nelson Trust	An education programme in partnership with SARSAS and LiveWest and targeted interventions supporting vulnerable women and girls	£368,092	3 Years
West Somerset Advice	Housing support services and additional training for volunteers to provide extra support to growing communities	£108,923	3 Years
West Somerset Railway Association (WSRA)	Funding a Community Engagement Manager to develop outreach work and create a volunteer programme to use the railway for community development	£24,713	2 Years
Westfield United Reformed Church	Providing community worker support and updating facilities for community and outreach work in Bridgwater	£226,400	3 Years
Youth UnLimited CIC	A street-based project working with vulnerable young people	£149,930	3 Years

Otterhampton Ring Fenced Fund	Project summary	Award	Project length
Combwich Motor Boat & Sailing Club	A Cornish racing gig and equipment to support ongoing development of new sporting opportunities in the parish	£22,200	–
Otterhampton Parish Council	Installation of local noticeboards	£3,077	–
Otterhampton Parish Council	Road safety project involving the expansion of a local layby	£5,000	–
Otterhampton Village Hall	Planning phase costs of a village hall refurbishment project	£15,032	–

Open Grants Programme	Project summary	Award	Project length
Stand Against Violence	Workshops for schools and businesses to equip communities with the skills to manage potential situations of conflict	£8,000	1 Year
Ups and Downs Southwest	Support for families and schools looking after Down Syndrome children. Helping parents and professionals to reduce stress and anxiety for children and young people with complex and multiple needs	£99,037	2 Years

Community Development	Project summary	Award	Project length
Engage Voluntary Sector Development	Providing enhanced support to local voluntary and community sector groups	£5,000	1 Year
Spark Somerset	Providing enhanced support to local voluntary and community sector groups	£5,000	1 Year

Surviving Winter



£187

the average
Surviving Winter grant
to individuals

555

Number of
grants awarded

One in eight households in Somerset live in fuel poverty, often worsened by living in older or hard-to-heat homes. We know that many older people in our county find themselves facing a difficult choice between eating and heating – a choice we believe no one should have to make.

Our Surviving Winter campaign encourages people who don't need their Winter Fuel Payment to donate some or all of it to help others in need. Our Surviving Winter delivery partners visit low-income households and provide grants to help them out of fuel poverty, alongside connecting them to other support services locally to reduce isolation and improve wellbeing.

Our 2018/19 campaign was our most successful to date, raising over £100,000 to help local older people stay warm, healthy and better connected throughout the winter months.

The Big Give Christmas Challenge

During the 2018/19 campaign we took part in The Big Give Christmas Challenge for the first time, which matches all donations made during a specific week pound-for-pound to help us make an even bigger impact. This fantastic initiative boosted our final total by an incredible £11,000.

Since Surviving Winter first launched in 2009, the appeal has raised more than £700,000 and supported thousands of vulnerable older people in Somerset. One man's simple idea to donate the equivalent of his Winter Fuel Payment to help others in greater need has since grown to become a successful, nationwide campaign rolled out by many other Community Foundations.

The difference you made

Last winter, Barbara Moore, who is in her seventies, received a Surviving Winter grant for £150 from one of Somerset Community Foundation's Surviving Winter delivery partners, LiveWest. It couldn't have come at a better time.

Barbara explained: "My husband Eric was in hospital at the time, having undergone back surgery. The cash boost helped keep us warm for the rest of the winter. I couldn't wait for him to come back to our lovely warm bungalow."

Barbara went on to say: "We were so grateful for the grant and to LiveWest for guiding us through the application process. It encouraged us to put the heating on more to keep ourselves warm. Previously, we would not have the heating on so high or as often and we would sometimes feel cold.

"But last winter we felt warm and comfortable in our own home and it was thanks to this Surviving Winter money."

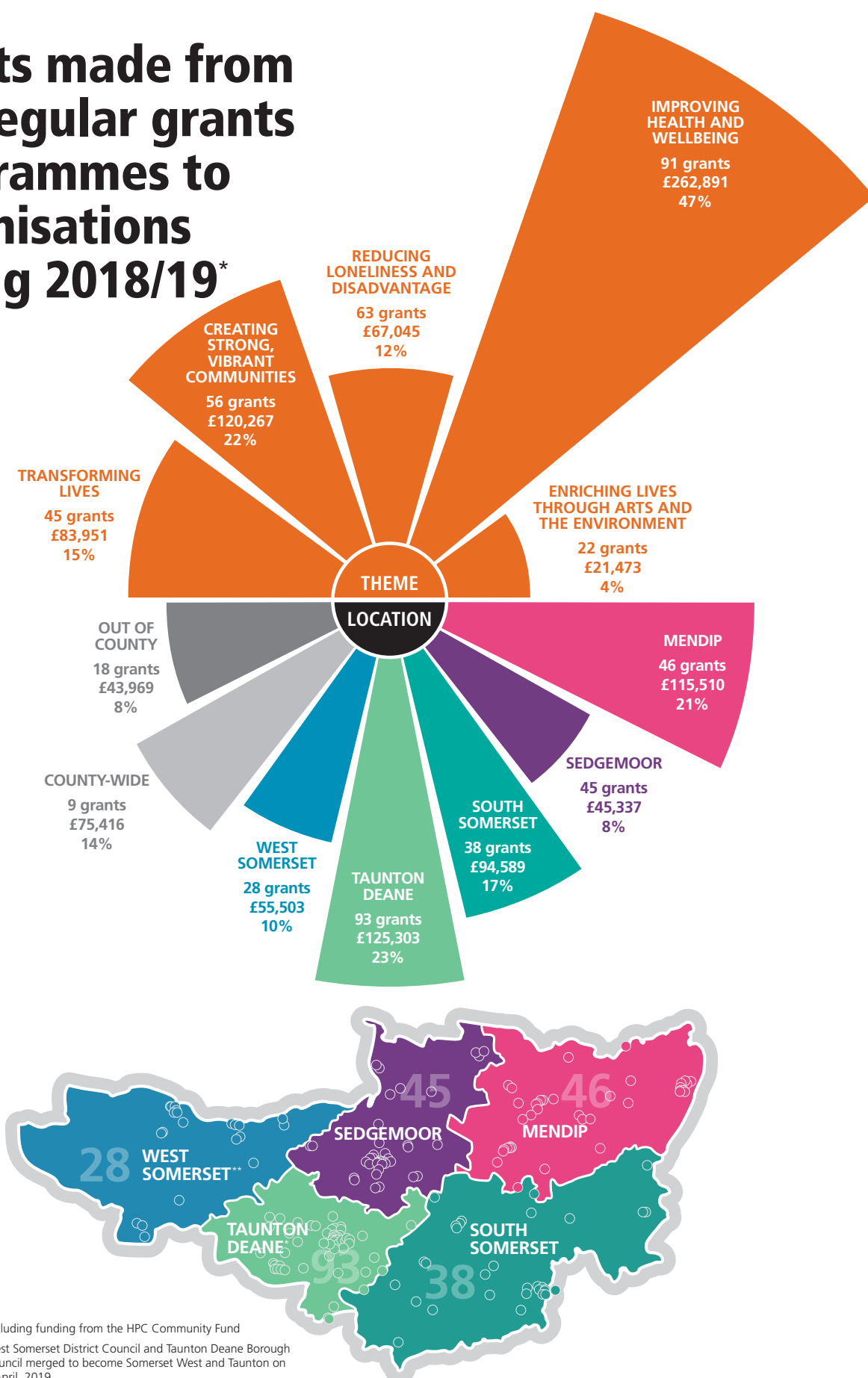


The Rt Rev'd Peter Hancock, Bishop of Bath and Wells
and SCF Vice-President says:

“Please think carefully about whether you need your Government Winter Fuel Payment this year. During the cold winter months many older people in Somerset are faced with a tough choice: fuel or food. A Surviving Winter grant could prevent them having to decide between heating their home or being able to afford a decent meal. So please consider donating to the Surviving Winter appeal if you can. Thank you so much.”



Grants made from our regular grants programmes to organisations during 2018/19*



* Excluding funding from the HPC Community Fund

** West Somerset District Council and Taunton Deane Borough Council merged to become Somerset West and Taunton on 1 April, 2019.

Grants made to organisations during 2018/19

Mendip	Award	Project description
Active and In Touch (2 x grants)	£3,164	Combating isolation and loneliness among older people
Alphabet Pre-School	£1,955	Relocation of an early years centre
Aster Communities	£2,500	Small grants to help older people stay warm in winter (Surviving Winter)
Avalon Community Energy Ltd	£602	Solar rooftop preparation work at the Elim Connect Centre
Back on Track	£5,000	Equine therapy for children with special needs
Chewton Mendip V A Primary School	£548	Horticultural equipment for a school gardening club
Christmas Day at St Mary's	£200	Community Christmas meal
Citizens Advice Mendip	£4,489	Financial literacy programme across seven schools
Citizens Advice Mendip	£1,500	Small grants to help older people stay warm in winter (Surviving Winter)
Climate Alliance CIC	£5,000	Awareness raising project on the impacts of climate change
Coleford Revival Group	£200	Community Christmas meal
Crispin Hall Trust	£100	Community Christmas meal
Crispin Hall Trust	£1,411	Community meals for older people
Darshill and Bowlish Conservation Society	£500	Local history and biodiversity project
Elim Connect Centre	£3,500	Outreach services for local homeless people
Elim Connect Centre	£3,337	Youth volunteering project
Evercreech Friendship Club	£200	Community Christmas meal
Heads Up	£6,000	Formation of mental health peer groups
Mendip Community Credit Union	£750	Small grants to help older people stay warm in winter (Surviving Winter)
Mendip YMCA	£5,000	Drop-in centre for young people
Openstorytellers Ltd	£1,450	Environmental awareness sessions for adults with learning disabilities and autism
Peers for Creative Outlets	£700	Peer support group for people with mental health issues
Purple Elephant Productions CIC	£3,439	Community cohesion activities
Purple Elephant Productions CIC	£1,000	Toy library for families
Purple Elephant Productions CIC	£4,390	Youth volunteering project
Rotary Club of Frome Selwood	£3,850	Small grants to help older people stay warm in winter (Surviving Winter)
Shepton Area Men's Shed	£5,000	Reducing isolation among older men
South Somerset MIND	£5,000	Mental health drop-in for young people
SPARKS Out of School Club	£4,000	Building extension to increase the capacity of childcare provision
St Benedicts PCC	£300	Community Christmas meal
St John the Baptist Church, Glastonbury	£500	Festival of Death and Dying
Stoke St Michael War Memorial Hall	£1,800	New audio visual equipment for a rural village hall
Stoke St Michael War Memorial Hall	£1,768	Transformation of a community outdoor space
Strawberry Line East	£732	Equipment to help volunteers maintain a wildflower meadow
SWEDA	£200	Community Christmas event
SWEDA (2 x grants)	£9,000	Supporting people with eating disorders
The Atmospherics Trust	£1,500	Sensory activities for adults with learning disabilities and their families
The Rubbish Art Project	£2,500	Therapeutic art group
The Rubbish Art Project	£4,113	Youth social action focusing on waste materials
We Hear You	£8,000	Activity groups for women affected by cancer
We Hear You	£3,000	Pilot nature-based therapy project for people with cancer
We Hear You	£313	Staff training and development
Westbury Village Hall	£2,000	Kitchen upgrade for a rural village hall
Wookey Church Hall	£5,000	Kitchen refurbishment

Sedgemoor	Award	Project description
Arthritis Care (Bridgwater)	£500	Support for local residents with arthritis
Avalon Camps	£2,500	Camp equipment to support youth volunteering
Bawdrip Parochial Parish Council	£1,000	Preparation work for a village hall renovation
Berrow Junior Football Club	£4,500	Establishing a female football coaching academy
Bridgwater Senior Citizens' Forum	£750	Activities for isolated older people
Bridgwater & Taunton College	£250	Student flower festival
Bridgwater & Taunton Deaf Club	£4,510	Club for people with hearing loss
Bridgwater Foodbank	£5,000	Purchase of new premises
Bridgwater Half Marathon	£350	Local community event
Bridgwater Operatic Society	£250	Local cultural events
Bridgwater Pantomime Society	£250	Local arts programme
Bridgwater Parent Support Group	£300	Community Christmas meal
Canoeing for a Cure	£200	Local event in aid of Brain Tumour Research
Cheddar Community Partnership CIC	£800	Interpretation board on the Island Beds site on the River Yeo
Cheddar First School FPTA	£2,000	Development of an outdoor education site
Eastover Park Bowls Club	£500	Replacement alarm system
Goathurst Village Hall	£500	Community building improvement work
Inland Waterways Association (West Country Branch)	£360	First aid training for local conservation volunteers
Kingsmoor Friends	£400	School greenhouse
Leaving Care (Sedgemoor)	£200	Christmas meal for care leavers
Lower Lakes CIO	£1,750	Inter-generational social action project
Lower Lakes CIO	£250	Start up costs of a new youth club
Marion Evered Trust	£250	Support to paediatrics ward at Musgrove Park Hospital
Mendip Mountain Bikers	£1,000	Creation of mountain biking trails in Rowberrow Forest

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Middlezoy Rovers FC	£500	New kit and equipment
Nether Stowey Football Club	£400	Kit and equipment for under-8 team
North Petherton PCC	£250	Public address system for local events
Othery Youth Club	£1,000	Youth club provision
Pawlett Primary School PTFA	£100	Support for extracurricular activities
Shane Kaye Golf Academy (2 x grants)	£1,210	Golf coaching sessions for disadvantaged young people
Somerset Film and Video Ltd	£3,000	Pilot therapeutic art project in Bridgwater
Somerset Rural Youth Project	£420	Replacement equipment
St Francis Youth Club	£1,500	Family activities
St Mary's CEVC Primary School PFA	£100	Support for extracurricular activities
Sydenham Netball Club	£400	Support for junior and adult teams
Ups and Downs Southwest	£1,000	Support for families of children with Down Syndrome
Ups and Downs Southwest	£1,337	Outreach events for families of children with Down Syndrome
Ups and Downs Southwest	£1,550	Communication course for parents and carers of children with Down Syndrome
Wembdon Community Association	£200	Community Christmas meal
Wembdon Community Association	£100	Wembdon Village Day
Wembdon Sunshiners Pre-School	£1,000	Outdoor play equipment
Wembdon VC School PTA	£100	Support for extracurricular activities
Westfield United Reformed Church	£300	Community Christmas meal

South Somerset	Award	Project description
All Saints Church, Isle Brewers	£2,000	New community building
All Saints Church, Isle Brewers	£1,500	Installation of kitchen water supply in a community building
Ash Millennium Wood Management Group	£500	Community event to connect families with their local woods
Ashill Seniors Lunch Club	£200	Community Christmas meal
Brewham Village Hall Management Committee	£2,000	Preparation work for a village hall renovation
Care and Share Time	£200	Community Christmas meal
Chard WATCH CIC	£200	Community Christmas meal
Chard WATCH CIC	£6,000	Formation of mental health peer groups
Citizens Advice South Somerset	£14,500	Small grants to help older people stay warm in winter (Surviving Winter)
Citizens Advice South Somerset	£4,597	Support for those with mental health and debt needs
Friends in Retirement	£250	Supporting isolated older people
Friends of Fairmead	£4,142	Interactive sculptures created by students with special educational needs
Hamdon Youth Group	£1,000	Rural youth club provision
Langport Church Community Trust	£200	Community Christmas meal
Langport Dementia Action Alliance	£500	Activities for people with dementia and their carers
Living Paintings	£1,000	Book clubs to reduce isolation for people who are blind or partially sighted
Making the Most of Martock Community Partnership	£200	Community Christmas meal
Radio Ninesprings	£2,500	Media training for young volunteers
Radio Ninesprings	£1,500	Youth volunteering project raising awareness of crime
RAISE South West CIC	£4,850	Skills development for BAME youth
Somerset Art Works	£750	Art project to engage young people
Somerset Parent Carer Forum CIC	£4,000	Training programme for parents of children with special needs and disabilities
South Barrow Recreation Trust	£5,000	Playground equipment for a rural community
South Somerset MIND	£2,500	Gardening project for people with mental health issues
Spark	£4,000	Stakeholder event to explore the challenges of sustainable communities
Spark	£4,500	Training programme for grassroots charities
Speak Up Somerset	£1,000	Therapeutic art group
St Mary's Church, Ilminster	£200	Community Christmas meal
St Peter's Church, Yeovil	£5,000	New community building
Stand Against Violence	£1,000	Violence prevention workshops for schools
The Community Youth Project	£2,500	Youth club provision
The Hub	£2,500	Relocation of a learning disability day centre
The Speke Hall, Dowlish Wake	£2,500	Refurbishment of a village hall
Wassail Theatre Company	£4,300	Live theatre raising mental health awareness for young people
Wincanton Live at Home	£2,500	Friendship group for isolated older people
Wincanton Live at Home	£1,800	Small grants to help older people stay warm in winter (Surviving Winter)
Wincanton Over 70s Christmas Lunch	£200	Community Christmas meal
Yarlington Housing Group	£2,500	Small grants to help older people stay warm in winter (Surviving Winter)

Taunton Deane	Award	Project description
ABF The Soldiers' Charity	£250	Local community event
Active Living Friendship Group	£2,536	Reducing isolation among older people
Army Cadet Force Trust	£500	Volunteer development event
Bishops Hull Hub Limited	£5,000	Preparation work for a new community building
Blackbrook Friendship Club	£550	Activities for isolated older people
Blackbrook Friendship Club	£200	Community Christmas meal
Blackdown District Scouts, Tangier Scout & Guide Centre	£1,410	Expedition equipment
CHARIS (3 x grants)	£6,000	Supporting refugee families
Christmas Sparkle	£1,000	Christmas gifts for children from low income families
Churchinford & District Community Shop	£764	Improvements to lighting system for a community shop
Churchinford & District Village Hall	£320	Gardening equipment to help maintain the outside of the village hall

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Churchinford & District Village Hall (2 x grants)	£1,600	Village hall refurbishment
Churchstanton Public Open Space Management Group	£3,000	Accessibility improvements to a community space
Corfe Village Hall	£2,125	Upgrade of village hall facilities
Court Fields Community Pre-school	£2,000	Relocation of an early years centre
Escape Support Group	£200	Community Christmas meal
Escape Support Group (2 x grants)	£4,000	Support for families with children who have special educational needs
Escape Support Group	£250	Day trip for families with children who have disabilities or additional needs
Fitzhead Parish Council	£740	Public access defibrillator
Go Commando	£2,000	Capacity building for staff at a new nursery
Go Commando	£2,000	Outdoor adventure playground
GoCreate Taunton CIC	£1,000	Community arts festival
GoCreate Taunton CIC	£1,000	Creative professionals network
Halse Parish Council	£1,000	Public access defibrillator
Holy Cross Church, Hillfarrance	£2,000	Accessibility improvements to a community space
Kingston St Mary Youth Group	£1,000	Rural youth club provision
Love Musgrove	£2,000	MRI Scanner Appeal
Mencap Taunton	£200	Support for adults with learning disabilities
MIND in Taunton & West Somerset	£3,327	Therapeutic art group
MS Society Taunton and District	£5,000	Supporting people affected by multiple sclerosis
Neroche Local History Group	£555	Fingerpost restoration project
North Taunton Partnership	£1,000	Annual community youth activity programme
North Taunton Partnership (2 x grants)	£1,500	Community Christmas events
North Taunton Partnership (2 x grants)	£1,310	Community centre for local residents
North Taunton Partnership	£700	Summer activities to build community cohesion
Nynehead Jubilee Playing Field Management Committee (2 x grants)	£1,161	Cycling and walking track for a rural community
Oake Mini Day Centre	£300	Activities for isolated older people
On Your Bike	£2,800	Accredited qualifications for project participants and staff
On Your Bike	£2,500	Van to support the introduction of a mental health project
Otterhead Estate Trust	£2,500	Hydroelectric scheme for a Forest School
Reminiscence Learning	£1,850	Inter-generational activities for older people with dementia
Samaritans of Taunton and Somerset	£1,000	Volunteer-led advice and support
Somerset Anne Frank Awards	£650	Exhibition for young people to raise awareness of religious and racial tolerance
St Mary Magdalene, Taunton	£500	Community coffee shop redevelopment
St. Peter's Church and Community Hall	£3,000	Parish nursing project
Stand Against Violence	£5,000	Violence prevention school programme
Stand Against Violence	£1,250	Educational video of a restorative justice meeting
Taunton Deane Male Voice Choir	£500	Recruitment of younger singers
Taunton East Development Trust	£600	Organisational sustainability work
Taunton East Development Trust	£1,950	New equipment for a volunteer-led local improvement scheme
Taunton Rowing Club	£2,000	Boat refurbishment
Taunton Sea Cadets & Royal Marines Cadets	£2,000	Refurbishment of a training kitchen
Taunton Stroke Club	£2,000	Therapy sessions for those who have suffered strokes
Taunton Team Chaplaincy	£500	Volunteer services to prevent suicide and its impact on those who are affected
Taunton Theatre Association	£1,000	Creative art project incorporating school visits, family days and workshops
The Blackdown Hills Golden Age Club	£200	Community Christmas meal
The Friendship Circle of Langford Budville and Runnington (2 x grants)	£1,000	Activities and trips for isolated older people
The Friendship Circle of Langford Budville and Runnington	£200	Community Christmas meal
The Friendship Circle of Langford Budville and Runnington	£500	Hall hire to deliver activities for isolated older people
The Parochial Church Council of Heathfield with Cotford St Luke	£5,000	New community building
The Willow Set Preschool	£500	Community play evening
Transition Town Wellington	£927	Start up costs of a repair cafe
Trull Parish Council	£1,000	New petanque area for a rural community
Victoria Park Action Group	£700	New notice boards and pavilion redecoration for a public space
Wellington Bowling Club	£400	Clubhouse renovation
Wellington Community Counselling CIC	£1,500	Subsidised counselling sessions for young people
Wellington Medical Centre Patient Participation Group	£600	Volunteer community transport scheme to improve access to health services
Wellington Mills CIC	£3,000	Preparation work for the regeneration of historic mill buildings for community use
Wellington Mills CIC	£800	Study visits to inform local regeneration plans
Wellington Squash and Racketball Club	£1,000	New court lighting
Wellsprings Chapel	£1,000	Expansion of a community building
West Buckland Friendship Club	£200	Community Christmas meal
West Buckland Friendship Club	£250	Community transport to allow isolated older people to attend activities
West Hatch Parish Council	£576	Public access defibrillator
West Hatch Scout Group	£2,000	Renovating a scout hall
West Monkton Scout Group	£2,000	Storage shed for cooking and camping equipment
West Somerset Brass Band	£100	Twinning visit to St Renan, Brittany
WHERE	£5,000	Community centre for local residents
WHERE	£600	Inter-generational activities for older people with dementia and local school children
Work-Wise	£1,000	Laptops to undertake job searches for those furthest removed from employment

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YMCA Taunton	£200	Community Christmas meal
YMCA Taunton	£1,500	Street-based, targeted youth work
YMCA Taunton	£1,452	Water saving measures

West Somerset	Award	Project description
Accessible Transport West Somerset	£2,500	Community transport scheme
Brushford Luncheon Club	£1,300	Lunch club for local older residents
CLOWNS	£4,900	Business development to meet the needs of young families
CLOWNS	£5,000	Support for families across West Somerset
Cruse Bereavement Care	£1,000	Volunteer bereavement support
Dulverton and Brushford Pastimes Club	£200	Community Christmas meal
Dulverton and Brushford Residents Social Club	£200	Community Christmas meal
Dulverton Youth Club (2 x grants)	£3,250	Youth club provision
Forum 21	£17,000	Small grants to help older people stay warm in winter (Surviving Winter)
Home-Start West Somerset	£300	Community Christmas meal
Kilve Cricket Club	£1,000	New practice nets
Kilve Village Hall	£300	Community arts programme
Kilve Village Hall	£275	Community Christmas meal
Life Education Wessex	£1,103	Wellbeing programme for children
Little Saints	£500	Set-up costs for pre-school playgroup
Minehead EYE CIC	£1,000	Aerial yoga sessions for the local community
Minehead EYE CIC	£1,000	Vulnerable parent and toddler group
Minehead Street Pastors	£500	Pastoral support for college students
PALS	£1,500	Training for volunteer swimming instructors
South West Fishing for Life	£1,500	Volunteer training to support people affected by breast cancer
Stogumber Cricket Club	£1,500	Disabled toilets and new changing rooms
The Orchard Social Club	£1,000	New cooker for an older people's social club
The Timberscome John Arlott Playground Association	£1,350	New children's play area
Watchet Bowling Club	£1,000	Green renovation and preparation for new facilities
West Somerset Advice	£965	Accredited debt advice sessions
West Somerset Advice	£5,000	Support for those with mental health and debt needs
Williton Good Neighbours	£360	Activities and trips for isolated older people

County-wide	Award	Project description
Age UK Somerset	£4,376	Exercise classes for older people
Age UK Somerset	£1,500	Small grants to help older people stay warm in winter (Surviving Winter)
Alzheimers Society	£2,834	Dementia-friendly communities coordination across Somerset
Community Council for Somerset	£45,500	Small grants to help older people stay warm in winter (Surviving Winter)
Key4Life	£1,700	Catering enterprise supporting young ex-offenders
PROMISEworks (2 x grants)	£17,506	Mentoring sessions for vulnerable young people in Somerset
TS5C	£2,000	Small grants to young aspiring athletes

Out of County	Award	Project description
Alzheimers Society	£250	Local community event
Alzheimers Society	£500	Local community event
Breast Cancer Now	£500	Charity football match
Creativity Works	£6,000	Formation of mental health peer groups
Dorothy House Hospice Care	£5,000	Pilot 'hospice at home' project offering respite, end of life and crisis care
Hope for Tomorrow	£3,000	Refit of a mobile cancer care unit
Huntington's Disease Association	£2,000	Support for people living with Huntington's Disease and their families
LiveWest Homes	£4,000	Small grants to help older people stay warm in winter (Surviving Winter)
Osprey Outdoors Community Interest Company	£1,000	Vocational training in environmental conservation for long-term unemployed
Penny Brohn Cancer Care	£500	Support for people affected by cancer
Quartet Community Foundation	£2,750	Opportunities for young people to help combat crime
Quartet Community Foundation	£1,650	Opportunities for young people to help combat crime
Rickford Community Association	£619	Community orchard development
The Footprints Project	£9,450	Volunteer mentoring scheme for female ex-offenders
The Rendezvous, Sherborne	£5,000	Mental health project for young people
Visually Impaired Bowls England	£500	Representing GB in an international tournament in Israel
Wadham College	£250	Higher education provision
Weston Hospicecare	£1,000	Community nursing service

Thank you!

Our grateful thanks go out to our fundholders, donors and ambassadors. The vital funding we deliver to small charities and organisations across Somerset simply would not be possible without your continued generous support.

We would also like to thank the members of our Somerset Philanthropy Network and supporters of The Somerset Fund, both of which were established in 2018.

We look forward to growing these two initiatives in the future, creating stronger, thriving communities by supporting some of Somerset's most effective grassroots groups and voluntary organisations.

We're hugely grateful for the dedication and support of our panel members, and of our volunteers, Jaci and Marion, all of whom generously give their time and expertise to the Foundation.

Finally, we would like to thank everyone who supported and worked with us in 2018/19; your support enabled us to invest in hundreds of small, local charities and individuals across our county and helped to make Somerset a more vibrant and inclusive place to live and work. With your continued help in the future we can look forward to an even more impactful year, supporting the incredible people doing some of the most important work happening every day in our communities.

Together, we change the lives of many thousands of people for the better, every year.



List of funds supporting our community investment in 2018/19

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Christopher and Heather Virgin Fund	Raising Aspirations
Christopher Tanner Memorial Trust	Ringham Fund
Churchstanton Community Fund	Royal London
Clarke Willmott Fund	Shoon Fund
Comic Relief	Sir John Wills Memorial Fund
Courage Family Fund	Solutions for an Aging Society
Coventry Building Society Community Fund	Somerset Crimebeat Trust
Creative Somerset	Somerset Disaster Recovery Fund
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HPC Community Fund	The Somerset Fund
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