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## **UK COMMUNITY FOUNDATIONS SUCCESSFUL IN BID FOR TAMPON TAX FUND**

UK Community Foundations (UKCF) has been awarded £3.4m from the Tampon Tax Fund to support women and girls in local communities. This is the largest grant awarded to any organisation from this fund.

UKCF will lead a programme called 'TribeWomen' with all 46 Community Foundations across the UK to fund projects which will help women and girls have the best future possible. TribeWomen will focus on three core areas of funding: building skills and confidence, improving health and wellbeing, and building social networks. Further specific priorities will be determined by each Community Foundation depending on local needs.

The projects will be responding to need, helping women and girls get into or back into work, raising awareness about health issues and will create and develop peer networks. A key focus will be funding preventative work to reduce the risk of crisis at different life stages. Community Foundations will work with local charities and groups in their area, building capacity in the sector to deliver meaningful projects through the fund.

The Tampon Tax Fund allocates funds generated from the VAT on sanitary products to projects that improve the lives of disadvantaged women and girls.

Victoria Papworth, Director of Programmes and Development at UK Community Foundations said: 'We are delighted at being awarded the largest grant from the Tampon Tax Fund. We look forward to working in local communities to support women and girls to have the best future possible.'

# END OF YEAR FIGURES: APRIL '17 - MARCH '18

**£588,768**  
Awarded in grants

**£50,000**  
Awarded in loans

**187**  
Projects funded

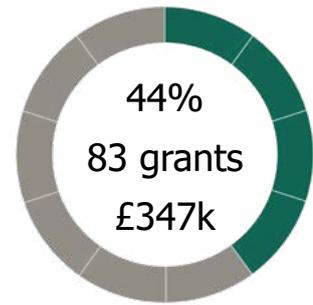
**£3,166**  
Average grant amount

**£7.5m**  
Awarded since inception

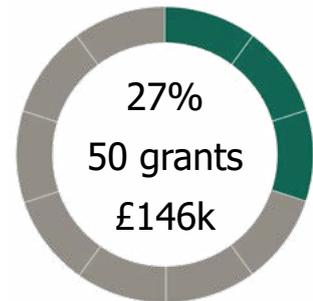
Find out more in our  
2017/18 Annual Review

Coming soon!

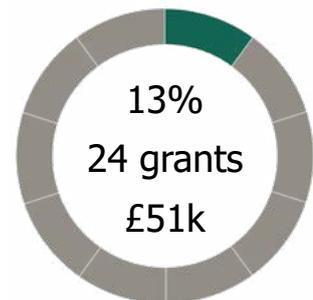
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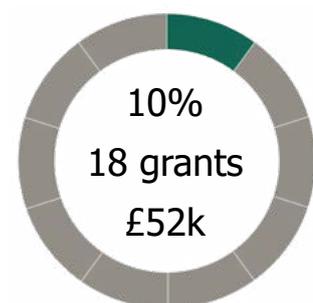
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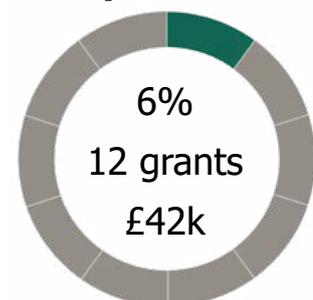
## South Bucks



## Chiltern



## Multiple districts



# PROJECT UPDATE

## WYCOMBE WANDERERS SPORTS

### & EDUCATION TRUST:

#### EXERCISING YOUR MENTAL HEALTH

Wycombe Wanderers Sports and Education Trust were recently awarded a grant of £4,980 to carry out their 'exercising your mental health' project, which aims to use the power of sport and physical activity to aid the prevention and recovery of ill mental health.

They are running sessions which will provide a place to come and meet people with similar experiences and learn about different mental health issues and coping strategies, all mixed in with taking part in a physical activity.



The project covers five subjects over a six-week period, including self-esteem and anxiety, and uses carefully selected questions to monitor and evaluate the progress of those taking part.

With the first 6-week course now complete, Sam Parker, community health manager at Wycombe Wanderers Sports & Education Trust will be presenting the findings at the upcoming Leap forum on 'Improving mental wellbeing through physical activity and sport'.

# IMPACT STORY

## MAKE A SPECIAL KID SMILE:

### SCHOOL THERAPY DOG PROJECT



MASKS was awarded a grant of £5,000 to support Stocklake Park School with an innovative project that involves a specially trained dog, and highly skilled dog handler, placed in the school to enhance the learning experiences of children with special educational needs.

Stocklake Park School provides care and education for students aged 11-19 with severe learning difficulties, profound and multiple learning difficulties and students who have moderate learning difficulties with other complex needs.

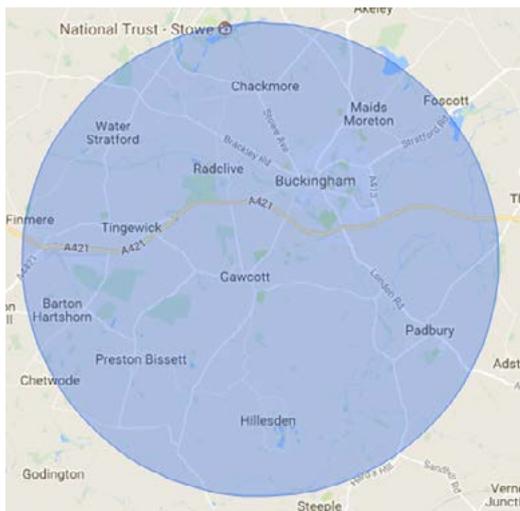


A significant part of the school curriculum is about developing independence, communication and life skills. This helps to support students in accessing their community and be involved in decisions about their lives.

The school dog, called Patience, is able to support these children on a daily basis. From involvement with physiotherapy, speech and language therapy and occupational therapy, to learning about self-care and hygiene.

Out in the community, Patience helps to reduce the impact that environmental distractions can have and improves safety. For instance, students will help with decision-making on when it is safe for Patience to cross the road.

# UPDATE ON GRANT FUNDS



## NEW FUND LAUNCHED:

### GAWCOTT FIELDS COMMUNITY SOLAR FUND

Utilising the income generated from the Gawcott Fields Solar Farm, the fund will be used to support community projects in the parishes within a 5km radius of Gawcott Fields.

The fund will have a theme each year, in 2018 this is 'sports'.

Grants available up to £2,000.

This fund can be applied for via our [general grants process](#).

## BACK FOR 2018/19:

### [#IWILL FUND](#)

The #iwill fund aims to increase youth volunteering and social action by 50% by 2020, with a particular focus on deprived areas.

The fund looks to support activities that create opportunities for young people to develop their character and their capacity to significantly contribute to their community.

Fund size: £40,000

Grants available up to £5,000.

Proudly supporting  
youth social action



Department  
for Culture  
Media & Sport



LOTTERY FUNDED

### The fund will prioritise projects that:

- Seek to increase participation from young people from less affluent social economic groups, hard to reach groups and people who might not usually take part in social action
- Are working with people at the younger end of the spectrum (10-14 years)
- Build the appetite of young people to continue with social action; support habit forming behaviour; leave a legacy of behaviour/activity after the funding stops
- Involve young people in planning, delivery and evaluation
- Give young people the opportunity to learn new skills and develop their character and confidence
- Give young people the platform to get their voice heard

## FIND OUT MORE ONLINE

For additional information on either of the funds above or to explore our other funding opportunities please visit our website.

[heartofbucks.org](http://heartofbucks.org)



Pictured: Rachel Shimmin (CEO, Bucks CC), Peter Costello (CEO, Heart of Bucks), Martin Gallagher (CEO, The Clare Foundation), Nick Phillips (CEO, Community Impact Bucks), Mark Ormerod (CEO, Leap), Jenifer Cameron (CEO, Action 4 Youth) and Mark Shaw (Deputy Leader, Bucks CC).

## **A NEW STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP HAS BEEN LAUNCHED #BUCKSWORKINGTOGETHER**

In February, the VCS Strategic Partnership Working Group was launched.

Made up of senior leads from across the voluntary and community sector and Bucks County Council, the group will be essential in helping meet the challenges facing Buckinghamshire and will work towards a shared vision of developing healthy and resilient communities.

The Group is chaired by the Chief Executive of Bucks CC, Rachael Shimmin who highlighted 'Increasing the profile and influence of our invaluable voluntary sector will be key to ensuring Buckinghamshire continues to benefit from a fantastic range of community services.

Building a strong, partnership foundation ensures the VCS are involved from the outset, and able to contribute to strategic conversations at the right time'.

Building on the strengths of existing partnership work, the group will help to tackle some the critical challenges facing the county over the next 20 years.

February's meeting focused on the importance of collaboration and the key challenges facing Buckinghamshire.

Following the meeting Cllr Mark Shaw, Deputy Leader said, 'Buckinghamshire has always been strong on partnership working but strengthening our relationship with our voluntary and community sector ensures that we collectively make the most of the expertise and assets building resilience across our communities'.

# EXCELLENCE IN CORPORATE SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

PROUDLY SPONSORED BY HEART OF BUCKS



For the third year running, Heart of Bucks is the proud sponsor of the Excellence in Corporate Social Responsibility Award at the Buckinghamshire Business Awards. This particular award recognises those businesses who have a strong track record of playing their responsible part in society and giving back to it. This may be through fund raising, active support from company employees and/or providing opportunities for worthy causes, for which there is no direct financial benefit to the company.

The awards take place on 22nd May at Aylesbury Waterside Theatre.

**Well done and good luck to this year's finalists:**



## UPCOMING EVENTS

### FUNDRAISING EVENTS:

#### **ANNUAL GOLF DAY**

Thursday 24th May  
Denham Golf Club

Team of four - £600

#### **VENETIAN BALL**

Friday 29th June  
Hall Barn, Beaconsfield

Tickets £95 per person

For both fundraising events we also have many sponsorship opportunities.  
For more information or to book please email [events@heartofbucks.org](mailto:events@heartofbucks.org)

### FUNDING CONSULTATIONS:

#### **CHILTERN DISTRICT**

Tuesday 1st May  
Chiltern District Council Offices

#### **WYCOMBE DISTRICT**

Wednesday 20th June  
Micklefield Library

By appointment only. For more information please email [grants@heartofbucks.org](mailto:grants@heartofbucks.org)

# KEEP IN TOUCH WITH US

In May 2018, it will be a lawful requirement to gain your consent to send you news and updates by email, such as this newsletter.

As someone who has engaged with the Foundation, we need to ask for your consent to keep in touch.



Full information regarding the new law (General Data Protection Regulation) and how we use your data can be found on our website; [heartofbucks.org/privacy](http://heartofbucks.org/privacy)

**You can let us know your preferences today by [completing this short form](#)**

Non-completion of this form may mean we are unable to contact you again.

## What you could miss out on!

- > Funding opportunities and consultations
- > Invitations to events
- > Match-funding opportunities
- > News from the voluntary & community sector
- > Lots of inspiring impact stories!

For more information about any of the information in our newsletter, please email [marketing@heartofbucks.org](mailto:marketing@heartofbucks.org)

