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## Welcome

*Welcome to the new fresh look of our e-monthly bulletin.*

*The last 12 months was a busy time for the Staffordshire Community Foundation. Our main base of operations moved from Stoke on Trent to Stafford, following a very generous offer of support from Staffordshire University. Our team also expanded, with us recruiting 4 new members of staff; Sally who now looks after grant funding, Elizabeth who takes care of donor relations, and Gemma and Bev, who look after all the office based work.*

*The next 12 months will be particularly exciting for the Foundation, as we continue to build on last year's success and forge ahead with even more plans. I hope you enjoy reading our latest newsletter.*

*Steve Adams*

## Philanthropists Wanted!

*Elizabeth Stevenson*



We are seeking budding philanthropists, big or small, to kick start our new fund in Newcastle Borough with donations. The Newcastle Borough Fund will distribute grants out to individuals and charitable organisations within the Borough, ensuring that our communities continue to thrive.

We will also be launching the South Staffordshire Community Fund and the Stafford Borough Community Fund later in the year. Our mission is that by 2015, each Staffordshire District will have a centralised community fund, enabling the Foundation to reach out to all areas of the County and provide support to those in need.

If you would like to experience that warm feeling you get from charitable giving and make a difference in your own community, either as a one off donation or as a legacy, please go to our website for further information, or call

## Dates for Your Diary

### Training

10th April 2014  
Final workshop for the [European Social Fund](#) Burton on Trent

13th May 2014  
[Pulse VCSE](#) information AND skills workshops

### Grant Deadlines

14th April 2014  
Closing date for applications [People Power](#)

17th April 2014  
Closing date for applications to the [Children's Holiday Fund](#)

Elizabeth Stevenson to discuss what sort of legacy you can leave for your community for years to come.



Donations can be made for the Newcastle fund to Staffordshire Community Foundation. For more information, please keep checking our website or call Elizabeth Stevenson on 01785 353741.

[Launch of Newcastle Fund](#)

12th May 2014  
Closing date for applications to the [We Love Lichfield](#)

31st May 2014  
[European Social Fund](#)

### Events

5th May 2014  
Try a Try-Athlon c/o [We Love Lichfield](#)

8th June 2014  
[Santander](#)

## New endowment for youth endeavour

Next month the Staffordshire Community Foundation will be launching the *Youth Endeavour Fund*. This fund will provide help and assistance to those aged 14 – 25, who are trying to overcome a barrier to their future success. The fund was established as a result of a very generous donation.

More information about the fund, including the criteria, and the reason for its establishment, will be available on our [website](#) from Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> May 2014.

## What's On?



### Try a Try-athlon

5th May 2014

The Virgin Active "World's Shortest Try-Athlon World Record Attempt in aid of SCF held fund **"We Love Lichfield"**, around Princes Park, Burntwood on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2014

The 'Try-athlon' will be around the UK's smallest park – Princes Park off Farewell Lane in Burntwood.

Participants will cycle first for 10 seconds, run for 55 paces before swimming the final leg. In total, the



whole event will last approximately 25 - 45 seconds.

People can register for £5 through [www.kpevents.net/enter-an-event](http://www.kpevents.net/enter-an-event)

## Golf Day

*2nd May 2014*

Don't forget as part of the fundraising efforts for the We Love Lichfield Fund, there will be a golf day held this year on Friday 2nd May 2014 at Darnford Moors Golf Club in Lichfield.

This fantastic day is for teams of 4 and costs just £40 per person. The day features a full itinerary and includes coffee and biscuits on arrival at the club, 18 hole team event on The Moors course, a light lunch, a 9 hole team event on The Academy course, a hot fork buffet in the evening and prizes.

Despite being in aid of the We Love Lichfield fund, managed by the Staffordshire Community Foundation, its open to everyone.



### [Further information](#)

If you are interested in playing or putting together a team for this event, please download the enrolment form [here](#)

## Monthly Focus

Belgrave Buttercups

With the help of the High Sheriff Fund Belgrave Buttercups were able to purchase musical instruments so that the children could use these to promote early learning and self expression.

Here is what they said;

*'The instruments purchased with the funding are used at least every fortnight to give the children chance to get some rhythm. It is good for the moms and dads too. Since getting the instruments we have a volunteer called Wendy who comes along to play piano for us which benefits the group immensely. Everybody loves a good sing song' !!*

For further details on the High Sheriff fund and how to apply, [please click here.](#)



## Funding Opportunities

### European Social Fund

Applications for the European Social fund are now open.

Don't forget that the final workshop held by SCF is 10th April 2014 at the Voluntary Services Centre, Union Street, Burton Upton Trent

If you would like to attend please phone us on 01785 353789.

To find out more about the European Social

### Santander Social Enterprise Development Awards

Coming soon...the Santandar Social Enterprise Development Awards (SEDA) for 2014

The award is a national community investment programme, to help support growing social enterprises and enterprising charities working for the direct benefit of their community.

### People Power

The Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) is providing £500k for the financial year 2014/15 in the form of the People Power Fund. The money has been made available to Improve community safety, reduce crime and disorder; and increase public confidence.

Community based organisations, either solely or in collaboration with others can make an application, with the local Community Safety Partnership (CSP) and

Fund and the sort of projects and organisations we can fund please [click here](#).



**European Union**  
**European Social Fund**  
Investing in jobs and skills

This is open to Registered Charities and Constituted Community Groups who can demonstrate an enterprising element to their work and income.




by your Police Community Support Officer (PCSO).

Examples of these schemes could range from, Good Neighbour Scheme, to provide reassurance in a community, the introduction of a local club or activity for young people or the installation of security measures at a local sports venue.

## Other News

### SCF Gains Quality Accreditation 3

We are pleased to announce that we have now achieved Quality Accreditation 3. This is based on a full assessment of procedures within the Foundation, including Governance, Financial management, Grant Giving, Donor and Community Engagement, and is issued through UK Community Foundations and endorsed by the Charity Commission.



### 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.

