Who are we?
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.

What do we do?
We award more than £1 million a year in grants which help grass roots voluntary groups and charities make their communities better and individuals change their lives. We are part of a network of 47 community foundations across the UK. Dorset’s councils, the Lord Lieutenant, the NHS and many respected companies and funders are our partners and stakeholders.

Our many ways to give

- **Set up a fund in your name**
  We can tailor a fund that supports a cause close to your heart, or help you find one. Your fund can be for the long term or provide vital support immediately.

- **Donate to an existing fund**
  Because we are a funder of groups and charities addressing a variety of need, we have a wide array of funds to support.

- **Leave a legacy in your will**
  Support a cause you care about in perpetuity with a donation that means your name lives on.

For more information
- **01202 670815**
- **admin@dorsetcf.org**
- **dorsetcommunityfoundation.org**
We can help you make a difference

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 our unrivalled knowledge of the charitable and voluntary sector and the need across 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.

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

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 wish.

A lasting legacy for popular couple

Christchurch antiques experts Gerry and Jose Hampton loved Dorset and wanted to leave behind a lasting legacy to help those in need so they bequeathed the entirety of their estate to us. The funds have been endowed to provide funding in perpetuity, helping to support a wide range of charitable organisations.

Expertise helped inform funders

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

Fundholders Stephen and Ingrid Uden

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