

Expert *local*  
*philanthropy*  
advice.



# *Welcome* to Sussex Community Foundation.

## Who we are

We are a registered charity that exists to make Sussex a fairer and more equal place. We do this by enabling local people to support local causes, making grants to small charities and voluntary groups working in communities across Sussex.

We bring together people who are passionate about creating lasting, local change and we offer expert local philanthropy advice. Whether they're philanthropists and investors, or charity founders and volunteers, we help them do more together than they ever could on their own.



## *How we focus our impact.*

Since 2006 we've worked with over 3,500 local charities and community groups across Sussex, covering a range of needs and causes. We use this insight alongside national and local data to focus our impact on four funding priorities where we believe we can make the biggest difference: Tackling Poverty, Improving Health, Reaching Potential and Acting on Climate.

Through our philanthropy advice we help to match our supporters' aims with the many small, effective local charities offering solutions to local issues.

*In 2024-25, we awarded  
£2.8m in grants to 420  
charities and community  
groups across Sussex.*

# How we *can help.*

Many people want to put something back into the community in which they live and work but can be uncertain of how best to do this. We can help your clients invest their resources in the local charities and community groups who need it most.

There are many ways we can work together to help your clients find the right solution for their philanthropic, tax, family or business needs. We can:

- ◉ Provide bespoke, expert advice and guidance on all areas of charitable giving and local philanthropy.
- ◉ Create a Donor Advised Fund your client can use to give to causes they care about, in a tax-efficient way, that can also involve future generations.
- ◉ Help clients to create lasting local change by leaving a gift in their Will.
- ◉ Support or take on charitable trusts where the administrative burden has become too much, trustees are struggling to fulfil the objects, or the future is unclear.

We are here to support and strengthen your relationship with your clients. Our goal is to ensure that they are provided with the best possible advice on rewarding, efficient giving, with you as the cornerstone of the relationship.

# *Unlocking* local philanthropy.

Research by the Charities Aid Foundation shows that 66% of wealthy individuals think their professional advisors should be giving them some kind of philanthropic advice.

One simple question from a trusted advisor at the right moment, like planning their estate or selling a business, could be transformational.

*‘Have you thought about philanthropy?’*

**“I have always seen real value in what Sussex Community Foundation has to offer to our clients. The client can set up their own fund with them, which is a very effective way of managing money whilst still being involved in making decisions on grants – but without the admin and the other boring bits.”**

**John Bunker, Consultant Solicitor and Chartered Tax Advisor, Irwin Mitchell**

For more information on how Sussex Community Foundation can support you to help your clients achieve their philanthropic goals, please get in touch: call the Philanthropy team on 01273 409440, email [info@sussexcommunityfoundation.org](mailto:info@sussexcommunityfoundation.org) or connect with us on LinkedIn.

*Sussex Community Foundation*  
brings *inspirational* people together to create the  
change *Sussex* needs. We make and *strengthen*  
*connections* between philanthropists, businesses,  
charity founders and *community* leaders.  
We make *vital* grants through over 100 dedicated  
*funds*. We share knowledge, *inspiration* and  
stories – to help grow the power of community,  
and create a Sussex where people and  
*communities thrive*.



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