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# Where did we come from?



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- The concept of Community Foundations started in America – Ohio 1914
- ‘Derbyshire Community Foundation’ as we used to be called, was set up in 1996 since then we have distributed c.£17million to over 8,700 Derbyshire groups
- There are 47 Community Foundations in the UK collectively we are the UK’s 4<sup>th</sup> largest Funder – having distributed over £1bill in grants

# What do we do?



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Aim to Improve the quality of community life  
in Derbyshire & tackle disadvantage

## How?

By providing grants to community &  
voluntary sector groups striving to make a  
difference in their area.

# Where does the money for grants come from?



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- We find people and businesses who care about Derbyshire and share our aims in improving Community life
- We pool their donations to create an endowment fund
- Grants are made from the interest generated on this Fund

# Why we are unique



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- **Creating a permanent fund**

No loss of funding for our County

- **Locally Based**

We are uniquely placed to understand the needs of Derbyshire Groups and use local people to help make decisions on applications

- **Independent**

Grants delivered by the Voluntary sector for the Voluntary sector  
No government agendas - our work is driven by Derbyshire Groups



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# Benefits to Groups

- One simple generic application form – online or hardcopy
- Choice and range of funds (around 70)
- We match you so you don't need to fret!
- Supportive, clear processes
- Understanding Derbyshire
- Honest, open feedback

# Reaching the parts other funders don't!



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There are an estimated 3,700 voluntary and community organisations operating across Derbyshire,

Nationally, c. 50% of organisations are micro in size (annual income under £10,000) but they receive only c. 1% of national voluntary sector income and it is therefore at this grassroots level, where the Foundation's grantmaking can and does make a real difference across Derbyshire



# What you say



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- 'The continual support of the staff over the years helped to bolster my morale'
- 'You make us feel that the work our organisation does is of real value'
- 'From my experience I have nothing but excellent things to say about the Foundation'
- 'It is a pleasure working with the staff at the Foundation. I never feel uncomfortable about asking for opinions or advice'
- 'Your strengths are being so open and available to give honest feedback'
- 'National Funding has become increasingly bureaucratic and difficult to access. Please continue with your 'easy to use' transparent process'





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## Most grants...

- 1) We are a small funder so most grants up to £2,500
- 2) Capital (equipment), running costs (core) & one off events / projects
- 3) Must be a constituted group with bank account, management committee
- 4) Have a year to spend if successful

# FD General Fund



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- Supports a broad range of small community and voluntary groups with a variety of different costs
- Maximum grant of £2,500
- Total project cost should not exceed £5,000

# Hall Family Fund



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- To support projects tackling rural issues, or working in rurally isolated areas.
- Maximum grant of £2,500 available
- Can be for capital, revenue or one off projects or events
- Donors visit up to 50% of awarded projects

# Freemasons of Derbyshire Fund



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- Established by the Freemasons of Derbyshire Provincial Grand Charity to support community life and tackle disadvantage across the County
- Main priority is to promote the advancement of health and well being and support the most vulnerable in our communities
- Maximum grant of £2,500 for capital projects
- Volunteer panel visit 25% of awarded projects

# The Walbrook Fund



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- To support community activity that directly helps those facing disadvantage
- Can be for capital, revenue or one off projects or events
- Grants up to £2,500 available

# Derbyshire Volunteer Fund



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- Grants cover all Derby City and Derbyshire
- Grants up to £2,500 available
- Grants supporting the recruitment, retention and training of volunteers.
- Volunteer expenses, courses, conferences, advertising, DBS checks, equipment to support their roles

## William & Griselda Kerr Fund



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- Grants cover all Derby City and Derbyshire
- Grants up to £2,500 available
- Any project that uses the arts, such as music, dance and drama, to work with and help some of the most vulnerable in society.
- Any project that uses horticulture to develop skills, health and opportunities such as gardening, allotments, farming.





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## Jefford Weller Fund

- Covers the whole of the County
- Grants up to £2,500 available
- Any project supporting those at risk of homelessness (targeting preventative action) and direct support to those currently homeless
- We also have the Fothergill Fund and the Churchhouse Fund with a similar ethos



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# Myth busting

- We fund groups of any size – big or small
- Although a quarter of all groups have an annual income below £10,000
- You don't have to be a registered charity
- Yes we fund core costs – day to day running
- All bids are treated equally, the assessment process is transparent and fair (it doesn't matter who you know!)
- It is worth applying – 80% of groups are funded

# How to Apply



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- Always contact the Foundation first
- Chat to us about your project to see if there is a suitable fund
- Have an idea of budget and timeframes
- There are no fixed closing dates but we would advise submitting your application three months before the project takes place



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# Keep in the loop

## To hear first about new funds

(we're always working hard to set up new funds and promote local philanthropy)

New funds in the last 2 years have included: Bakewell Fund, Churchhouse Fund, Morgan Family Fund, Starby Fund with others in the pipeline

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