



## Isle of Wight Community Foundation Annual Review



**IWCF**  
Isle of Wight Community Foundation

# Lord-Lieutenant's Welcome



It gives me great pleasure to welcome you to our Isle of Wight Community Foundation (IWCF) Annual Review. Thank you for taking the time to read about our achievements during 2017.

We have enjoyed another good year with £160,595 given out in grants to 32 organisations for Island based projects and it is clear that need for such support is growing. It is important that we continue to focus on increasing our funding opportunities and income to support vulnerable people on the Island.

Our Chairman Richard Prest works hard to ensure that IWCF continues to grow and my thanks go to the IWCF Committee, the Trustees and staff for their dedication and hard work in support of our activities.

With your help, the IWCF is building a substantial local fund for the Isle of Wight that will provide a lasting benefit for local communities today and create a brighter future for

generations to come. I hope you enjoy reading about how this philanthropy is helping those on our own doorstep who need it most.

It is only with the continued commitment of local people's giving to help local causes that we are able to continue to grow our support to those in need. I would like to thank each and every one of our supporters for their kind generosity.

**Major General Martin White  
CB CBE JP**

**Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant  
of the Isle of Wight**



# Chairman's Report

IWCF is a collection of charitable funds worth over £1.59 million, ring fenced for spending on the Isle of Wight. These endowments are managed by Hampshire & Isle of Wight Community Foundation (HIWCF), with the income distributed at the discretion of the IWCF Committee or at the request of Isle of Wight fund holders.

Island grants of over £160,000 represented a strong improvement on last year, making the Foundation one of the largest grant-making charities on the Island. Once again this year, we enjoyed support from the European Social Fund and IWCF private donors which enabled us to help a wide range of island causes in supporting the most vulnerable people on the Island.

We also established the Newport Social Needs Fund providing £59,000 to support the advancement of health and the prevention or relief of poverty for the district of Newport over years to come.

We welcome a new member to the team this year, Peter Taylor, who joins

our Committee. Peter has a background in finance and brings with him a wealth of experience in working with Island Charitable Trust Funds.

According to 2015 Deprivation Indices, 13 areas of the Isle of Wight fall within the 11-20% most deprived areas in England and a further two areas fall within the 10% most deprived. Of the top 25 most deprived wards across Hampshire and the Isle of Wight, grants worth £31,182 were awarded to the three areas of Ryde North East, Newport Central and Shanklin South.

IWCF provides an ideal platform for Island philanthropy, allowing donors to structure their giving in a tax-efficient and effective manner, avoiding the complications and costs of setting up and administering a charitable trust. We offer a practical alternative to local charitable giving, ensuring it is a stress-free and enjoyable experience for donors, whatever the amount they wish to donate. Whether donors prefer to set up a personal named fund through a lifetime donation to support a specific local cause or leave a legacy in their



will, or wish to reduce the burden of managing an existing charitable trust, we will work to find the optimal solution to ensure maximum benefit for local Island communities for years to come.

A huge thank you to each and every one of our generous donors, many who give to us year after year and without whom we could not continue our support for those most in need on the Island.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Richard Prest". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

**Richard Prest**  
**Chairman IWCF, Trustee HIWCF**

# Island Funds for Island Causes

Just over 50% of Island funding in 2017 supported projects working in the areas of education, training, employment and skills, with a further 20% of grants awarded to projects ameliorating poverty and disadvantage in local Island communities. The case studies that follow show how grants have been put to great use by local groups.

## Rainbow Club

Rainbow Club received a grant of £2,080 to hold a monthly dance class run by a qualified dance coach experienced in working with children with disabilities.



The children can find it very hard to keep up with mainstream dance sessions which tend to run at quite a fast pace, so all instructions are very clear, utilising signs and visuals to support the children throughout the session. The grant covered the purchase of equipment such as ribbons and scarves to enable the children to really get involved in the experience.

Sessions are adapted to be inclusive to all children regardless of their abilities. The children gain so much from the sessions such as confidence, fitness, improved physical strength and development, all at a pace they can manage, and most importantly they have fun together.

## Jigsaw Family Support

Jigsaw offers help to Island families in crisis. Supporting the mental health of children and young people coping with bereavement or the impact of their parents splitting up is



a key part of the service provided. The group received a grant of £5,252 to enable them to support young people suffering with mental health issues. The aim is to address the physical and emotional turmoil that may lead to anxiety, substance misuse or anti-social behaviour to transform how young people deal with issues in their future lives in a more positive way.

**“This funding was invaluable in providing early support and counselling to address young people’s problems on the Island”**, Tina Maretic, Centre Co-ordinator, Jigsaw.

# Island Funds for Island Causes

## Cowes Sailability

Cowes Sailability received £1,600 for the running costs of its patrol boat Zebedee, essential to the safe running of the charity's other boats.

The group brings the experience of sailing and boating to all disabled people both young and old, providing adapted boats to meet the needs of people with a wide range of challenges from physical disabilities to learning difficulties.

Sailing gives those who have lost mobility and sometimes their independence an exciting hobby to share with new friends and a new purpose in life, encouraging gentle exercise and social interaction.

**“As someone who is restricted to a wheelchair and often in a lot of pain, I used to feel very isolated. Becoming a member of Cowes Sailability Club has given me a real boost. It makes me feel part of something special, keeps depression at bay and makes me feel like I’m living, not just existing”**,  
Member, Cowes Sailability

*Thank you to Cowes Sailability for providing the photograph for our front cover.*



## Bus for Homeless Shelter Project

The Bus for Homeless Shelter Project provided safe sleeping arrangements for rough sleepers, both young and old, in the form of a converted double-decker bus. A grant of £3,000 was provided to enable the opening of a charity shop, where users of the bus could volunteer, enabling them to commit to a new and positive venture, providing valuable work experience and a step towards gainful employment.

The charity shop raised over £5,400 for The Bus Shelter, while providing homeless people with new clothes when they needed them. One lady who lived on the bus ran the shop on a part-time basis, before she moved away to be nearer to her family. The experience of running the shop has enabled her to apply for jobs in the retail sector.

# GRANTS 2017

2nd Cowes (St Mary's) Sea Scouts	£142	Learning Links	£14,252
Aspire Ryde	£3,000	Links Trust	£2,043
Bodster Equine Assisted Learning CIC	£12,122	Maggie Arts	£60
Brading Community Partnership	£4,700	Newclose County Cricket Ground	£9,008
Bus Shelter IOW	£3,000	Our Place - West Wight	£1,000
Central Eltham Youth Project	£15,000	Pan Together	£5,000
Challenge and Adventure	£2,500	Rainbow Club	£2,474
Christ the King College	£290	Saturday Club for Deaf Children	£1,000
Citizens Advice Bureau Isle of Wight	£5,943	Shanklin Voluntary Youth & Community Centre	£5,750
Community Action Isle of Wight	£550	Singing for Well Being at the Earl Mountbatten Hospice	£128
Cowes Baptist Church	£7,839	St Mary's Hospital	£148
Cowes Sailability Club	£3,424	Storeroom2010	£14,980
Cruse Bereavement Care (Isle of Wight)	£1,000	Vectis Housing Association	£12,137
Footprint Trust Ltd	£2,194	Wheatsheaf Trust	£14,998
Frontline	£7,582		
Helping Hands	£2,000		
Isle of Wight Beach Soccer	£1,000		
Jigsaw Family Support	£5,331	<b>Total</b>	<b>£160,595</b>

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## Footprint Trust

Footprint Trust was awarded a grant to support older people who are vulnerable to fuel poverty on the Island, including a couple in their late 80's where the husband was caring for his wife with dementia, helping them to keep warm and well in winter time.

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