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Dear Supporters

Welcome to the July issue of our e-newsletter. As ever the staff here have been very busy and are in the process of finalising details for the launches of the South Staffordshire, Newcastle and Stafford Borough Community funds.

For the next few months we will also be introducing you to each member of the Foundation team, starting with staff and then trustees that help make it all happen here at the Staffordshire Community Foundation. Without them, and our Donors, the Foundation would not exist today.

We hope you enjoy this months issue.

Steve Adams



Steve Adams,
Director of Operations

Q My favourite saying is:

'Well I'll go to the foot of our stairs'

Q The greatest lesson learnt

'Never make a promise that you can't surpass'.

Q When I am older I would like to be;

'A grown up'.

Dates for Your Diary

Grant Deadlines

23rd July 2014
[European Social Fund](#)

24th July 2014
[Bishop Stamer Fund](#)

24th July 2014
[Childrens Holiday Fund](#)

21st August 2014
[Malam Heath Fund](#)

Events

[Two Saints Way Walk](#)
25th August 2014
11th October 2014
15th February 2015
1st March 2015

Briefings

[People Power Fund](#)
29th July Tamworth

Q I am frightened mostly by;

'Wasps, I want to love all nature, but they don't make it easy'.

1st August, Lichfield
4th August, Cannock

Q My greatest inspiration is

'The difference that the Foundation makes, such small pieces of help can have a massive effect on people's lives. Seeing it makes every second working worthwhile'

Call for 'Lay' Grants Panel Members

Do you have a couple of hours to spare a few times a year?

The Staffordshire Community Foundation holds many grants panels throughout the year to determine awards and grants around the county. Each meeting has a specific panel construction, containing people from relevant backgrounds and with relevant skill sets. We are now looking to create a 'bank' of lay members to join the regular panels.

These new members may sit on one or more of our grants panels, without being limited to any specific fund. There will also be some 'emergency' members, to satisfy the need for short notice panels, and may be contacted if regular members of the panels are unable to attend. Anyone who joins as a 'lay' member shouldn't expect to be called on more than once a quarter. Meetings are held around the county, and we will always try to offer one closest to your normal location.

There is no salary for this role, although expenses will be paid, and if the meeting lasts longer than a morning lunch will be provided.

We are not looking for any particular skill set or qualifications and only ask that you have some involvement in your local community, or want to create an involvement in the local community. This is a great opportunity to find out more about the work of voluntary and community groups around the county. We're interested to hear from people who work in any of the three sectors – public, private or civil society, as well as members of the public.

If you are interested in shaping grant giving around the county please contact Sally Grieve or Beverlie Jackson on 01785 353789, or by e-mail on office@staffsfoundation.org.uk.

Save The Date

Due to commitment beyond our control, the launch of the Stafford Borough fund has now been moved to 30th September 2014. The Stafford borough fund,

covers the area currently covered by Stafford Borough Council, and includes the Stone district.

Together, we can make a sustainable impact across Staffordshire, improving the lives of those around us. You can help in so many ways, by donating skills and expertise, helping with fundraising, making a donation...you name it, there's a way! What's more, if your business gets involved in helping others near you, you can claim it as part of your CSR commitment, with all the benefits that that entails.

The Newcastle Borough and South Staffordshire funds are still on schedule to be launched in September 2014.

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

What's Hot

European Social Fund
July 2014



European Union
European Social Fund
Investing in jobs and skills

The European Social Fund (ESF) Grants have re-opened for applications aimed to help people increase their chances of finding work who are financially inactive.

Community and voluntary groups can apply for funding to provide services to people to assist with their skills. Grants are awarded up to a maximum of £15,000.

We are still accepting grant applications, but time is running out, so if you've been thinking of applying now is the time to act. For more information please check our [website](#).

Partners Assuring a Safer Staffordshire



Partners Assuring a Safer Staffordshire is a registered charity formed to provide funding for positive community activities aimed at reducing crime and fear of crime.

The charity provides small grants to support sustainable community projects aimed at preventing and reducing crime, increasing public reassurance and community safety, and the provision of positive activities in local areas.

For more information and how to apply please click [here](#).

People Power Fund
August 2014



The People Power Fund will be opening again for applications at the beginning of August.

In line with the priorities of the Commissioner's Safer, Fairer, United Communities Strategy and the local Community Safety priorities, this money is available to improve community safety, reduce crime and disorder and increase public confidence.

With the support of the local Community Safety Partnership (CSP), community based organisations, either solely or in collaboration with others can make an application for between £100 and £3000.

Applications are not handled directly by the Staffordshire Community Foundation, and so for all information, including details of how to apply, please see the Police and Crime Commissioners [website](#), but please keep checking our Newsletter and website for regular updates.

What's On?

Workshops and guidance will be available to all those wishing to apply to the People Power Fund.

Our Grants Officer Sally Grieve will again be offering advice and assistance to those wishing to prepare their application for the People Power fund.

The dates for these are;

29th July Tamworth
Tamworth Borough Council, Marmion House, Lichfield Street, Tamworth, B79 7BZ

1st August Lichfield
Lichfield District Council, District Council House, Frog Lane, Lichfield, WS13 6YY

4th August, Cannock
Support Staffordshire, Coniston Hall, Chadsmoor, WS11 2DD

*To book your place or for further information, please contact our Grants Officer, Sally Grieve on **01785 353590**.*

Monthly Focus

Headway North Staffordshire

Earlier this year we awarded a grant to Headway North Staffordshire from the Bishop Stamer Fund, which enabled the group to add a wet / shower room with disabled access to the existing facilities for members to use.

The need was identified as a result of consultation with members who use the gym and physiotherapy facilities.

For more information on Bishop Stamer fund, [click here](#).

Other News

The 'Big' Fish



160 Anglers took part in a fishing competition to fish one of the best silver fish pools in the country.

In aid of the 'The We Love Lichfield' fund, 160 anglers took part in a fishing competition of whom only 20 would qualify to fish at Minster Pool, one of the best silver fish pools in the country.

Organiser Terry Turner said: "The event helped raise awareness of the fund which makes grants of up to £1,000 available to worthy causes and community groups in Lichfield and Burntwood

Read more:

Terry Turner, Donor advisor for We Love Lichfield, says the day was a huge success and raised over £500 for the fund.

We would like to thank all who took part and showed their support.

The We Love Lichfield fund gives grants to worthy causes across the district. For more information on this grant and how the fund can help you please click [here](#).

The winner of The Big Fish was Tony Taylor (pictured right) with a catch of 74lbs 13oz, runner-up was John Harper with 57Lbs 14oz, then Willie Austin with 41lb 11oz, Jamie Scott with 38lb 8oz, Mick Doyle, 32lbs and Neil Lawrence with 26lbs 13oz.

Read more.



Pictured; Winner, (right) Tony Taylor with Cllr Ken Humphries (left).

Children In Need



Children in Need are keen to encourage more quality applications from the Staffordshire area.

Funding is available for groups who are looking to run projects that work with children and young people aged 18 years in the UK, who are experiencing disadvantage through:

- Illness, distress, abuse or neglect
- Any kind of disability
- Behavioural or psychological difficulties
- Living in poverty or situations of deprivation

They can fund organisations working to combat this disadvantage and make a real difference to children and young people's lives.

Grant programmes are open to charities and not-for-profit organisations, and Children in Need's vision is that children and young people in the UK have a safe, happy and secure childhood and the chance to reach their potential. We would encourage applications from those who've not thought of applying to us before, and also from those who already have.

There are two grant programmes available, the **Small Grants** programme awards grants up to and including £10,000 for one year.

The **Main Grants** programme awards grants over £10,000 to support projects for up to three years. There is no upper limit for Main Grants but we make very few grants over £100,000.

Applications must be submitted via the BBC website, (www.bbc.co.uk/pudsey) and there are deadlines throughout the year, so there are lots of opportunities to apply. Check out the website for application deadline dates, A to Z guidance notes and frequently asked questions. You can also contact the applications help desk on 0345 609 0015.

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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