How you can give back to Dorset

Setting up an individual or family fund

Setting up a fund enables you to get directly involved in community giving without the need to set up a separate charitable trust. You can name a fund after yourself, a family member or a friend. Alternatively, the fund can be completely anonymous, if you prefer.

Working with the Foundation to set up a named individual or family fund is a great way to secure lasting support for communities across Dorset.

Your Legacy Your Community

We can help you create a unique and lasting tribute to your community, which reflects your personal wishes, supports the causes or the area you care about and benefits future generations in the years to come.

Making a Will does not have to be expensive or complicated. You should consult a solicitor for advice.

Donating to The Dorset Fund

You can simply donate to the fund online via our website www.dorsetcommunityfoundation.org or send us a cheque.

Via cheque: Please send cheques made out to the Dorset Community Foundation, to the address below

Corporate Donations

You can make a one off donation or fundraise for the fund. Supporting the fund will fulfil your local Corporate Social Responsibility, Your company can also claim Tax Relief by deducting the value of your donations from your total business profits.

For more information...

If you would like to receive our Annual Review, Newsletter, or invitations to our events please send us an email with your contact details to philanthropy@dorsetcf.org

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About Dorset Community Foundation

Do you want to give back to Dorset? Do you care about your local community?

Support The Dorset Fund and make a difference you can see!

Dorset Community Foundation is a registered charity which raises funds to help those most in need across the county. We mainly support small charities, community groups and individuals through grants and since our inception in 2000 we have distributed over £10 million in grants. We are Quality Accredited and endorsed by the Charity Commission.

Last year we distributed over £670k to over 180 projects including:

- Transport schemes for older people in shire Dorset
- Music clubs for disengaged young people
- Arts and craft group activities for severely disabled adults
- Homelessness projects



About The Dorset Fund

If you live and work in Dorset why not support local causes – so that you can see and feel the benefit of your own donation. The Dorset Fund has been specifically set up to support issues currently affecting our county and the communities living within it.

Every year we need to raise £100,000 for our Dorset Fund Appeals to help:

Older people – promoting health and wellbeing and helping them lead independent lives.

Young people - raising aspirations through mentoring and providing financial support for those in education, training or apprenticeships.

People with mental health and disability issues – improving health and wellbeing through creative care.



"Thank you for providing a safe haven for lone mothers and children to get together on a monthly basis." Smile Connect



We are raising money for these issues because:

- Dorset has the largest population of older people in the UK and early intervention is the key to keeping people independent and able to stay in their own homes
- There is a serious gap in the provision of support and advice to young people aged 14 to 21 and many are not moving on from school into education, training or employment
- Projects which use creative therapy such as music, painting and dance improve health and wellbeing

How your donations will make a difference:

£1000 will provide a year's one to one mentoring for a student

£4000 will help fund craft activities for 60 isolated older people for a year

£400 will cover the annual running costs for a small lunch club for older people in rural Dorset

£600 will pay for a year's travel expenses for a student to attend a local college

£5,000 will cover the cost of a year-long dementia project for isolated older people



and believe helping the most disadvantaged amongst us will strengthen our local communities!