

Dear Supporters

Welcome to the November issue of our e-newsletter. Last month we launched 3 new community funds - for Stafford Borough, South Staffordshire and Newcastle under Lyme. Details of the Stafford launch are available below. All funds are building up at the moment, but should start giving grants out late next year. We are also at quite an advanced stage to launch community funds for the two remaining areas of Staffordshire not currently covered - Staffordshire Moorlands in February and East Staffordshire in March.

Members of our team have taken part in leg 7 of the High Sheriff's fundraising initiative, The Two Saints Way. There are details in this issue of how they got on.

We are about to launch our annual 'Surviving Winter' campaign to help those who are disadvantaged and needy across the county, and again there are details further below.

There is still time to apply for the next round of Comic Relief local communities funding, but there are lots of other grants that could be available to you, so keep an eye on our website for the latest information.

We hope you enjoy this issue.

Steve Adams

Meet the team

Dates for Your Diary

Grant Deadlines

4th December 2014
High Sheriff Fund

Events



Beverlie Jackson,
Grants Administrator

Two Saints Way Walk

15th February 2015
1st March 2015

Q My favourite food is;

Curry with all the trimmings

Q My favourite film is;

Favourite movie of all time is Dirty Dancing starring the gorgeous Patrick Swayze.

Q My favourite colour is;

Yellow because it reminds me of the sunshine and hot summer days.

Q The last item you bought?;

The last thing I purchased was a new set of headphones

Stafford Borough Community Fund Launch



Live Locally, Give Locally - Stafford Borough Community Fund.

On the 30th September 2014 SCF launched a community fund exclusively for Stafford Borough. We were delighted to be able to share our vision of sustainable funding with our guests and we were truly encouraged by their reactions! Guest speakers included the Worshipful Mayor of Stafford, Ray Sutherland; Stafford Borough Council Head of Policy and Partnerships, Norman Jones and SDVS Training Advisor, Paul Jay.



The Mayor, Norman Jones and Paul Jay all spoke of the uniqueness of the Borough and the achievements made within the voluntary sector, as well as the vital need for a sustainable source of funding.

The guests enjoyed an afternoon tea provided by 'Call in the Caterers' of Gnosall, and took part in a question and answer session to learn more about the fund. Everyone agreed that the Stafford Borough Community Fund is an excellent way to ensure that local funding is available for generations to come, regardless of the financial climate.



With two further launches planned for the New Year for Staffordshire Moorlands and East Staffordshire its starting to get exciting, and we will keep you updated here and through our website with more information.

In the meantime if you live locally and want to give locally please donate to the Fund so that we can ensure that the dynamic community groups within the Borough can continue their vital work.

If you would like to help create a lasting impact in your area, please contact Elizabeth Stevenson on 01785 353741 or email atelizabeth.stevenson@staffsfoundation.org.uk For more information or to make a donation to the fund, please click [here](#).

What's Hot

Surviving Winter 2014/15

Surviving Winter

Surviving Winter 2014 is formally launched on Monday 17th November. Every year this scheme helps to raise money and distribute it to some of the most needy in our community.

Many people are still faced with a choice of 'heat or eat', where they can either pay for their heating bills or stock up their larder. This scheme aims to alleviate some of this pressure, by providing funding to luncheon clubs, to help ensure people receive a hot meal; to transport schemes to ensure that people can remain active and keep doctors and dentists appointments to stay on top of any health problems and reduce the likelihood of hospital admission; and to contribute towards fuel bills for some of the most needy - we don't aim to pay someone's bill, but to provide a buffer, so that an older person, or someone with severe health problems doesn't need to worry about whether they can afford to run their heating.

The scheme is all about strength in numbers, and even a small donation can help to contribute to a huge difference.

If you have something to spare this winter, or if you receive the winter fuel allowance and are fortunate enough not to need it, or if you'd like to just give a few pounds, then please contact us. Everything raised this winter will be spent this winter, and more importantly, everything raised in Staffordshire will be spent in Staffordshire.

For more information please see the [Surviving Winter](#) section on our website.

Comic Relief

There are still many communities in the UK that suffer from economic and social deprivation and the current economic climate may make this situation worse. For this reason, Comic Relief has decided that £4.5 million should be available to fund projects across the UK which are addressing these issues through the 'Local Communities' programme.

Comic Relief is pleased to be working with UK Community Foundations and Community



Foundations across the UK, to deliver this Local Communities programme. Staffordshire Community Foundation is one of the delivery partners.

Grants are available between £1000 and £10,000. Projects should be run by people directly affected by the issues they are dealing with and priority will be given to small, locally based groups or organisations in areas of disadvantage that have a clear understanding of the needs of their community. These projects could aim to increase local services, community cohesion and respond to local economic needs.

For further information on this fund and how how to apply, please click [here](#).

What's On?

High Sheriff Walk





Sally Grieve and Elizabeth Stevenson, from our team here at SCF, completed the seventh leg of the High Sheriff's Two Saint's Way walk on Saturday 11th October from the Collegiate Church of St Mary, Stafford to the Visitor Centre, Cannock Chase. Here is how they got on;

'A damp and foggy morning marked the start of Leg 7 of the High Sheriff's Walk for Staffordshire. We all met at St Mary's ready and eager to conquer the 12 miles that lay ahead of us. We learnt a little about the history of the church and that it has served the community for over 1,000 years. The foundations of the original chapel can still be seen in the grounds of the church.

We set off through Stafford town centre and along to the River Sow. Although it was foggy, we could still take in the interesting scenery along the river bank. We eventually arrived at Milford for a quick cup of tea before we started the climb up onto Cannock Chase'.



'Spirits were high as always, particularly with the dogs who were having the time of their lives tearing around! Walking across the Chase we visited the Glacial Boulder, which gave us the opportunity to learn more about the geographical history of the area. We then wandered on to the Katyn Memorial where we lay a candle in memory of the 25,000 who died.

With the end in sight we finished at the Cannock Chase Visitors Centre with ice cream and more tea! It is such a pleasure to be able to walk the Two Saint's Way and be able to appreciate the variety that Staffordshire has to offer'.



Leg Eight of the walk will be taking place on Sunday 15th February 2015 from The Visitor Centre, Cannock

Chase to Christ Church,
Gentleshaw **should you wish to take part!**

The High Sheriff of Staffordshire is still raising money for the High Sheriff Grants Fund, held here at the Staffordshire Community Foundation All contributions will be gratefully received and donations can be made via this [link](#).



For more information on The High Sheriff Fund and or how it can help you, please go to our website for more information. [High Sheriff fund](#)

Your Thank You's



It is always a pleasure to receive your feedback and 'Thank you' cards. Here is one we received on behalf of The Children's Holiday fund enabling a child to benefit from a trip to Berlin with his school.

The Children's Holiday fund gives grants of up to £250 to children from the ages of 4 to 17 years of age who are in need of a holiday because they are in need of recuperation, to aid relief from a traumatic event or a school trip.

For more information on the Children's Holiday Fund and how it could help you. Please click [here](#) for more information.

Further Information

For further information on any of our grants or endowments, please do not hesitate to contact one of our team here at SCF on 01785 353789, alternatively please keep checking our [website](#) for further updates and information or visit our [Facebook](#) and [twitter](#) pages.

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