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Dear Supporters

Summer is finally here and the community funds are in full bloom with the Youth endeavour fund fully launched. In this issue the donors of the fund explain how this fund will benefit those aged between 14 and 25 years.

Staff here at the Foundation have been pacing the grounds of Staffordshire to support the High Sheriff fund by taking part in the Two Saints Way Walk, details of how to take part and show your support can be found further in our newsletter.

Steve Adams

Staffordshire Needs You!

In the past year, SCF has delivered just under £1 million in grants to individuals and community groups across Staffordshire. This year we want to aim high and award even more! Our ambition is to create nine bespoke, local funds as defined by the district, borough and city areas within Staffordshire, ensuring that the Foundation can provide support to individuals and community groups throughout the county.

Already, we have successful community funds covering Cannock Chase, Tamworth, Lichfield and Stoke on Trent and this summer we will be launching funds for Stafford Borough, South Staffordshire and the borough of Newcastle under Lyme. Next year will see the launch of funds in East Staffordshire and Staffordshire Moorlands.

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 decides to get involved in helping others

Dates for Your Diary

Grant Deadlines

18th June 2014
[European Social Fund](#)

19th June 2014
[High Sheriff Fund](#)

26th June 2014
[Coventry Building Society](#)

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

Events

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

near you, your company can get a tax break AND greater publicity!

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

Stafford Borough July 2014

Covering the area currently covered by Stafford Borough Council, and includes the Stone district. **The official launch of this fund will take place on 15th July 2014.**

For more information or to make a donation to the fund, please click [here](#).

Newcastle Borough September 2014

The Newcastle Borough Fund will distribute grants out to individuals and charitable organisations within the Borough, ensuring that our communities continue to thrive.

The fund will receive it's official launch on 10th September 2014

For more information or to make a donation, please click [here](#).

South Staffordshire August 2014

The South Staffordshire Community Fund is one of the final 'area funds' to be put into place, the other being the East Staffordshire Community Fund. **The South Staffordshire Community will be launching on 28 August 2014.**

For more information or to make a donation, please click [here](#).

Youth fund Launched

Help is available to those aged between 14 and 25, who are trying to overcome difficult times by the launch of the Youth endeavour fund.

The Youth Endeavour Fund will provide grants made up to the value of £500, although no financial award will be made. The fund enables the young to purchase equipment or work wear to enable them to carry out employment and skills, just a few examples of what this fund covers.

The Donors of the Fund wanted to make a difference and this is what they had to say;

'After some lengthy consideration of what it is that makes a real difference to young people and therefore what we as individuals might contribute (apart from our time!) we decided to establish the YEF (Youth Endeavour Fund).

We were aware that there already exists an array of youth support but knew that very often young people don't fit 'neatly' into existing categories and thus can easily 'slip through the net', ultimately leading to them fail to meet both theirs and others expectations.

This is where we felt a small financial contribution might help, by easing them on to the next step of their lives, whether it be for their direct benefit or as a means of support to enable them to contribute directly within their community.

We were also keen to leave the fund acceptance criteria as open as possible, acknowledging that individual circumstances can be as varied as they may be challenging.

We've started with a small contribution, but one that we hope will stimulate better and more fruitful young lives.'

More information about the fund, including the criteria, will be available on our [website](#).

In The Spotlight

Chase Community Fund

We made our first awards through the Chase Community Fund last month to community projects that will make a difference. Grants are given to Cannock Chase community and voluntary social groups such as, the elderly social groups, amateur sports teams, dance troupes, and all groups that do so much good for the district. Here are just a few organisations that have benefited.

Cycle R was presented with a cheque to help support their project, to provide signage for their new premises.

Cycle R works with long term unemployed, under educated and other disadvantaged members of the local community, offering training, work experience and confidence.



Phab was presented with a cheque to help towards funding for some promotional t-shirts.

They provide a club for special needs and disabled children and young adults who are able to share their thoughts and worries in a safe environment, whilst still gaining new skills for everyday life.

Avon Business and Leisure were awarded a grant to help purchase a new computer

and printer for the community centre.

As the whole community have access to the centre, the equipment will be available for all hirers to use.



We Love Lichfield

Through the We Love Lichfield fund we were able to present awards to help local community projects.



Mr Simon Price, trustee of the Staffordshire Community Foundation and local patron of the We Love Lichfield Fund was pleased to present a cheque to 'Late Night Listeners' to help their project.

They provide hot drinks, biscuits, and support and assistance to people with problems arising from drinking too much or other general issues.

This funding will enable them to continue existing work and continue support for those who need it.

Mr Ken Humphries, Vice Chairman of Lichfield District Council was pleased to award 'Lichfield Diamonds' with funding.

The funding is to enable Lichfield Diamonds to purchase new equipment for their after school sports activities including balls and bibs which will enable the children to learn new skills and promote a healthy lifestyle.



Mr Andy Kerr, reporter for the Lichfield Mercury was pleased to present a cheque to 1206 Air Mercian Squadran Air Training Corps.

The funding will enable them to purchase a



new box trailer van to help transport drum equipment to events and to carry kit on behalf of the Duke of Edinburgh award expeditions.

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 application 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 a maximum of £15,000.

For more information please check our [website](#).

What's On?

'Keep on Walking'
Two Saints Way Walk

Ann Fisher, the High Sheriff of Staffordshire is still raising money for the High Sheriff fund c/o Staffordshire Community Foundation. There is still time to donate using the 'just giving' link below to help raise funds for this great fund to help projects that make a difference to the community.

'The Two Saints Way' walk is an 88 mile pilgrimage route - which stretches from Chester to Lichfield Cathedral.



With only four more sections to complete from Stoke on Trent to Stafford and the final leap from Stafford to Lichfield.

If you would like to support Ann in her Pilgrimage walk and show your support to the High Sheriff fund you can do so by clicking the 'Just Giving' Link below.



JustGiving™

For more information on The High Sheriff fund and how it can help you, please go to our website for more information.

[High Sheriff fund](#)



Monthly Focus

Drayton Bassett Community Group

c/o The High Sheriff Fund

Drayton Bassett Community Group are an organisation who help older people stay connected with others in their community.

They offer monthly coach trips or lunches and offer support to those members who have lost their spouse and find they have to build a new social life. With help from the High Sheriff Fund, Drayton Bassett Community Group were able to take its members on a trip to the German Market in Birmingham.

For more information on the High Sheriff Fund [click here](#).



Other News

Day 'Fore' Success



The Golf day held at Darnford Moors Golf Club was a huge success and greatly supported, a total of £5'500 was raised towards this fund.

The We Love Lichfield fund gives grants to worthy causes across the district.

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



SCF Trustee wins Community Champion Award

We are pleased to announce that one of our trustees, Simon Price, is the recipient of the 2014 'Charitable Champion' award from BIRA (British Independent Retailers Association).

This award is given to an individual or team from a business that significantly supports charitable giving, and Simon Price, of Arthur Price Ltd., of Lichfield, does so through his involvement with the Staffordshire Community Foundation and his support for our Lichfield specific fund, We Love Lichfield.

Congratulations to Simon from everyone at the Staffordshire Community Foundation.



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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