



Invest in our communities

On first impression Dorset is an affluent county but..



11 areas in Dorset
are in the country's
most deprived



25 areas in Dorset are in
the country's most deprived
for education



9 areas in Dorset are in the
country's most deprived
for income

We are here to help you make a difference

Dorset Community Foundation is an independent charity founded in 2000 with one simple aspiration – to make a difference in the lives of others through thoughtful, effective philanthropy. We are a charitable organisation that helps individuals, families, trusts and businesses support their communities by offering tools and resources that make giving easy, flexible and effective.

Our grants help grass roots voluntary groups and charities make their communities better as well as helping individuals to change their lives.

We are part of a network of 47 community foundations across the UK. Here in Dorset, councils, the Lord Lieutenant, the High Sheriff and many respected companies and funders are our partners and stakeholders.

Your donation can make that difference

£500 would help fund an education bursary

£2,000 would support a grass roots community group for a year

£25,000 would create an enduring bespoke fund





We make giving easy

It can be very difficult to know where to start in finding a charity to support if you want to make a difference in your area.

Thanks to Dorset Community Foundation's unrivalled knowledge of the charitable and voluntary sector and our understanding of the need in every part of our county, we can make sure your donation, whatever the size, however often, goes to the causes or areas closest to your heart.

We offer a personalised service to make sure you are able to give the way that suits you. Just talk to us and we can tailor a plan for you that matches your ambitions.

"We didn't really know who the groups were in the charity sector so setting up a fund with Dorset Community Foundation and leveraging its local knowledge was really useful in helping us get to know charities in our area"

Fundholders Stephen and Ingrid Uden

We have many ways to give

- Through setting up a fund in your name
- By donating to an existing fund
- Leaving a legacy to make an enduring difference

Our funds are expertly managed

Our endowed funds are carefully invested by experts so that they are there as a lasting resource for the community.

"No one knows the county's voluntary sector better than Dorset Community Foundation. We feel that supporting it by giving it the means to continue its work is a very effective way of helping the wider community."

Church House Investment

We have 21 years of expertise

Our expertise and years of experience takes away the burden of running your own trust or charity. And our rigorous assessment, monitoring and reporting means you can be assured every pound will make an impact. You can become as involved as much as you wish in the process and even get to know the charities you support if you would like.



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