

Dorset Coronavirus Community Fund Phase 3 and 4 Impact Report

The final two phases of the Fund awarded £255,264.80

Phase 3

- Grants distributed in November and December to groups addressing food poverty during the winter months to the easter holidays:
 - **£71,781 to 17 groups in the Dorset Council area** – including distribution of £70,000 on behalf of Dorset Council
 - **£115,879.80 to 19 groups in the BCP Council area** – including distribution of £80,000 on behalf of BCP Council
- Grants supported:
 - People in financial hardship in need of crisis food supplies
 - People in financial hardship in need of essential equipment to store and prepare food e.g. fridge, freezer, cooker, cooking equipment and utensils
 - People in long term financial difficulty needing solutions to ongoing poverty (start-up grants for community fridges, pantries, social supermarkets)
- Phase 3 grants have **benefitted 26,369 people**, and **505 volunteers have been involved**

Phase 4

- Grants distributed from January to March 2021 to group supporting vulnerable people self-isolating during the winter lockdown, and groups providing services and activities for community cohesion and recovery during 2021, according to local needs
- **£67,604 to 28 groups**
- Grants supported:
 - People **shielding during the winter lockdown** and in need of delivery services, prepared meals and accessible transport for medical appointments
 - People in **long term financial difficulty** needing solutions to ongoing poverty (grants for community fridges, community growing & cooking projects)
 - People suffering **isolation & loneliness** in need of a return to community activities, including support for **older people** (grants village halls, community centres, sports clubs and other groups)
 - **People with physical disabilities and learning disabilities** suffering isolation & loneliness in need of specialist activities and wellbeing sessions
 - Disabled people suffering hardship and in need of specialist employment support
 - People suffering from **exacerbation of mental health or addiction issues** in need of mental health provision and a return to social activities support
 - **Young people** in need of mental health support, personal development and employment support
 - **Homeless people**, those at risk of homelessness and those in temporary housing, needing specialist housing support
 - People from **marginalised communities** needing support to address the impact of Covid in their lives and for those experiencing discrimination
- *The impact of phase 4 grants will be monitored during 2021*

Geographical distribution

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| Bournemouth | £22,128.80 | BCP | 50% |
| Christchurch | £5,000.00 | | |
| Poole | £6,432.20 | | |
| East Dorset | £0.00 | Dorset | 50% |
| North Dorset | £1,500.00 | | |
| Purbeck | £250.00 | | |
| Weymouth & Portland | £22,440.00 | | |
| West Dorset | £9,853.00 | | |

Thematic distribution

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| Food/hot meal provision for those in hardship | £203,100.80 | 80% |
| Support to return to social and community activities | £12,161.20 | 5% |
| Supporting people with disabilities and serious illness | £11,050 | 4% |
| Mental health support | £10,603 | 4% |
| Supporting homeless individuals | £7,851 | 3% |
| Support for young people | £4,998.80 | 2% |
| Supporting the needs of the BAME community | £3,750 | 1.5% |
| Supporting those shielding during winter lockdown | £1,750 | 0.5% |

Indices of Multiple Deprivation

Grants awarded in phases 3 and 4 include services benefitting the 11 most deprived wards in Dorset

| Ward | IMD Ranking out of 32,844 | Groups providing support |
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| Boscombe West (Bournemouth) | 978 | Grounded Community Its All About Culture Lovechurch Safe and Sound Samee Umoja ArtsNetwork Vita Nova |
| Melcombe Regis (Weymouth) | 1673 | St Edmunds Church The Lantern Hub The Veterans Hub |
| North Fortuneswell (Portland) | 1864 | Island Community Action Opportunities R Un Ltd Portland Foodbank |
| Littlemoor West (Weymouth) | 2187 | St Francis Church |
| Kinson South (Bournemouth) | 2446 | St Thomas Church PCC West Howe Community Enterprise |
| Turlin Moor & Hamworthy West (Poole) | 3859 | Poole Communities Trust |
| Poole Town Centre | 4707 | Poole Community Exchange Poole Waste Not Want Not |
| Somerford West (Christchurch) | 5886 | Christchurch Activities for Young People (food pantry project) Somerford ARC |
| Bridport Court Orchard | | The Friendly Food Club |
| Branksome | 7742 | Poole Community Exchange |
| Trickett's Cross (East Dorset) | 8281 | Bus Stop Club |

Phase 3 case study - Grounded Community

Over the last 6 months we have been running our Feed our Community programme from Bournemouth Foodbank. The grants from DCF have allowed us to both run the programme, delivering food boxes throughout lockdown 2 and 3, but also set it up in a sustainable manner so that we can continue to deliver this service. Funding has supported Food Hygiene Level 2 courses for 10 volunteers, waste and cleaning costs, new fridges, a laptop, van repair costs and fuel costs, and rent of space at Bournemouth Foodbank. Our project has largely been run by volunteers, which will continue. Since October 2020, 25 new volunteers have been recruited on a regular and ad hoc basis. Our ongoing costs will be covered through a crowdfunding campaign that we have been running over the past 6 weeks. We are also carrying out fundraising, applying for future grants to sustain our work at Feed our Community.

Each week we do 63 pick ups from stores across Bournemouth/Ringwood and New Milton. Food boxes go out 3 times a week on a Monday/Wednesday/Friday. 6 days a week the hub is manned to bring sort the collections and ensure safe storing of food. Since 1st October 2020 FOC has collected 19,812kg of food which equates to approx 20 tons. The team have made 1498 food boxes providing food for 2364 adults and 1984 children in Boscombe, Bournemouth, Charminster, Southbourne and Winton. Feeding approximately 80-90 households per week. We regularly deliver food to organisations to redistribute in the area such as Hope for Food, Hope Housing, United for Food, Sunrise Lodge and Womens refuge which is weekly in excess of 250 additional people accessing food a week through these organisations.



Valerie was becoming quite desperate. with the COVID situation as she had been working less hours and with the children at home they were needing more food. Every month she was having to make decisions about things they needed, for example paying her bills, rent or feeding her children, and as a mum she could not bear it. Having the regular support has made a massive difference to her and her family. Just knowing every week that the staples are accounted for. Her children have been amazed at quantity of food they have in their house, where they used to have very little. Valerie also volunteers with us by taking surplus bread and redistributing to her local community.

Mark was out of work due to Covid and unable to get work due to support his 5-year-old daughter. His wife was caught in an immigration loop and unable to travel from the Phillipines. Lawyers and other costs mounted, and he found himself in a desperate situation. He had visited the foodbank and they referred him to us. This week he came off our books as he has managed to get work now that his daughter is back at school! He is incredibly grateful for the support.

Dave heard about us through a friend. He was looking to do something in the community as his mental health was suffering with covid. Each week has been a challenge to make the money stretch and there would be weeks where he would have very little food or have to make choices between the electric or having food. He now not only volunteers twice a week but his cupboards, fridge and freezer are now filled up with food and he afford his gas and electric.

DCF has been really user friendly throughout the pandemic. I'd like to particularly thank Ellie for her understanding and approachable manner when we have needed to make small changes during these last few months.

All Phase 3 Grants

| Group | Amount Awarded | Funded service/activity | Location of beneficiaries | Number of beneficiaries | Number of Volunteers involved |
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| 17 groups - Distribution of Dorset Council funds | 70,000 <i>(+top up 1781 from DCF)</i> | See separate report | Dorset Council area | 5382 | 200 |
| 13 groups - Distribution of BCP Council funds | 80,000 <i>(+ top up 1659.80 from DCF)</i> | See separate report | BCP Council area | 10,810 | 149 |
| Citygate Church | 7500 | Core costs for community hub, which is a satellite distribution centre for Bournemouth Foodbank with other wrap around support | Bournemouth | 606 | 30 |
| Grounded Community | 4760 | Continuation of Feed our Community project, delivering food parcels in Boscombe – support with core organisational costs | Bournemouth | 1008 | 25 |
| Poole Community Exchange | 7500 | Contributing towards the continuation of food delivery services to agencies across BCP (e.g. foodbanks) and their new community fridge and food pantry at Parkstone United Reformed Church | Poole | 7000 | 20 |
| Poole Waste Not Want Not | 7500 | Supporting existing charity providing free/low cost food to residents in Poole suffering financial hardship - hire of an additional vehicle, insurance and fuel to meet increased demand | Poole | 1450 | 56 |
| Safe and Sound Dorset | 4960 | Funds to support a new key worker to provide emotional support, and to co-ordinate care package deliveries of food, household items and craft kits for wellbeing. | Bournemouth | 63 | 10 |
| St. Thomas Church PCC | 2000 | Providing fortnightly food boxes during the winter for local families in need, identified by local schools in Bournemouth. | Bournemouth | 50 | 15 |
| | 187,660.80 | | | 26,369 | 505 |

All phase 4 grants

| Group | Amount Awarded | Funded service/activity | Location of beneficiaries | Number of beneficiaries | Number of Volunteers involved |
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| Charmouth COVID-19 Volunteers | 200 | Doorstep delivery of shopping and medication, and distribution of information leaflets - supporting those self isolating during the national lockdown in early 2020 | West Dorset | 158 | 40 |

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| Dorchester Community Support Group | 500 | Supporting doorstep delivery service of shopping and medication to those self isolating during national lockdown in early 2020 | West Dorset | 46 | 10 |
| Lyme Regis Community Support | 300 | Doorstep delivery of shopping and medication, practical tasks and befriending phonecalls - supporting those self isolating during the national lockdown in early 2020. | West Dorset | 130 | 40 |
| Morden Parish Council | 250 | Grant to support food and packaging for community meals service during national lockdown beginning in January 2021 | Purbeck | 15 | 3 |
| TRIP Community Transport Association | 500 | To support medical transport service in Lyme Regis and Charmouth during national lockdown in early 2020 | West Dorset | 62 | 5 |
| Bournemouth Churches Housing Association | 351 | A community allotment at Bournemouth Refuge for victims of domestic abuse and their children, providing meaningful occupation of time and mental health benefits by spending more time outdoors | Bournemouth | tbc 28/1/22 | |
| Broadwindsor Cricket Club | 1500 | To replace loss of income caused by the pandemic and support Covid safe community activities when government restrictions allow | West Dorset | tbc 28/1/22 | |
| Faithworks Wessex | 2500 | Green Team recruits those in temporary accommodation to undertake garden maintenance/enhancements skills training/work locally for churches - increasing skills/confidence/qualifications of those who are escaping homelessness | Bournemouth | tbc 28/1/22 | |
| Kushti Bok | 2500 | Towards 6 events that will enable us to listen to Dorset Travellers experiences of Covid and lockdowns, and build resilience via advice and advocacy for those experiencing discrimination and deprivation. | West Dorset | tbc 28/1/22 | |
| Owermoigne Village Hall | 1500 | Application for overheads of Village Hall to support people isolated in the village | West Dorset | tbc 28/1/22 | |
| Poundbury Village Hall | 1500 | To allay the threat of the viability or closure of the Brownsword Hall having been severely affected by the Covid 19 Pandemic lockdowns. | West Dorset | tbc 28/1/22 | |
| Shaftesbury Bowling Club | 1500 | To replace loss of income caused by the pandemic and support Covid safe community activities when government restrictions allow | North Dorset | tbc 28/1/22 | |
| South West Dorset Multicultural Network | 1250 | Towards the costs of activities in Gypsy, Roma and Travellers Month in June 2021 and Black History Month in October 2021. | West Dorset | tbc 28/1/22 | |
| Christ Church | 902 | Support for Communications Co-ordinator to promote community activities at this newly expanded Community Hub in Creekmoor; activities to support recovery from Coronavirus | Poole | tbc 11/3/22 | |
| Dorchester Trust for Counselling and Psychotherapy | 103 | Charity offering low cost professional counselling for people with mental health issues, which have been exacerbated by Coronavirus – core cost funding application | West Dorset | tbc 11/3/22 | |
| Double Act Disability Theatre Company | 4050 | Continuation of virtual programme (and return to face to face programme when able) of drama activities for people with disabilities, addressing social isolation and to enhance wellbeing | Bournemouth | tbc 11/3/22 | |
| Island Community Action | 10440 | Development of project to address local food poverty, including community growing and cookery courses | Weymouth & Portland | tbc 11/3/22 | |

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| Opportunities R Un Limited | 2000 | Art therapy sessions for people with learning disabilities, to address isolation and mental health & wellbeing | Weymouth & Portland | tbc 11/3/22 | |
| Poole Men's Shed | 259.2 | To connect the workshop to mains sewer & water and to provide a toilet and washing facilities enabling the shed to open 7 days a week; project addresses & isolation in older men plus respite for carers | Poole | tbc 11/3/22 | |
| STAR - Steps to Active Recovery | 5000 | New charity offering training and advice to local churches and voluntary groups interested in developing services & support to people with addiction issues or those recovering from addiction | Bournemouth | tbc 11/3/22 | |
| The Colour Works Foundation | 271 | Programme of workshops designed to improve the life chances of disadvantaged young people by improving interpersonal skills and confidence – grant to support delivery of workshops as part of Employability Programme with MyTime young carers charity | Poole | tbc 11/3/22 | |
| The shine Project | 4727.8 | Core cost funding for charity delivering early intervention programmes for young women who need support with mental health and other social issues effecting their lives | Bournemouth | tbc 11/3/22 | |
| The Veterans Hub, Weymouth & Portland | 5000 | One to one counselling and substance misuse therapy for veterans in Weymouth, including those suffering PTSD | Weymouth & Portland | tbc 11/3/22 | |
| Vita Nova | 500 | Core costs for charity supporting those in recovery from additions; the pandemic has had an impact on mental health due to loneliness and increased risk of relapse | Bournemouth | tbc 11/3/22 | |
| Poole Communities Trust | 5000 | Supporting the development of Moor Community Food, set up by members of the local community with the support of the charity, as a response to Covid-19 in Turlin Moor and the exacerbation of food poverty | Poole | tbc 15/10/21 | |
| Samee | 5000 | Boscombe based charity providing employment support for disabled people including business start up, and addressing the financial and emotional impact of Covid-19 on disabled beneficiaries by providing advice and advocacy support, and wellbeing checks | Bournemouth | tbc 15/10/21 | |
| Somerford ARC Community Centre | 5000 | Supporting a local community centre in a deprived area to stay open during the pandemic, to maintain critical services run by voluntary sector partners, and to safely re-launch community activities | Christchurch | tbc 15/10/21 | |
| The Lantern Trust | 5000 | Key charity in Weymouth supporting people in crisis including experiencing homelessness, maintaining and extending services during the pandemic | Weymouth & Portland | tbc 15/10/21 | |
| Island Community Action | 5700 | Development of project to address local food poverty, including community growing and cookery courses | Weymouth & portland | tbc 15/10/21 | |
| | 67,604 | | | | |