Cambridgeshire Community Foundation

Impact Report

2026

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The Norris Museum received a grant from the Cambscuisine Community Fund to help make their museum experience more immersive and accessible, such as by introducing object handling sessions for people with disabilities

Welcome



Michael O'Toole, CEO

I am delighted to welcome you to Cambridgeshire Community Foundation's Impact Report for 2025–2026. It reflects another remarkable year, and I hope you will join us in celebrating the achievements made possible through the generosity and commitment of our supporters, partners and communities.

The year brought exciting developments within our team. We were pleased to welcome new trustees to our Board. Many of our supporters and partners will also know Viv Atkinson, who celebrates her tenth anniversary with the Foundation in 2026. Over the past decade, Viv has played an instrumental role in shaping the organisation and expanding our impact across the county. In recognition of her exceptional contribution and leadership, we were delighted to appoint her as Deputy CEO.

The impact showcased throughout this report would not have been possible without the collective efforts of our supporters, volunteers, staff and trustees, and the unwavering dedication of the local causes we are privileged to support. To everyone who has contributed to our work over the past year, thank you.

It's always good to know which way the wind is blowing.

Whether personal or business, Tees merges legal and financial expertise to give you comprehensive support for clearer decisions.



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The Burwell and Reach Community Fund subsidised the costs of running Burwell Community Print Centre's programme of creative workshops for people from disadvantaged groups

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The year in numbers

Total awarded in grants

£3,460,903

55
live funds

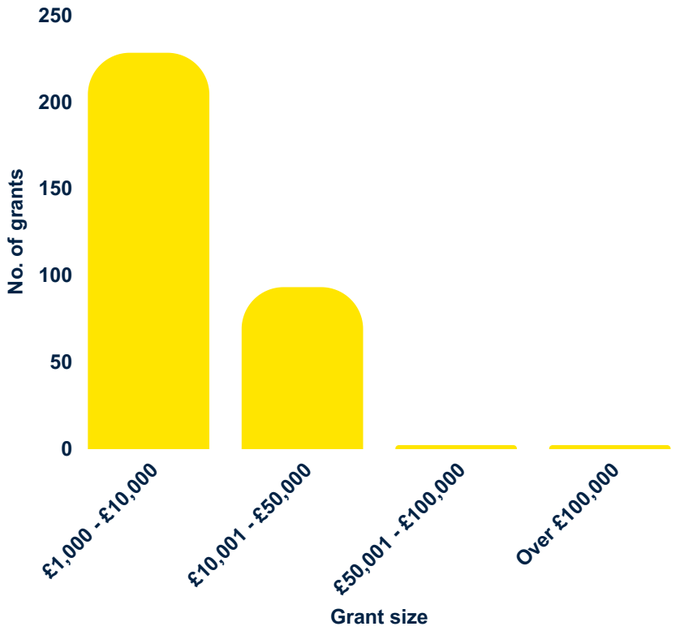
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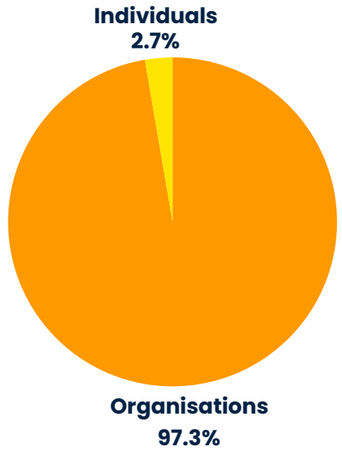
Range of grant sizes

£150 → **£104,532**

Percentage of individual and organisation grants by grant value

No. of grants awarded to organisations by grant size





Total awarded for the top 3 cause categories

Community assets

£953,954

Health, wellbeing and serious illness

£779,119

Economic hardship

£477,091



The Chinese Community in Peterborough received a grant from the Harry Cureton Fund to support their weekly Tai Chi sessions to support health and wellbeing

Highlights from the year

April

Cambridgeshire Community Lottery launched

An exciting new initiative for good causes to boost their fundraising by selling lottery tickets to supporters



May

We held our **Fund for Peterborough launch** event

June



We co-hosted **The Cambridge Building Society's Making The Difference Conference**

July



£18,495
was raised by the July Festival at Newmarket Racecourse thanks to being chosen as the charity partner

August



Pye Foundation's endowment of £2.3 million was transferred to us, creating the Pye Foundation Fund

Our annual Charity Golf Day raised £4,050



September

October

We held our first **Cambridgeshire Responsible Business Network** meeting

£260,000
was received to support projects in Fenland as part of a Government extension of the Know Your Neighbourhood programme

November

We were on the steering committee for the **European Community Foundation Initiative's YouthFest** which brought together representatives from across Europe to discuss how to best engage and support young people



We held our first ever **Annual Impact Showcase**, bringing our supporters and partners together to hear stories of impact made possible through their support



The Anglian Water Thriving Communities Fund launched

We attended the 50th anniversary celebration of UK Community Foundations

Cheffins awarded grants through their 200th anniversary **Cheffins Next Generation Fund**

December



£1,336 was raised at Birketts' festive shopping event

January

We partnered with **SWEF** to launch funding supporting young entrepreneurs in Cambridgeshire

SWEF BACKING BUSINESS INITIATIVE

£24,800
was received from the **Henry Smith Foundation to expand the Care Leavers Programme**

February



Cambridge 2030 Fund launched to tackle inequality and transform opportunities for young people in North Cambridge

CAMBRIDGE 2030 Collaborative Action for Equality

Medworth Community Fund launched

March



£18,458
was raised at the Cambridge Half Marathon thanks to over 60 runners, including teams from Cambscuisine, S2 Partnership, Cambridge Street Aid, G's, The Cambridge Building Society, COEL, Birketts and Inspire2Ignite

Improvements in grant-making and grantee support

We're committed to being a trusted, flexible, and transparent funder. This year, our progress has been recognised through independent assessments and strong feedback from the organisations we support. We're continuing to listen and refine how we work, in order to improve the grant-making process.



Grants Manager, Sara, at a Meet the Funder session in Fenland

We are:

- Enhancing our pre-application contact and support, based on what groups have told us they want:
  - We hold regular in-person funding sessions across the local community, alongside our long-running webinars.
  - We've recorded one of the webinar sessions so that applicants can watch it whenever suits them.
  - We continue to build relationships with new partners across the voluntary and community sector, helping us reach more causes across the county.
- Encouraging potential applicants to contact the Grants Team for advice before applying.
- Publishing success rates and the amount awarded each year on fund pages to improve transparency and manage expectations. We also publish our grant-making data on 360Giving every 6 months.
- Updating and promoting our Community Interest Company guidelines to help set expectations before applicants start their application.
- Offering a Word version of our application form so that applicants can review the questions before starting one.

> **Our grant enabled us to establish a new project, but the impact went far beyond the project itself. It gave us the opportunity to demonstrate the positive outcomes and value of our work, providing the evidence needed to secure a further two years of funding from another funder, allowing us to expand the project.**
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> **This growth would not have been possible without the Foundation's original belief and investment in us. We are sincerely thankful for the opportunity they gave us to establish the project, prove its impact and build a sustainable future for this important work.**
>
> - Mandy Geraghty, Peterborough Women's Aid

Multi-year funding

When we ask local causes how we can better support them, multi-year funding is consistently high on the list. Longer-term funding gives organisations the certainty to plan, retain staff, and develop services with confidence, ultimately delivering greater impact for the communities they serve.

21%

of live funds in 2025-26 awarded multi-year grants

We're therefore working closely with fundholders to explore multi-year commitments. The benefits are already being felt: in 2025-26, one fifth of our funds awarded multi-year grants. We hope to build on this momentum and bring greater stability to more causes across the county.

> **My contact was absolutely amazing - she explained everything clearly, was incredibly supportive, and really listened.**
>
> - Response from our grant applicant survey

IVAR: Open and trusting grant-making

The Foundation is signed up to the Institute for Voluntary Action Research (IVAR)'s eight commitments to being a flexible, open and trusting funder.

As part of this commitment we take part in a biennial Peer Review and publish renewed commitments following that. At our most recent review, we were commended on:

- the lengths we go to engage with applicants early on in the process
- our questioning of old practices
- our excellent website
- our grasp of local needs

> **The application and reporting processes were clear and well-structured, and communication throughout has been supportive and responsive.**
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> **The funding has made a genuine difference, enabling us to deliver impactful work with individuals who need it most.**
>
> - Fitness Rush Community CIC



Grants Officer, Lea, visits The Norris Museum in St Ives

Tees Better Future Fund

Over £100,000 invested in local communities

The Tees Better Future Fund was set up by Tees Law, supporting projects within 30 miles of its Cambridge, Saffron Walden, Chelmsford, Bishop's Stortford and North Herts offices.

Since launching in 2022, the fund has awarded over £100,000 to local causes. Here we take a moment to showcase just a few of the projects that have benefitted from the fund.

“We help people through important moments in their lives, so investing in projects that help young people and families thrive feels like a natural extension of our work.”

- Janine Collier, Tees

Flutter: Supporting kidney cancer patients



A grant helped Flutter provide free care packs and comfort cushions to kidney cancer patients during diagnosis, treatment, and recovery, offering practical comfort and reducing isolation at a difficult time. Packs include toiletries, comfort items, and nausea remedies.

◀ The Tees team not only actively fundraise towards their fund, but they also love to take a hands-on role supporting the causes they award grants to, for example, by volunteering time to fill care bags with the Flutter team.

Viva Arts & Community Group’s Good Grief Cafe

Vital support from the Tees Better Future Fund enabled the launch of Soham’s first bereavement cafe. Viva Arts & Community Group set about creating a warm and welcoming space for those navigating grief and loss. The cafe offers an opportunity to get together and find mutual support and understanding.

Young volunteers at Good Grief



“This is a fantastic, welcoming and inclusive community resource.”

- Cafe visitor

Home-Start Royston & South Cambridgeshire

Home-Start Royston & South Cambridgeshire received a grant to fund early-intervention, home-visiting support to vulnerable families. Families are matched with a highly trained volunteer with parenting experience. They meet on a weekly basis, providing support which is tailored to each family's specific needs. The early intervention aims to prevent families from facing possible crisis situations.

“These families are struggling to cope - without our support, they are at risk of family breakdown, with children being taken into care, amongst other serious consequences.”

- Home-Start Royston & South Cambridgeshire

Teens Unite Facing Cancer

A grant from the Tees Better Future Fund supported the delivery of a comprehensive programme of digital events, in-person activities, and 1:1 personalised guidance, ensuring that young people affected by cancer can access the support they need to rebuild their confidence, develop skills, and pursue new opportunities despite the disruptions caused by their diagnosis.



The funding has strengthened our organisational capacity to deliver blended programmes that are flexible, inclusive, and responsive to individual need.

- Teens Unite Facing Cancer

East Anglia Youth Rowing

A grant funded a year's worth of rowing activities for students at the North Cambridge Academy.

The catchment area of the school covers the most deprived area of Cambridge.

Participants would have been unlikely to give it a go without this programme, and 15 students have now taken up rowing as a sport at one of the local rowing clubs.

Young people who were genuinely scared of being close to the river are now able to take out one person rowing boats and row competently over distances of 5km - 10km

- East Anglia Youth Rowing

It is really about building confidence, resilience and aspiration by opening opportunities for young people who might never otherwise try rowing. Those are life skills that last well beyond the water.

- Janine Collier, Tees



Thirst Youth Cafe

A grant awarded to Bishop's Stortford Youth Project was vital to sustaining the operations of their Thirst Youth Cafe which acts as a safe space for young people and offers a variety of activities.

The Tees Better Future Fund played a vital role because of its flexibility, allowing us to allocate youth worker time across different areas of our work, rather than being restricted to just one project. It also helped us retain our team, support more children than ever, and continue being a trusted space for the local community.

- Thirst

In conversation with Tees

Janine Collier, Co-Head of ESG

Celebrating the £100,000 milestone, Tees Partner Janine Collier from the Medical Negligence team and Co-Head of ESG, shared her reflections on the Tees Better Future Fund.



What motivated Tees to establish a community fund with the Foundation?

The Better Future Fund was not about launching a standalone CSR initiative - it was about building on something that has always been part of Tees. For more than a century, we have supported the communities where we live and work through fundraising, volunteering and charitable giving.

As our ESG strategy developed, we wanted to create a lasting way of supporting local people. Partnering with Cambridgeshire Community Foundation was the obvious choice because of its deep understanding of local need and trusted grant-making expertise.

Ultimately, the fund reflects our purpose of creating better futures - not only through our legal and financial advice, but by helping build stronger, healthier communities.

Why do the fund's priorities matter to Tees?

Our focus on education, opportunity and mental wellbeing is closely aligned with what we do every day. We help people through important moments in their lives, so investing in projects that help young people and families thrive feels like a natural extension of our work.

We deliberately support communities close to our offices because responsible business starts locally. Our colleagues and clients are part of these communities, and when local charities flourish, everyone benefits.

As you reach £100,000 in grants awarded, how does that feel?

We are incredibly proud, but what matters most is not the figure – it is the lives behind it.

Every grant represents children gaining opportunities, families receiving support and charities becoming more sustainable. Reaching £100,000 feels like an important milestone, but it is certainly not the destination. We hope it is just the beginning.

Are there any funded projects that have particularly stayed with you?

Several have, but **Flutter** really stands out. It is a new charity supporting people diagnosed with kidney cancer through care bags and comfort cushions for patients undergoing treatment. We were so inspired by the project that we awarded more funding than they originally requested because we immediately recognised the difference it could make to such a small charity supporting hundreds of patients.

The partnership has gone beyond funding too. Our colleagues have joined Flutter packing days, helping prepare the care bags and seeing first-hand the comfort that small, thoughtful gestures can bring to people during an incredibly difficult time. That is exactly the type of lasting relationship we hoped the Better Future Fund would create.



TEOM training session

The Expert on Myself (TEOM) is another project that has had a lasting impact. We funded an innovative programme that recruited autistic people to design and deliver autism awareness training for organisations. Tees was proud to be one of the pilot organisations to receive that training. Hearing directly from autistic experts was inspiring and prompted important conversations across the firm about inclusion and accessibility. Even more encouraging is seeing the project continue to grow, with TEOM now delivering training and consultancy.

How do you keep employees connected to the fund?



Tees team in action

From the beginning, we wanted this to be much more than a corporate donation programme. We encourage funded organisations to build relationships with our colleagues through volunteering, visits and sharing their stories.

That gives our team a genuine sense of pride. They can see the real difference the fund is making and feel connected to something bigger than their day-to-day work. It reinforces the culture we want at Tees - one where our values are lived, not just written down.

What are your hopes for the future?

The demand for funding is significant, and every round reminds us how much incredible work is happening across our communities. We remain committed to growing the fund to support even more incredible community initiatives in the coming years.

If, in another five or ten years, we can look back and see stronger charities, healthier communities and more people given the chance to fulfil their potential, then we will know the fund is achieving exactly what it has set out to do.

A little help goes a long way

Sometimes funding doesn't need to grab headlines. It can support a simple idea - one that ends up making an enormous difference for the people it reaches.

Crowland Bowling Club

The Crowland Bowling Club received grants from the **Wryde Croft Community Benefit Fund** and **French Farm Wind Farm Community Fund** to make bowling green facility improvements.

The scarifier they purchased with the funding has improved the green, which is an important part of the local community, providing a safe, social, and active environment for people of all ages.



Before we got the new scarifier, I spent more time fixing the old machine than actually using it. Now the new one just works - no stress, no repairs, and the green looks better than ever.

- Frank, Green Maintenance Lead

Little Lifts' radiotherapy boxes

Little Lifts received a grant from the **Illumina Community Fund** to provide breast cancer patients with a 'Little Lift Box' - a care box of useful and medically approved products to enhance their care and treatment.

The boxes contained items such as metal-free deodorant which is advisable for radiotherapy patients, moisturiser to support common dry skin side-effects of radiotherapy and a pulse-point roller to aid sleep and relaxation.

227

care boxes delivered to Addenbrookes in 2025

Your gift, packed by Julie, was full of enjoyment just for me. A huge boost at that moment.

- Little Lifts box recipient



▶ The Little Lifts team carefully hand-pack boxes

The Liberation Cycle



The Liberation Cycle received a grant from the **Microsoft Research Limited Fund** to buy tools for refurbishing donated bikes for people in South Cambs who need them - including refugees and those facing financial hardship.

For many, a bike means more than just transport. It's independence: no more relying on buses and a reliable way to get to jobs, classes and appointments on time. It also brings a boost in confidence.

The project also brought together a strong team of volunteers and helped the charity build closer ties with other local support groups. Along the way, The Liberation Cycle grew into more than a repair shop - it became a hub where people could connect and pick up new skills.

I really enjoy my volunteering at The Liberation Cycle. It's so satisfying working on a bike knowing it's going to somebody who needs it.

- Alex, Volunteer

Isleham Community Allotment

Funding from **G's Community Fund** and the **Marshall Community Fund** enabled raised beds and a bench to be added to Isleham Community Allotment.



The raised beds make the space more accessible for those with back or hip issues. The "quiet bench" gives visitors who want some time to themselves a peaceful spot to enjoy the allotment.

Together, these additions make the allotment a more welcoming and relaxing space.

People are really enjoying sitting on the edge whilst planting, and the fact you don't have to bend when tending to the crops is a real bonus for those with back issues.

- Zoe, Isleham Community Allotment

200 years of Cheffins
20 years of partnership

Cheffins marked two anniversaries in 2025: 200 years as a business, and 20 years of working alongside the Foundation to support local community organisations.

The Foundation helped Cheffins set up their Grassroots Endowed Fund 20 years ago, enabling them to move away from an ad-hoc approach to charitable giving.

> **Before we set up the fund, we often couldn't see the direct impact of our charitable donations.**
>
> - Bill King, Cheffins

Since then, Cheffins has been able to award over 90 grants, totalling over £110,000, to community initiatives near its offices in Cambridge, Ely, Newmarket, Saffron Walden and Haverhill.

Since 2005...

£110,000+

of funding awarded

90+

grants

The Cheffins Grassroots Endowed Fund has supported a huge range of community projects, including:

- First aid training course for 250 young people at the **2nd Newmarket Scout Group**
- **Cambridge Cancer Help Centre's** weekly 'Body Resistance' fitness sessions for people affected by cancer
- **Headway Suffolk's** rehabilitation and support services for people with neurological conditions

> **Cambridgeshire Community Foundation is brilliant at finding the local community groups and charities which are really making a difference to people across the region, and understanding what funding they need to keep going.**
>
> - Bill King, Cheffins

To mark Cheffins' 200th anniversary, they approached their giving differently in 2025. Alongside the existing Grassroots Endowed Fund, a group of Cheffins staff took to the streets to run the Cambridge Half Marathon, raising £20,000 to fund a special anniversary fund: the Cheffins Next Generation Fund. The money raised was used to fund the work of local organisations supporting young people's mental health and wellbeing.

> **With 200 years of heritage behind us since Cheffins was founded in 1825, we felt it was important to make a meaningful contribution to the next generation and those who will carry our community forward in the years to come.**
>
> - Bill King, Cheffins



Cheffins' Cambridge Half Marathon team

Projects funded by the Cheffins Next Generation Fund

Embrace - Child Victims of Crime

The funding was used to provide emotional support and specialist counselling to children who are victims of serious crime in Cambridgeshire.

The project worked to ensure that children and young people affected by crime are safer and less fearful, less likely to be re-victimised, re-engaged with school and better able to cope with everyday life.

Cambridge Rape Crisis Centre

Using a range of trauma-informed approaches, the charity used the funding to support rape survivors under 25 in Cambridge and Ely.

Over 200 counselling sessions with a specialist young person's counsellor were delivered thanks to the grant, improving the mental health of these young people by reducing levels of distress, increasing resilience, and managing the impacts of trauma.

Fund for Nature

The Fund for Nature was set up with funding from the Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Combined Authority, and was managed by Natural Cambridgeshire in partnership with the Foundation. Its purpose was to back community-led nature recovery across Cambridgeshire, with specific aims to:

- Increase biodiversity and protect key wildlife habitats
- Strengthen community cohesion by helping people understand, appreciate and enjoy their local natural spaces
- Support public health and wellbeing
- Build resilient countryside and communities, with nature central to addressing climate change
- Champion best practice in the sustainable development and management of green open space

Natural Cambridgeshire
putting nature at the heart

CAMBRIDGESHIRE & PETERBOROUGH COMBINED AUTHORITY

£89,828

awarded in grants

29

projects supported



Trees Are Good CIC: Tree planting

A grant of £5,000 supported the planting of 170 native and fruit trees across Cottenham and Northstowe, two areas identified by the Cambridge Nature Network Report as priorities for tree cover under the Local Nature Recovery Strategy.

The trees create wildlife-rich habitats and form corridors that let local wildlife move and thrive between sites. The edible varieties do double duty, giving residents fruit to forage and a reason to connect with their green spaces.

Trees Are Good CIC led the planting, supported by community volunteers. The planting days brought together residents of all ages, many meeting their neighbours for the first time. For Northstowe in particular, still establishing its identity as a new town, planting side by side gave people a shared sense of purpose and helped knit the community closer together.



“This grant didn’t just plant trees - it helped empower a resident to become a leader, strengthened a local organisation, and sparked a wider movement for environmental stewardship in a growing community.”

- Trees Are Good CIC

“The Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Combined Authority area has one of the lowest proportions of rich wildlife and natural greenspaces in the UK.

This fund has helped communities and organisations to get involved in improving their local area to improve biodiversity and protect habitats. As well as enhancing nature, these projects are important contributions to health and wellbeing and keeping our local environment resilient to the impacts of climate change.”

- Maggie Pratt, Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Combined Authority

Abbey People received a grant from the Fund for Nature to create a community garden in Barnwell, Cambridge

Westraven Community Cafe and Garden CIO received a grant from the Fund for Nature to develop a ‘mini nature reserve’ at Westraven Community Garden

Project Abundance: Increasing biodiversity at the Green Backyard site



A grant of £1,500 supported Project Abundance's work transforming a local Peterborough site into a thriving ecosystem, combining diverse wildlife habitats with permaculture and regenerative growing methods for sustainable food production.

The grant funded hand tools including trowels, secateurs, gloves and loppers, along with compost to enhance the no-dig garden beds. Heritage seeds were planted in pots and seed trays bought with the funding, increasing the diversity of crops on site.

The funding helped deliver **63 workshops** across 2025, **engaging over 1,300 participants** through sessions and outreach events. A Grow Your Own Mushrooms workshop saw 23 attendees leave with a grow-at-home kit, while ten frailty-focused sessions engaged more than 80 adults. Workshops covered seed sowing, potting and planting, no-dig growing, soil regeneration, composting, DIY wormeries, bug hotels and bird feeders, all geared toward inspiring environmental stewardship.



“Our project is based in Peterborough city centre with many local residents living in flats, without a garden and a lack of access to natural spaces.

Our project provides those local residents with the ability to reap the benefits of permaculture and food production, along with a connection to nature and social opportunities.”

- Project Abundance

Cambridgeshire Community Lottery

In May 2025, the Foundation launched Cambridgeshire Community Lottery to offer smaller, local charities an easy way to fundraise via a lottery.

It removes setup costs, legal risks, and admin work, letting charities tap into regular lottery fundraising that is otherwise too expensive and complicated for small organisations to run on their own.

From charities and sports clubs to PTAs to CICs, causes across the county have benefitted from adding the lottery to their fundraising mix.

> **When we launched the lottery, we wanted to give causes across the county a practical, low-barrier way to bring in additional income – no setup fees, no minimum sales targets and minimal admin.**
>
> - Michael O'Toole,
> Cambridgeshire Community Foundation

90+ causes
signed up

Hundreds of tickets
purchased each week

Over £20,000
raised for local causes in its first year



A great way to support local causes

Players have the chance to win cash prizes of up to £25,000 every week, plus they get free entries into monthly Super Draws where they can win prizes like holidays, shopping vouchers and more. All while supporting their chosen local cause.

> **What a lovely surprise to find out I had won - and a great way to support local charities!**
>
> - Ms T. from St Neots

A great way to fundraise

The lottery gives a cause's supporters a regular, low-cost way to donate. Ticket sales become additional monthly income, arriving steadily in the background alongside everything else a cause is already doing.

Something To Look Forward To

As one of the first causes to join the lottery, Something To Look Forward To had already raised £2,900 by the time we celebrated the lottery's first anniversary in May 2026.

60+ loyal players

> **Cambridgeshire Community Lottery has made a meaningful difference to us, providing vital monthly income that helps us support families facing cancer-related financial hardship.**
>
> - Francesca Abery,
> Something To Look Forward To



The Friends of St John, Parson Drove

> **As with most small charities like ourselves, it really is a case of every penny counts.**
>
> **Since signing up to the lottery, we have received over £800 in funding, and we're looking at raising over £1,200 a year!**
>
> - Paul Unwin, Friends of St John, Parson Drove



Register your cause or buy tickets:

Cambridgeshire Community Lottery.co.uk

From every £1 ticket, 60p goes to local good causes

Fund for Peterborough

Addressing local need through a centralised fund



Peterborough is one of the fastest-growing cities in the UK, with a record number of new businesses launching within its boundaries every year. But growth alone doesn't tell the whole story: life expectancy here runs five years shorter than in South Cambridgeshire, and young people face steeper barriers into education, employment and training than in other parts of the county.

Our new Fund for Peterborough is part of the solution: empowering businesses to support their local community and counter these challenges through strategic, long-term investment in the city's future.

Launched in

May 2025

2 projects

supported so far

£10,000

awarded in grants

Families First Peterborough

Thanks to funding from the Fund for Peterborough and the Harry Cureton Fund, Families First Peterborough were able to set up a 20-week **youth group for 30 children with Down's Syndrome.**

Many of the young people benefiting from the programme face complex needs and disabilities that can make it harder to lead independent lives. Discrimination often compounds this, limiting access to services and chances to socialise with peers.

The youth club changes that picture. Parents and carers step back, giving young people a taste of independence as they take part in activities without them in the room. They learn new skills, build friendships, and take a hand in planning the group's own events, developing organisational skills alongside a sense of belonging.

Activities range from musical workshops and sports sessions to day trips and creative activities.

Compas: Vision project

Part-funded by the Fund for Peterborough, the Vision project supported individuals, largely from Roma and migrant communities, facing barriers including limited English, low confidence, low digital skills, and a lack of qualifications.



Reaching over 450 people, the project delivered CV workshops, ESOL lessons, interview training, digital literacy sessions, mentoring, and pathways into education, apprenticeships, and employment.

Participants gained confidence, employability, and digital skills, becoming more able to apply for jobs, attend interviews, and access services independently. The project also reduced isolation, helping people build social and professional networks in a supportive environment.

> **The project helped me build my confidence and believe in myself more. I learned new skills, improved my communication, and met many new people. I now feel more positive about my future.**
>
> - Participant

> **My company has been working in Peterborough since 2003. We're very proud of our city and its surrounding countryside and feel that it is very important for businesses to play their part in the growth and regeneration of the city and to help those who need it.**
>
> - Richard Astle, Athene Communications

Help shape Peterborough's future

We welcome donations of any size to the Fund for Peterborough, and donations of £5,000+ give you additional benefits such as sitting on the fund panel. It's a great way to be directly involved in shaping Peterborough's future.

Visit our website or get in touch to find out more about getting involved:

www.cambscf.org.uk/peterborough

Warwick & Dominey Fund

Since establishing their fund in 2018, Jim Warwick and Jane Dominey have supported local organisations tackling inequality, improving opportunities for young people and, more recently, driving local decarbonisation.

Jim and Jane tell us, **“doing this through the Foundation, and with the support of Foundation staff, is a great way of supporting these sorts of projects and initiatives that we would not otherwise know about.”**

They share the motivations behind the fund’s focus, **“we would like for all young people in Cambridgeshire to have opportunities to learn and to thrive, but we are aware that access to provision is uneven across the county."**

They continue that, **”there are lots of great people with excellent ideas for projects and activities and we’re pleased to be able to provide financial support to make some of these happen.”**

£632,583

awarded since 2018



Cambridge Film Trust received a grant to support their educational programme for young people

> **We believe that even a relatively small project that improves a young person’s life or experience of education can make a difference for them that has lifelong benefits.**
>
> - Jim Warwick

Romsey Mill’s football sessions

Romsey Mill received a grant from the Warwick & Dominey Fund to run weekly football sessions for young people (aged 11-17), giving them a safe and nurturing environment to explore and develop their interests and skills.



> **I come along to football because where I live there isn’t anything for me to do unless I pay. This is free and I can meet with people my own age.**
>
> - Participant

Jimmy’s Project Bridge

Jimmy’s provide accommodation and support to individuals experiencing homelessness and/or rough sleeping in Cambridge.

They received a grant to run the ‘Project Bridge’ programme, enabling support workers to maintain contact with former residents to support them in gaining independence and reduce loneliness and isolation.

> **The funding is helping to enable us to address an important area in our services: post-resettlement support. Without this programme, many of our residents would face a sudden drop off in support and likely a difficult period of isolation, which can often be a trigger for a return to homelessness.**
>
> - Jimmy’s

A focus on decarbonisation

More recently, the Warwick & Dominey Fund has expanded into decarbonisation. A different cause, but the same urgency. They're frank about what fuels it - frustration at the failure to recognise it as an emergency.



Jane tells us, **"In the same way that supporting children can have an impact into their adult lives, actions that we take now in decarbonisation will have profound impacts in 10 or 20 years' time."**

The decarbonisation strand of funding has helped small organisations move towards green energy, with grants awarded to 16 organisations across the county. The community buildings supported include charity premises, sports clubs, village buildings, churches and a scout hut.

£176,568
invested in solar panels for community buildings

16
organisations' community buildings enhanced

> **It's good to know that, across the county, there are community buildings that have made progress on 'decarbonisation journeys' with support from our fund.**
>
> - Jane Dominey

> **Without this grant, we would have had to make significant increases in hire costs which could have undermined the whole viability of this facility that is run by local volunteers for the community.**
>
> - The Community Hub, Little Paxton

Electricity usage costs reduced by
over 75%

Jim and Jane are clear about what drives them - **"one the thrusts of our philanthropic giving is about making Cambridgeshire a better place for everyone".** Their hope now is that others follow suit: **"Maybe other donors, having come across our funds, will be encouraged to do something similar - it would be great if more funding were available for community projects across the county."**



Jim and Jane (middle) visited St Neots Rowing Club to see the new solar panels and battery storage system that have been installed thanks to their support

Make a difference with us

Making a lasting difference in Cambridgeshire shouldn't be complicated. Whether you're an individual, family, business, public sector organisation or private client adviser, we can help you achieve greater impact through informed, effective local giving.

With our community knowledge, grant-making expertise and trusted processes, we connect funding with the people and projects that need it most.

Named funds

For individuals, families and businesses who want a simple alternative to a charitable trust.

Create a fund that reflects the causes you care about and support local community projects through one-off or regular giving. You decide the purpose and criteria; we manage the administration, due diligence and grant-making process.

You can be as involved as you wish, from helping shape funding decisions to visiting and volunteering with supported projects. We monitor impact and provide clear reporting, while ensuring your giving remains flexible as community needs evolve.

Public sector funding

We work with local and national public sector organisations to design and deliver effective grant programmes.

Our expertise, local insight and robust systems help funding reach the intended beneficiaries efficiently and transparently. We manage applications, due diligence and reporting, providing the evidence and learning needed to demonstrate impact and inform future investment.

Legacies

A gift in your will can create lasting change for future generations.

Leave a charitable gift to support local communities or establish a fund that reflects your values. We can work with your family and professional advisers to ensure your philanthropy continues to make an impact for years to come.

Trust transfers

If you're responsible for a charitable trust, we can help preserve its purpose while reducing administrative burden.

By transferring assets to the Foundation, you can benefit from our grant-making expertise, governance and local knowledge, ensuring continued support for your intended beneficiaries.

Private client advisers

We work with solicitors, accountants, financial advisers and wealth managers to help clients achieve their charitable and financial objectives.

Whether supporting philanthropy, estate planning, tax-efficient giving or business succession, we offer flexible giving solutions tailored to each client's circumstances.

Find out more about ways to give: cambscf.org.uk/support-us



Home-Start Cambridgeshire received a grant from Cambridge In Need to run their Chesterton Family Support Group which offers a safe and supportive environment for families with a range of needs, such as loneliness and financial hardship



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Front cover: Love Mill Road's fringe event supported by the Arm Community Fund

Back cover: Cambridgeshire ACRE's Community Living Room volunteers in Wisbech. A network of Community Living Rooms across Fenland was funded by the Know Your Neighbourhood Fund

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