



Making a *lasting local* difference.

A guide to investing in a fairer and more equal Sussex



Welcome to Sussex Community Foundation.

Who we are

We are a registered charity that exists to make Sussex a fairer and more equal place, where people and communities thrive. We do this by enabling local people like you to support local causes you care about. We make hundreds of grants every year to small charities and voluntary groups working in communities across Sussex.

We bring together people who are passionate about creating lasting, local change and 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 3,020 local charities and community groups, across every community in Sussex and covering a range of needs and causes.

We use national and local data to focus our impact on four funding priorities where we believe we can make the biggest difference. Through our philanthropy advice we help to match our supporters' aims with the many small, effective local charities offering solutions to local issues.

Our funding *priorities*.



Tackling poverty

Reducing poverty and disadvantage in our communities



Improving
health

Helping people live longer,
better lives



Reaching potential

Providing life-changing skills,
education and training



Acting on climate

Taking local action for the climate

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



Team Domenica

A photograph of an older man and woman smiling and talking to each other. The man is on the left, wearing glasses and a patterned shirt under a dark jacket. The woman is on the right, with blonde hair and a red headband, wearing a bright pink top. The background is blurred, showing other people and outdoor setting.

Why give through *us*?

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.

Perhaps you've been thinking for a while about giving back to your local community but aren't sure what route to take. Perhaps your family, business or charitable trust is passionate about helping others and is ready to take a more strategic approach. Or you might have come into some money through an inheritance or selling an asset and want to make sure it's used in a way that will have a positive impact on the county you call home.

Whatever your reason for wanting to do more, we're here to help.

By *partnering* with us you can:



Discuss and agree how to meet your charitable goals.



Access our wealth of local knowledge to ensure your giving effectively supports causes you care about.



Make your gift in the most cost-effective and tax-efficient way.



Leave us to manage all the administration, investments, due diligence, reporting and legal responsibilities.



Create long-lasting and meaningful impact in the community.



After my retirement I have been enjoying various hobbies and interests, but I am conscious that the next phase in my life also needs to involve helping others. I had thought about starting our own family charitable foundation, but I was concerned about issues around governance, investment of funds and finding the right charities who would benefit. Fortunately, I was introduced by a friend to Sussex Community Foundation. They are great for local giving, they do all necessary regulatory work and invest our money where it is most needed.



Nick Munday, current fundholder at Sussex Community Foundation



Making your charitable aims a *reality*.

There are many ways we can work together to make Sussex a fairer and more equal place. We can also work with your professional advisor to offer the right solution for your philanthropic, tax, family or business needs.

Become a *Friend*.

Our Friends support the development of our work and quite simply enable us to do what we do. Friends make a gift from £40 a month or £500 a year.

Give to one of our *funding priorities*.

If you want to know that your giving is being directed towards particular areas of work, consider giving to one of our four funding priorities. Donations are pooled with others in the community to enable impactful grant making to a priority of your choice. You can make donations of any size.

Leave a *lasting legacy*.

You might want to consider leaving a gift in your Will to Sussex. Once your family and loved ones are taken care of, we can work with you and your professional advisor to ensure your charitable wishes are fulfilled. Every gift in a Will to a charity is exempt from inheritance tax (IHT). The current IHT rate of 40% also reduces to 36% if at least 10% of an estate is donated to charity.

Start a *Donor Advised Fund*.

This is a great way to get involved in local philanthropy, without the cost and hassle of setting up your own charity. Your fund is ring-fenced and makes grants to causes you care about. There are tax advantages, and we'll provide personalised philanthropy advice. There are two main types:

-  A **flow-through fund** spends your donation as grants, usually within a year. You can start from £25,000 and a commitment to future giving. The typical contribution to the Foundation is 10% of each donation.
-  You can also consider an **endowment fund**, which is invested and grows for long-term benefit. You can start with a donation from £25,000 or £100,000 if you would like to be involved in selecting grants. The typical contribution to us is 3% of donations and 1.5% of the capital value per annum after one year.

We're here to help

Why not get in touch for an informal conversation about your needs and aims? We've been giving expert local philanthropy advice to people in Sussex since 2006 and we'll be happy to help you find the right solution. Or if you prefer, simply pass our details on to your professional advisor.

**Call our Philanthropy team on 01273 409440
or email info@sussexcommunityfoundation.org**



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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