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Impact report:

Flintshire Funds



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News

Community Foundation Wales update

This has been an incredibly unusual year for everybody across the country, and this has been the case for our team here at the Community Foundation Wales.

In mid-March we switched to remote working and, for a few weeks, it was extremely unclear how we would continue to function as a charitable foundation, during a time when the support provided by our funds was needed more than ever.

In April we formed a partnership with the National Emergency Trust to help distribute funding raised from their UK wide appeal. Over the last nine months, this funding has totalled **£4,741,922** with **£112,681** awarded to **22** groups based in Flintshire. This collaboration was crucial in us being able to continue to help communities across Wales.

From this, we launched the Wales Coronavirus Resilience Fund, to encourage donations from big businesses and individuals across Wales. The purpose of this fund was to keep voluntary, 3rd sector and charitable organisations going during lockdown and beyond. Admiral, Welsh Water and many of our existing fundholders gave generously, allowing us to support people in the community who needed help now, more than ever.

Despite the challenges of the pandemic we have continued to grow as an organisation. We recruited two new members to our team – Yvonne Pillinger as Pears Action Learning Project Officer and Rhiannon Walsh as Grants Officer.

As lockdown has eased, our Coronavirus Resilience Fund developed into the Respond and Recover Fund, recognising that, for many organisations, funding requirements had changed and there was now the need to move on to find 'a new normal'. This fund aims to support groups as they address the challenges of recovering in terms of ensuring they can support their beneficiaries in the right way as well as their trustees, staff teams and volunteers who will all need additional support.



KATY HALES
Manager, Donor
Advised Giving

One of the groups we supported was 1125 C.I.C, a not for profit company based in Flintshire that works with some of the most vulnerable and disadvantaged young people in Wales.

Their key focus is engaging young people and developing key skills that will help them in life such as confidence building, communication, teamwork - enabling them to achieve their potential.

1125 C.I.C told us that the young people they work with have struggled during the pandemic, and that they already felt isolated in society due to lack of education, poverty or homelessness. COVID-19 amplified this feeling with many suffering from mental health issues, anxiety and depression.

Some of the young people struggled to understand Government guidelines so 1125 C.I.C were there to support them to avoid them getting into trouble with the police.

When lockdown was initiated, they moved to online engagement activities, daily check-ins and the creation and distribution of activity packs.

This online delivery was vital as other youth services in the area were unable to adapt. The grant they received of £4,250 helped 1125 C.I.C to provide an essential lifeline for young people who have no one else to turn to.

New programmes

FareShare

Providing grants to organisations that provide food bank support across Wales.

The Gareth Griffiths Fund

Supporting young people in sport and education across the Vale of Glamorgan and Rhondda valley.

The West Glamorgan High Sheriff's Fund

Supporting young people across West Glamorgan.

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Friends of Community Foundation Wales

As well as the above new programmes, we have also launched the Friends of Community Foundation Wales.

This is an exclusive philanthropy group that is helping to change lives in Wales.

Friends demonstrate their commitment to a fairer, more equitable nation, encouraging working together as a community and supporting those who need it the most.



Loud and Clear Report

Charities and community groups in Wales want funders to prioritise core funding and longer-term partnerships.

That's the strong, clear message that came out of Community Foundation Wales's big conversation with the sector.

The Community Foundation Wales team met and spoke with more than 100 community groups and charities across Wales to discover what really matters to them and how they think we could best support them and the findings were published in our Loud and Clear report.



Loud and Clear

Our big funding conversation with the third sector in Wales



Your support

As Community Foundation staff members, we can never take enough time in our daily responsibilities to fully express our gratitude to you, our generous donors, who make the work of CFW possible.

We understand the multitude of demands on your time and resources. Your commitment and willingness to join us in making the world a better place is truly appreciated.

Thanks to you, we can keep providing support to the most vulnerable people in Wales.

Direct action in the form of grants from your fund can help us make up for cuts in local government funding, and enables us to have an immediate and positive impact on Welsh communities.

Please call me at any time on **02920 379 580** if you have questions, would like an update on what we're doing or wish to hear more about the projects we support.

Katy Hales

Manager, Donor Advised Giving

History and overview

History

The Flintshire Community Endowment Fund was established in September 2013 following the decision by Flintshire County Council to transfer the assets obtained following the closure of a range of historic trust funds to a new 'umbrella' fund at Community Foundation Wales.

The fund was officially launched in November 2013 at Airbus in Broughton. The value of the endowment on transfer was £178,998.

In March 2018, the Clwyd Welsh Church Act Fund was also transferred to Community Foundation Wales. The value of the fund on transfer was £537,497.

Community Foundation Wales was also instructed to undertake the grantmaking element for Flintshire, using the skills of the panel already set up for the Community Endowment Fund.

In 2019, following conversations with Wrexham County Council, we also undertook the grantmaking element for Wrexham, using the skills of the panel set up for the Wrexham Community Endowment Fund.

We make a payment to Denbighshire County Council for grantmaking as Denbighshire Council for Voluntary Services undertake the grantmaking element of the fund for Denbighshire.

Although not a County Council transfer, in 2013 we were transferred the endowment for the Hawarden & District relief in Need Fund, to the value of £255,594.

The grant making for the fund is managed internally by the grants team at Community Foundation Wales. As the name suggests, the Fund supports those in Hawarden and District who may be in crisis and/or vulnerable and are struggling with limited resources.



ANDREA POWELL
Director of Programmes
(Deputy Chief
Executive)

Overview

Flintshire Community Endowment Fund & Flintshire Welsh Church Art Fund (Flintshire Funds) grants are awarded twice a year.

The fund has its own grants panel which is made up of five members, each with good knowledge and experience of the needs within Flintshire. The members are nominated by the Council and serve for a minimum period of three years.

The current members are:

- Karen Armstrong, Flintshire Council Officer
- Trevor Jones, Flintshire Council Officer
- Cllr. Christopher Bithell, Flintshire County Council
- Cllr. Clive Carver, Hawarden Community Council and Flintshire County Council
- Heather Hicks, Flintshire County Voluntary Council.

The panel is chaired by a senior staff member of Community Foundation Wales. Panel recommendations are presented to Community Foundation Wales' board of trustees which reviews and ratifies grant decisions. The input and knowledge of panel members has been invaluable and ensures that all grant decisions are made locally and informed by knowledge of local needs and priorities.

All grants are awarded subject to strict terms & conditions and are monitored after twelve months to ensure compliance with the terms of the grant and to measure the impact of the grants on individuals and communities.

Financial report

Investment portfolio

The financial year started with the total investment portfolio of Community Foundation Wales having a value of £15m. The value of the investments fell by £1.4m during the financial year. This was a result of the extreme market volatility witnessed in February and March 2020, due to the onset of the COVID-19 crisis.

Markets quickly priced in a forthcoming recession, resulting in one of the sharpest falls in stock market history. Markets have since rebounded well as the economic position has become clearer and support has been provided by central banks and governments across the world. The portfolio has so far recovered all of these losses in the new financial year – as at 30 November 2020, after removing the value of new funds transferred to Community Foundation Wales' management they were valued at £15.78m.

Being an endowment fund, Community Foundation Wales has a long-term time horizon for its investments and is able to weather short-term volatility in order to meet its long-term objectives. The level of investment risk taken is reviewed regularly by the Trustees in conjunction with their investment managers and has been appropriately mitigated by apportioning the funds into two well-diversified portfolios.

Following a review of the investment managers in 2018, it was decided to move the investments from Rathbones and M&G. They are now invested via Brewin Dolphin and CCLA.

The Foundation operates a total return policy for its investment portfolio. This means that any income is reinvested, leading to stronger fund growth longer term. Each year Foundation Trustees decide on a percentage of the market value of the fund to be made available for grant making. This percentage may vary depending on the health of the fund, demand for funding and current market conditions. In recent years we have distributed an average of 3.5%.

Catherine Jewsbury

Finance Manager

Welsh Church Act Fund TriPartite Scheme

31/03/2019 £	Endowment Fund	31/03/2020 £
528,091	Opening value of the Endowment	558,858
1,726	Cash invested	2,918
(2,919)	Transfer to cover grants	(7,208)
(8,593)	Management fee	(9,309)
40,553	Gain/(Loss) on investment	(30,822)
<u>558,858</u>	Closing value of the Endowment	<u>514,437</u>

31/03/2019 £	Grant Making Fund	31/03/2020 £
	Income	
12,550	Dividends	-
2,919	Transfer from endowment	7,208
-	Grant returned from Wrexham*	7,462
<u>15,469</u>		<u>14,670</u>

31/03/2019 £	Expenditure	31/03/2020 £
15,469	Grants	14,670

31/03/2019 £	Balance at end of year	31/03/2020 £
nil		nil

The grant returned by Wrexham County Council is an underspend of funding and is therefore only for use in the Wrexham area.

Flintshire Community Endowment Fund

31/03/2019 £	Endowment Fund	31/03/2020 £
203,879	Opening value of the Endowment	213,253
667	Cash invested	1,113
(3,690)	Transfer to cover grants	-
(3,259)	Management fee	(3,552)
15,656	Gain/(Loss) on investment	(11,960)
<u>213,253</u>	Closing value of the Endowment	<u>198,854</u>

31/03/2019 £	Grant Making Fund	31/03/2020 £
	Income	
3,690	Transfer from endowment	-
750	Grant returned from Wrexham*	-
<u>4,440</u>		<u>-</u>

31/03/2019 £	Expenditure	31/03/2020 £
4,440	Grants	

31/03/2019 £	Balance at end of year	31/03/2020 £
nil		nil

No grants were made from the fund during 2019/20 as the panel had to be delayed due to the Coronavirus pandemic. Where possible, grants were made from the Wales Coronavirus Resilience Fund. When this wasn't possible, grants have been made in the current year.

Summary of grants awarded

Flintshire Welsh Church Act Fund Grants

Panel Date	Type	Grant applicant	Project summary	Amount
Mar 19	Individual	Male	Sports grant	£200
Oct 19	Group	Music in Hospitals	Music in Hospitals provided 4 live music concerts for lonely people at Christmas. The concerts took place in Care Homes in Flintshire, and gave the audience the opportunity to relax and engage with stimulating activities to help to reduce the risk of loneliness and isolation.	£1,000
Oct 19	Group	Kids Cancer Charity	The Charity offers holidays for families who have children with Cancer. They also offer play therapy and bereavement support. The project is specifically for funding to provide Respite Breaks at their four static caravans on the West, and North Wales Coast for potentially nine families from Flintshire. This holiday provide educational experiences and lifelong learning for the children.	£1,000
Oct 19	Individual	Female	Sports Grant	£200

Total of grants awarded 2018/19 £2,400

Oct 20	Group	St Bartholomew's Church	This project enables the church to reorder the building to facilitate more activities for the local communities. This project was reworked due to the Covid restrictions they have created a social distanced drop in centre so the community can come together.	£1,000
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Total of grants awarded 2019/20 £1,000

Total of grants awarded since last impact report £3,400

Flintshire Community Endowment Fund Grants

Panel Date	Type	Grant applicant	Project summary	Amount
Mar 19	Group	Community Heart Productions	Plastic Free Dee works with young people through the arts to explore litter, plastic pollution and marine debris and enables pro-active citizenship.	£1,000
Mar 19	Group	Dangerpoint	DangerPoint ran a series of safety and risk awareness training sessions for children and young people from Flintshire schools supporting healthy living through interactive education. The project enabled pupils from six schools from Flintshire to attend DangerPoint through funding the cost of transport to participate in a safety educational tour supporting the healthy living to school age children and young people.	£840
Mar 19	Group	Treuddyn Under 5's	Treuddyn Under 5s provides opportunities for children to grow and consume their own fruit and vegetables to help children and families to establish healthy eating habits early. They provided the children with an allotment area to grow and nurture their own fruit and vegetables it will strengthen our aim and allow us to educate the children in a hands on approach about nutrition and where food comes from.	£500
Mar 19	Individual	Male	Sports Grant	£200
Mar 19	Individual	Female	Sports Grant	£200
Mar 19	Individual	Female	Sport Grant	£200
Oct 19	Individual	Male	Sports Grant	£200

Total of grants awarded 2018/19 £3,140

Panel Date	Type	Grant applicant	Project summary	Amount
Oct 20	Group	Friends of Ysgol Maes Hyfryd	The project supports the educational development of supports individuals with sensory processing disorder. It focuses on developing key skills of communication, cognition, independence, physical development, self-care and sensory responses, all of which are transferable skills that equip pupils for life beyond the school.	£956
Oct 20	Group	North Wales Science	The project delivered workshops in 4 primary schools based in the Flint area, to key stage 2 students and their families. The e-Bug project encourages healthy living, by involving the children and adults in hands-on activities that display the importance of good hygiene practices and inform everyone about the proper uses of antibiotics. The e-Bug project provides educational development of school aged children, mainly aged 7-11, and using informal learning technique.	£1,000
Oct 20	Individual	Male	Sports Grant	£200
Oct 20	Individual	Male	Sports Grant	£200
Oct 20	Individual	Female	Sport Grant	£200
Oct 20	Individual	Female	Sports Grant	£200

Total of grants awarded 2019/20 £2,756

Total of grants awarded since last impact report £5,896

Hawarden & District Relief in Need Fund Grants

Type	Grant applicant	Summary	Amount
Individual	Female	Crisis grant	£750
Individual	Female	Crisis grant	£199
Individual	Female	Crisis grant	£660
Individual	Female	Crisis grant	£540
Individual	Female	Crisis grant	£500
Individual	Male	Crisis grant	£550
Individual	Female	Crisis grant	£630
Individual	Male	Crisis grant	£550
Individual	Male	Crisis grant	£550
Individual	Female	Crisis grant	£760
Individual	Female	Crisis grant	£1,600
Individual	Female	Crisis grant	£100
Individual	Female	Crisis grant	£199
Individual	Female	Crisis grant	£199

Type	Grant applicant	Summary	Amount
Individual	Female	Crisis grant	£199
Individual	Female	Crisis grant	£398
Individual	Female	Crisis grant	£199
Individual	Female	Crisis grant	£199
Individual	Male	Crisis grant	£200
Individual	Female	Crisis grant	£287
Individual	Female	Crisis grant	£2,100
Individual	Female	Crisis grant	£1,300
Individual	Female	Crisis grant	£1,037
Individual	Female	Crisis grant	£380
Individual	Male	Crisis grant	£735
Individual	Female	Crisis grant	£615
Individual	Male	Crisis grant	£690
Individual	Male	Crisis grant	£713
Individual	Female	Crisis grant	£190

Total of grants awarded since last impact report £17,029

Case studies

Using music to raise spirits

Music in Hospitals aims to raise spirits through music in healthcare settings and received a grant from to enable them to put on a Christmas concert for residents of Rhiwlas Care Home in Flint.

The care home residents had the opportunity to engage with the performers and each other through to an eclectic collection of welsh, folk and sing-along music, played on a range of instruments including guitar, piano, saxophone, clarinet and tuba.

The concert helped to stimulate the residents memories, enabling them to reminisce and share experiences from their past with their fellow residents and staff.

Nurturing future sports stars

A budding badminton player, Jessica was awarded £200 through the Flintshire Welsh Church Act Fund to attend a badminton camp to help improve her technical ability and fitness.

The grant gave Jessica the opportunity to gain valuable experience as well as the chance to meet new people and the players she aspired to be like.



"The project gave older residents the opportunity to socialise with other residents, members of staff and musicians during the session, which will have a long-term effect on their wellbeing and mental health."



"Without this grant I doubt I would have been able to fund this trip so I am most grateful to Community Foundation Wales for helping me to develop further in the sport I love"

Teaching young people about safety

Dangerpoint educates children and young people in safety awareness in order to reduce the incidents of accidental deaths and injury and promote health, wellbeing and community safety.

They were awarded £840 to enable pupils from six schools from Flintshire to attend their interactive safety centre through funding the cost of transport to the centre. Without this financial assistance these children would not have been able to access DangerPoint's interactive safety centre.

The children found the safety educational tour fun and informative and the teachers were impressed with the interactivity and depth of the information given to their pupils with one teacher saying that they are all 'Really well organized and informative. Great interaction and lots of discussion allowed!'



"I've had great fun today and I feel much more aware of my surroundings than ever and am sure I will remember today for years to come."

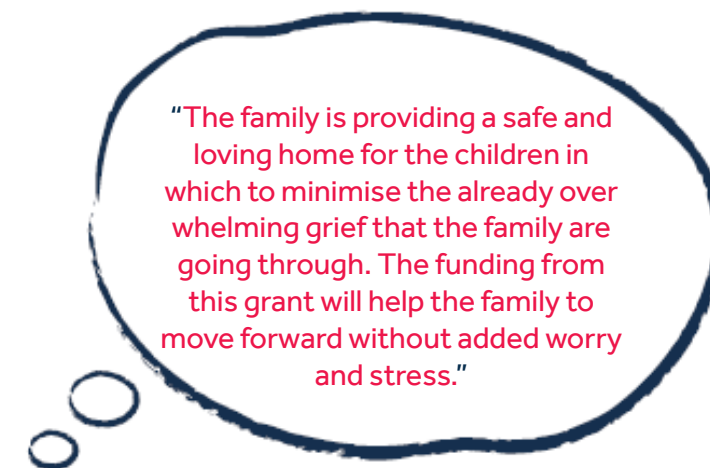
Providing vital support to families in need

Following the death of a close relative, extended family took on the role of carers to the young children to prevent them entering the care system.

As well as dealing with the huge loss and impact of losing a close family member, the family had to give up work to look after the children and found themselves in need of financial support to buy essential items for the children and to help make their home more comfortable for them.

The family received a grant from Hawarden and District Relief in Need to purchase some essential household items and clothing for the children.

This grant provided much needed support at a difficult time and alleviated the extra financial pressure on the family.



"The family is providing a safe and loving home for the children in which to minimise the already over whelming grief that the family are going through. The funding from this grant will help the family to move forward without added worry and stress."



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