



Flintshire Community Funds

Presentation to Corporate Resources Overview and Scrutiny Committee
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Community Foundation Wales - Update

- In 2021/22 we distributed £2.3 million of grants across Wales
- £30,500 was directly to groups based in Flintshire





Fund History and Overview

- **Flintshire Community Endowment Fund**
- Grants to individuals up to and including the age of 25 years who are currently resident in the Local Authority area of Flintshire can apply for up to £200 to support education achievement or to support the cost of representing the area of North East Wales in sport or other activities.
- Not for profit organisations working with residents of the Local Authority area of Flintshire can apply for grants up to £1,000 for projects focussed on education development and school based projects that support health matters and healthy living.

Fund History and Overview



	Initial Fund Value	Year of Transfer	Fund Value	Value of funding available
Flintshire Community Endowment Fund	£178,998	2013	At March 2021 £251,396	£7,770
			At March 2022 £264,831	£9,126



Fund History and Overview

- **TriPartite Welsh Church Act Fund - Flintshire**
- Churches and not for profit organisations working with residents of the Local Authority area of Flintshire can apply for grants up to £1,000 to support the cost of:
 - refurbishment and upkeep of churches, chapels and community/village halls within the county
 - working to address disadvantage to benefit Flintshire residents
 - providing social and recreational activities for Flintshire residents

Fund History and Overview



	Initial Fund Value	Year of Transfer	Fund Value	Value of funding available (Flintshire)
TriPartite Welsh Church Act Fund	£537,497	2018	At March 2021 £652,132	£8,206
			At March 2022 £710,019	£9,515

Financial Performance



- Challenging investment environment
 - By March 2021 our portfolio value had returned to pre pandemic levels
 - The portfolio is stable currently, despite a challenging financial outlook
- Looking ahead
 - Uncertainty remains due to the situation in Ukraine
 - Our investment managers are confident there is still room for growth

Case Studies

St Bartholomew's Church

As a result of feedback from our community, instead of organising community activities, we have concentrated on creating a space in which people feel safe to spend time either with friends or alone, a space where they can find someone to talk to and someone to listen as it is needed. Having been housebound for so long visitors have told us that they appreciate the opportunity to meet up and have a chat and a cup of tea in a quiet space.



Case Studies



Friends of Maes Hyfryd School

'This grant has made a 'real' difference to our children as they now have a dedicated sensory area within class providing visual effects to help calm, relax, engage and motivate our children. It has improved the children's attention levels as well as visual and communication skills. Our occupational therapist has recorded noticeable differences in some of the children's level of engagement which enables them to access more learning opportunities and communicate more effectively.'



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