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[Cambridgeshire Education Opportunities Fund](#)

The Cambridgeshire Community Foundation has launched a new charitable fund with initial funding of almost £40,000. A group of local donors have created the fund, led by Dr Andy Harter CBE DL and Ms Lily Bacon DL, and also including Cambridge University Press and The Gatsby Charitable Foundation.

The fund will make grants available for local schools and charities to support projects aiming to raise the attainment, opportunities, and wider outcomes of 3-16 year-olds, particularly those from disadvantaged backgrounds in primary & secondary education. The fund will support young people in Cambridgeshire, initially within Cambridge City and Fenland, who may face a range of challenges or disadvantage including educational under-attainment, behavioural problems, poor mental health, exclusion from school, etc. The donors behind the fund are passionate that all young people have opportunities to improve their life chances and to thrive and fulfil their potential through: education, learning new skills and in developing their character and confidence.

For 2020/2021 the fund is specifically aimed at projects for recovery and resilience in the context of the Coronavirus pandemic. The fund will aim for projects that address wellbeing and mental health, educational and social enrichment, educational catch-up, digital deficit and preparation for school leavers.

See the fund web page for more details on eligibility and how to apply.

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[Cambridgeshire Young Carers Fund awards over £70,000 to projects supporting the lives of young carers](#)



Cambridge Student Community Action

Groups working in Cambridgeshire have received much-needed grants to help support young carers.

Young carers are children who take on adult responsibilities in the home – cooking, cleaning, looking after siblings while unsupervised, providing physical (washing, dressing and feeding) and mental support to the adult who is cared for. They meet these demands at home as well as doing well at school, making friends and having a normal childhood.

Most of the available support is from charitable organisations who offer one to one counselling; the monitoring of the health and well being of known young carers; personal development; activities through clubs and trips; and teaching the teachers in all primary and secondary schools in the county to recognise the young carers in their classes and to understand their needs.

The projects awarded funding this year are:

- **Caring Together** were awarded £29,853 for a three year project to provide support for 75 young carers aged 5-17 years across Cambridgeshire through regular breaks, holiday activities and individual activity via a bursary scheme promoting their general health and well-being.
- **Centre 33** were awarded £29,982 for a three year project to facilitate participation activities/workshops which enhance and build on established young carers support, and develop a YC advisory group.
- **Disability Huntingdonshire (DISH)** were awarded £10,298 to extend the employment of a young carer, who is providing administrative support, for another year and develop a training package to expand their skills and knowledge.

The Cambridgeshire Young Carers Fund has been hugely successful with previous grantees including Cambridge Student Community Action and 20Twenty Productions CIC. The fund awards local charities and community groups once a year with the deadline being 1st May. Applications from Cambridgeshire and Peterborough are considered.

You can find out more about the [Cambridgeshire Young Carers Fund here](#).

Image: Cambridge Student Community Action

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[The Cambridge Building Society Community Fund launches with £500,000](#)



CCF is delighted to announce a new partnership with [The Cambridge Building Society](#) with a charitable fund with initial funding from The Cambridge of £500,000. [The Fund](#) is available for local groups, charities and organisations who are working to respond to home and housing needs.

[The Fund](#) will be open for our 1st November and 1st May deadlines to applications of up to £10,000 from groups operating within a 15 mile radius of The Cambridge's branch and store network. The new initiative is allowing more funding to reach those with the end goal of addressing housing needs in Cambridgeshire, and supporting vulnerable people in the community.

The Society has made the funds available by participating in the Dormant Assets Scheme, a UK Government programme that enables financial institutions to use dormant funds for the public good. The Fund is the third initiative announced under 'Making The Difference' which is the Society's commitment to finding new ways to help people have a home and to work with the community to support those who offer services for shelter and housing.

Peter Burrows, Chief Executive of The Cambridge comments, "We are delighted to announce the launch

of [The Cambridge Building Society Community Fund](#), which will support charitable groups committed to helping vulnerable people with their housing needs. We're excited to begin the process of awarding grants to a range of community groups and to see the impact they will make on the lives of local people."

Michael O'Toole, Chief Executive of the Cambridgeshire Community Foundation says, "It is no surprise to see The Cambridge leading the way on dormant account funds locally and we are honoured to be working with the Society on this initiative. The Cambridge exemplifies local-based businesses who care about their communities and want to make a positive difference. This Fund will focus on enabling access to housing and homes for all, and my team at The Cambridgeshire Community Foundation is eagerly awaiting applications from the community."

Applications for grants are open now and will close on 1st November 2020. Please visit [The Cambridge Building Society Community Fund page](#) for more information on how to apply.

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[New partnership with Napp Pharmaceuticals Limited](#)



To move medicine forward

CCF is excited to announce our new partnership with [Napp Pharmaceuticals Limited](#). Napp has generously donated £10,000 to the Cambridgeshire Coronavirus Community Fund to help support the most vulnerable people in our community during this challenging time. Additionally, we are launching a new fund together in 2020! The Napp Pharmaceuticals Community Fund will support communities in Cambridgeshire to make changes to improve health and wellbeing.

Napp Pharmaceuticals Limited is a privately-owned, UK pharmaceutical company, based in the heart of the Cambridge science community. Napp has grown up with the NHS, providing innovative medicines since the 1920s as part of its commitment to move medicine forward for doctors and patients in the UK. They strive to offer new medicines and initiatives that meet genuine needs, make a positive difference to patients' lives and support the NHS in delivering effective, high-quality, sustainable healthcare.

This Fund is one of four core initiatives that make up Napp's Corporate Social Responsibility Programme; Giving Matters. Everyone at Napp shares a deep sense of pride and compassion for those who make up their community and through Giving Matters, they are able to make meaningful contributions to those

around them.

Grants of £2,000 to £5,000 will be given to projects helping people facing disadvantage and projects engaging with and supporting local people. The aim is to build stronger, healthier, more inclusive and more sustainable communities.

The fund focuses around CCF's 'Improving Lives' funding stream which supports the following core grant programmes:

- Children and Families
- Adults facing life crisis and
- Adults with health conditions

Additional information for applicants can be found here: <https://www.cambscf.org.uk/napp-pharmaceuticals.html>

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[Anglian Water joins forces with Community Foundations to distribute £1million funding pot](#)



Hundreds of local causes set to benefit from Anglian Water's community funding

In April, Anglian Water launched plans to establish a new £1 million community support fund to provide a

cash boost for local communities to help fight the impacts of Coronavirus.

Over £50,000 of the cash has already been fast-tracked to front line organisations in the immediate response to battle the pandemic. Just a matter of weeks later, the company has revealed how the rest of the funding will be distributed to those who need it most².

Anglian is working with 15 Community Foundations in the East of England to allocate their £1million Positive Difference Fund. Collectively there are 46 Community Foundations and, using their extensive local expertise, they have given out over £1billion in grants across the UK.

Half of Anglian's Positive Difference Fund is being made available immediately, with the remaining half released later in the year to meet emerging needs from the fallout from the pandemic. Eligible organisations will be able to apply to their local Community Foundation for grants of up to £5,000.

The money will help local charitable organisations deal with emerging issues in the community as a result of the continuing threat of coronavirus. Organisations like food banks, outreach programmes and those helping the most vulnerable can ask for support from the Positive Difference Fund via the Community Foundations to help those shielding or suffering from financial hardship, homelessness, loneliness and isolation.

Peter Simpson, Anglian Water's Chief Executive, said: "Offering support to individuals in our communities who really need it has never been more important. As one of the biggest businesses serving our region, it's absolutely right we extend our support in whatever way we can.

"As an essential service, our role first and foremost is to keep taps running and toilets flushing. But we know we have a bigger role beyond that in helping the communities we serve. Because of the nature of our work, we've so far been able to keep all our colleagues employed, and we'll do everything we can to maintain that. We know many thousands will not be so fortunate, and we sincerely hope this fund can go some way to helping them. "

Rosemary Macdonald, Interim CEO of UK Community Foundations, said: "Anglian Water's extraordinarily generous donation comes at a time when many in our communities are feeling the very real impact of the coronavirus pandemic. The 15 community foundations involved all have expert local knowledge and will ensure that this money makes its way to the local charities and community groups that have been working flat-out to support the people most in need throughout this crisis."

Other support, available from Anglian Water's Extra Care offering, includes discounted tariffs alongside affordable payment plans. More than 300,000 customers each year are already helped this way.

The water company also helps customers identify if they may be eligible for benefits they are not claiming. Anglian Water has already signposted customers to a potential £4.5m of unclaimed aid, with the average amount that customers may be entitled to far outweighing the cost of the average water bill.

It is also adding customers to its Priority Services Register faster than ever before, meaning they will get tailored help and special assistance should they need it.

Further information, eligibility criteria and how to apply for a grant from the Positive Difference Fund can be found [here](#).

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