



South Yorkshire's
**Community
Foundation**

IMPACT REPORT 2022

SOUTH YORKSHIRE'S COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

Local knowledge.
Wise investment.
Stronger communities.

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Foreword



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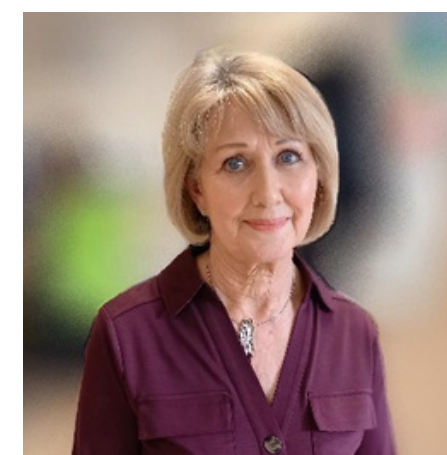
Chief Executive

This report is a testament to the strength, resilience, and generosity of South Yorkshire's communities.

With the legacy of COVID-19 still rife throughout the region, in addition to the impact of the Cost of Living crisis, the continued actions of charities, community groups, organisations and individuals have been vital to the region's continued positive growth, acting as a lifeline for the most vulnerable people throughout South Yorkshire and beyond. From helping a local elderly resident, befriending those shut behind closed doors, delivering food to the socially isolated, providing financial advice and support to individuals and families, everyone pulled together showing unwavering community spirit under extremely trying circumstances.

We highlight some of these community groups and projects in our Impact Report.

We continue to use our Impact Reports to inform our stakeholders, partners and donors and encourage conversations about targeted local philanthropy. Every year, we aim to spark discussion, encourage connections, create partnerships and inspire action and most importantly, make a real difference within South Yorkshire.



Prof. Chris Booth-Mayblin

Chair

Last year saw another tough year for everyone as all sectors continued to struggle with Covid and its aftermath, as well as an emerging cost of living crisis. In spite of the difficult environment we achieved some real successes. Our vision is to make a positive difference to South Yorkshire communities. To that end, we distributed £1m of grant funding to help people facing hardship and disadvantage. It is by connecting our donors, who care about the region, with community groups striving to build stronger and healthier communities, that we are able to deliver our vision.

About Us

For over 37 years, since 1986, we have made grants of more than **£36 million** to community groups, individuals and organisations across Barnsley, Doncaster, Rotherham, and Sheffield, on behalf of the foundation's generous donors. We have also successfully delivered numerous social research projects working with the general public, as well as hard to reach groups such as the homeless, asylum seekers and minoritized and marginalised groups.

We are the largest grant giving charity in South Yorkshire. As a charity, we provide funding advice and promote lasting charitable giving by bringing together donors with their chosen causes. The grants make a genuine difference and impact on the lives of local people. Importantly, the foundation acts as a vehicle for individuals, families, funders and companies, who want to put something back into their local communities, either in their lifetime or through leaving a legacy. Similar to having a charitable trust, but without the legal and administrative costs, donors can choose from a number of ways to channel their charitable giving by setting up named funds for the causes closest to them.

UK Community Foundations



The UKCF is a membership organisation comprised of 47 quality accredited UK community foundations that connect philanthropic people with local causes that matter to them. They are the only national network of charitable funders with a physical presence in every part of the UK.

The work conducted by Community Foundations facilitates the growth and sustainability of grassroots organisations through the provision of vibrant local philanthropy, sustainable charitable funding and local partnerships.

- 1** **Billion+** In distributed grants
- 4** **th** **Largest Funder in the UK**
- 47** **Quality Accredited Community Foundations**
- 76** **million** **National Emergencies Trust funding distributed during COVID-19**

Our Aims

1. To help local people and businesses manage their charitable giving.
2. To build stronger communities and enrich lives through awarding grants.
3. To support the critical issues affecting our communities

Our Vision

Making a positive difference in South Yorkshire's communities.

Our Mission

To be the most impactful, respected, trusted and sustainable funder of the voluntary, community and social enterprise sector in South Yorkshire.

To engage with donors, local people and strategic partners in programmes and projects that improve the quality of life for our communities and creating healthier, safe, and better places to live.

To be a catalyst for positive change, providing community leadership to help solve problems at a local level. Encouraging charitable giving for the benefit of the communities we serve.

Our Values

We are passionate about what we do – making a difference to those in need across South Yorkshire. We care deeply about all the people in our communities, our donors – without whose generosity we could not do what we do and our team, whose determination to always do that little bit extra makes them extraordinary.



In order to respond and support the needs of communities across South Yorkshire, we produce and publish our detailed Vital Signs report every 3 years. The research provides a thought-provoking snapshot into the current facts and priorities that need to be addressed to increase the strength, resilience and growth of the region.

This report is not a moment in time, but a piece of research that enables long-term targeted support to our communities most in need.

The Report Aims To



Data was collected in three ways:

- Vital Voices** - your input through our community survey
- Vital Statistics** - where we have brought together existing datasets to compare South Yorkshire with the rest of England
- Vital Conversations** - where we held focus groups with the public and interviewed experts in each of our themes

View the report: <https://www.sycf.org.uk/vitalsigns/>

South Yorkshire's Top Priorities for Action

2021 - 2023

The top four priorities for action detailed in our 2021 Vital Signs report demonstrate the interlinking nature of society's biggest problems and how a coordinated effort from all stakeholders is needed to effect change.

Within our latest report, 10 key priorities were identified through community surveys, focus groups in addition to using a combination of local knowledge and official research data.

Focusing on the top 4 priorities, we are able to use the vital signs research to direct targeted interventions to communities and issues where they are most needed.



2021 Top Priorities

Within the Vital Signs Survey, we asked respondents to tell us which theme they considered to be the top priority for action. The data below shows the top 10 priorities as chosen by communities across South Yorkshire.



1 **Crime and Safety** 20.8%



2 **Disadvantage and Inequality** 16.7%



3 **Stronger Communities** 12.8%



4 **Work and the Local Economy** 11.8%



5 **Mental Health** 11.3%



6 **Education and Learning** 8%



7 **Natural Environment** 7.8%



8 **Housing and Homelessness** 5.6%



9 **Healthy Living** 4.1%



10 **Arts and Heritage** 1%

2022 Primary Outcomes

For every successful grant allocation, we assign specific outcomes corresponding to the purpose and impact of the funding received by the organisations, charities, individuals, and community groups. Below shows the top primary outcomes achieved through our grant giving in 2022 and the corresponding top priorities that they address.

Good health and Wellbeing

1



Improve Health (Physical / Mental / Emotional)

2



Increased Employability

3



Reduce Isolation

4



Increase in Beneficiary Training, Education, Accreditation and Employment

5



Promote Opportunities for Creativity

6



Increase Opportunities for Public Engagement with Culture and Heritage

7



Sustainable and Safe Towns, Cities and Communities

8



Increase Access to Sport, Exercise and Leisure Activities

9



Increased Understanding of Community Issues and Priorities

10



Grant Making

Geographical Grant Allocation Overview

We connect people who care about South Yorkshire and have the means to invest in its future with the community groups, organisations, charities and individuals striving to build stronger and healthier communities.

In 2022 across all of South Yorkshire and beyond, we gave out ...



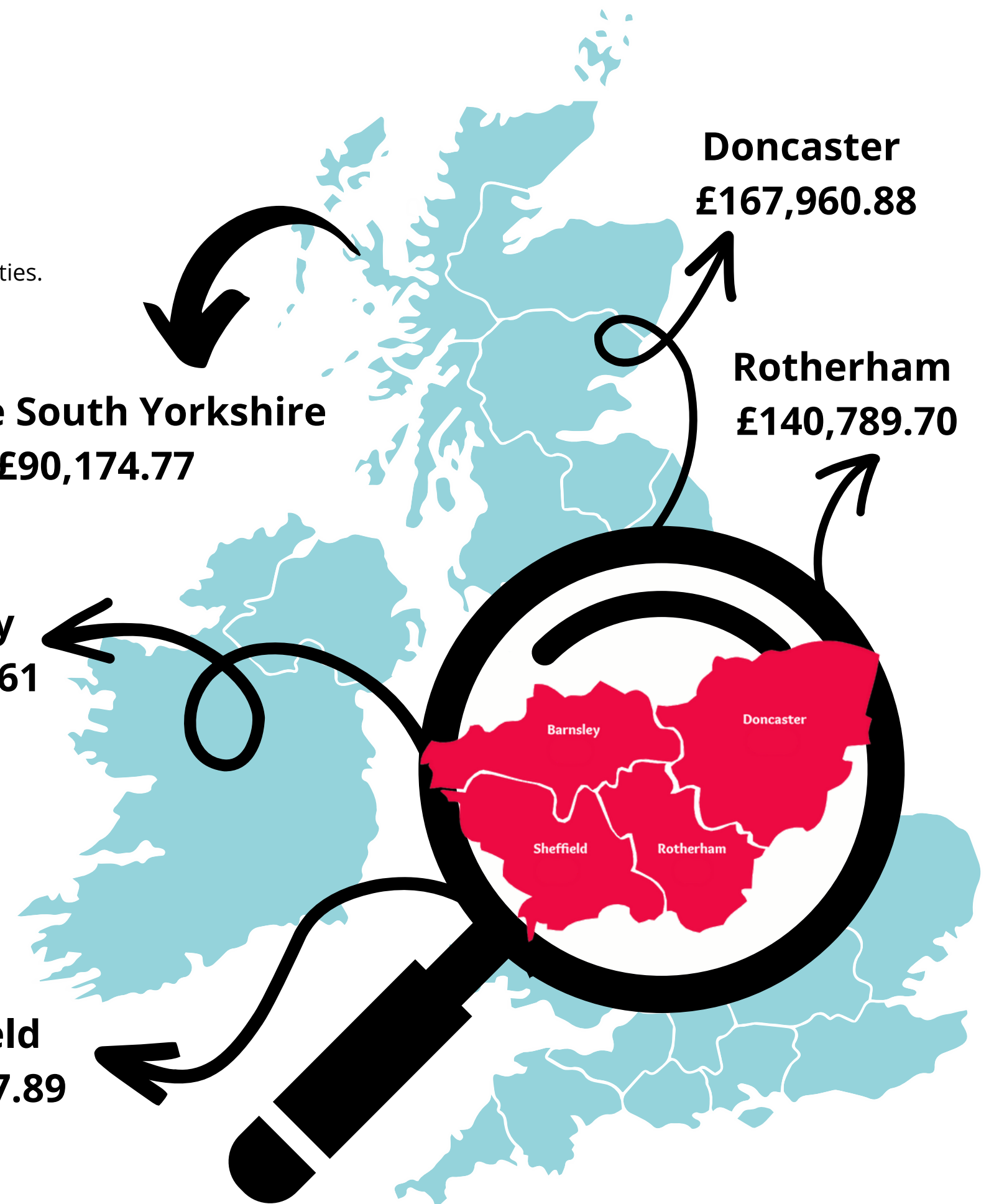
Outside South Yorkshire
£90,174.77

Barnsley
£146,368.61

Sheffield
£479,847.89

Doncaster
£167,960.88

Rotherham
£140,789.70



Grants Awarded 2022

In 2022 we awarded 298 grants to the value of £1,025,141.82 to communities across South Yorkshire and beyond. The timeline below breaks down the number of grants and total amount awarded each month over the course of the year.

Grow



January

£121,967.22

February

£128,424.98



Blend Cook, Eat, Share

March

£148,699.84



Grimethorpe Activity Zone Art

April

£168,900.70



Rotherham Blackburn Club for Young People

One Somali Foundation

May

£40,697.00



June

£9,976.00



Palfest

Aspiring Communities Together

July

£18,188.00



Greener Greenhill

August

£21,674.77



Artistic Spectrum

Bloom


September

£225,226.47



October

£84,793.20



November

£26,763.00



Monkey Park

December

£29,830.64



Whinfell Community Hall Craft Group

Total
£1,025,141.82

To use local knowledge to identify need

- Delivered 7 CCG ICS research contracts – Birth Trauma, Antenatal and Post Natal, Community Diagnostic Hubs, People and Community Strategy, Recovery Cancer Services, Pelvic Health and Mental Health and Wellbeing. The findings were presented to clinical leads at Doncaster Hospital.
 - As a foundation, we have been conducting research into local needs, vitality of the communities and commissioned research on behalf of partners since 2015. We were commissioned by the Integrated Care System for South Yorkshire and Bassetlaw, to conduct studies which would look at the experience of maternity services based in the local area. Information collected through this exercise will help local Maternity Services to better understand the needs of local communities and improve their services moving forward. The research will have provide vital information to their improvement plan for maternity services.

To use wise investment to satisfy need

- Grew the value of endowment under management from £12.7m to £13.4m
- Successful audit of our accounts for 2021/22
- Built our SY100 network by 8 new recruits
- Allocated grants of £310,000 over 3 years to 22 community organisations through the Moving on Up programme supporting Employment and Employability for young people aged 14-30 years
- Secured and launched the AESSEAL Lieutenancy Fund, £500,000 over 5 years (£100,000 per year)
- Launched 3 Cost of Living Funds:
 1. Cost of Living for Sheffield only - £23,874 allocated to 7 community organisations
 2. Cost of Living for South Yorkshire - £72,315
 3. Sheffield Cost of Living through the Shared Prosperity Fund for Sheffield City Council - £850,000
- Secured and prepared to launch the Legacy Fund, £30,000 for S9 in Sheffield and surrounding areas up to 3 mile radius
- Completed donor report and letters for all fund holders
- Continued the ongoing development of the SY Charity Mentors Scheme
- Secured and launched Building Stronger Community Fund in partnership with the University of Sheffield
- Over 50 grants allocated via the Deakins and Withers Fund

And build stronger communities in South Yorkshire

- Awarded £1,025,141.82 in grants to support 298 charities, social enterprises and community groups from across the South Yorkshire & Bassetlaw region supporting over 250,000 beneficiaries.
 - Barnsley £146,368.61
 - Doncaster £167,960.88
 - Rotherham £140,789.70
 - Sheffield £479,847.89
 - Outside SY £90,174.77
- SYFAB supported 150 groups to leverage £88,875 in grants
- Over 40 grants panels held
- Supported groups working towards the UNSDGs (United Nations Sustainable Development Goals) via funding received from Global Challenges Local Solutions (GCLS)

Other

- Achieved our Quality Accreditation
- Attended HRH The Countess of Wessex visit at Blend Kitchen in Sheffield
- The South Yorkshire Health and Wellbeing Mayoral Community Fund distributed £180,000 to 23 Community Groups.
- 46 pieces of media coverage including five appearances on BBC Radio Sheffield and a news-in-brief on BBC Look North announcing our Sheffield Cost of Living Fund in May 2022
- Over 6,000 interactions on our social media posts (across Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and LinkedIn)
- Christmas giveaway – Gullivers donated 520 tickets to the value of £14,040
- 46 pieces of media coverage including five appearances on BBC Radio Sheffield and a news-in-brief on BBC Look North announcing our Sheffield Cost of Living Fund in May 2022

SYCF Achievements

In 2022, we achieved some amazing things! Every year we aim to promote more growth , resilience and overall positive change throughout communities within South Yorkshire.

Due to the combined generosity of our donors and partners over the last 12 months. we have been able to ...

Special Funds

Social Enterprise Exchange

Social Enterprise Exchange (SEE) is a programme managed by a consortium of specialist social enterprise support organisation. It is part-funded by the European Union through the Yorkshire and Humber ERDF Programme 2014-2020. SEE provides a comprehensive programme of social enterprise support contributing to jobs, growth and social inclusion across the Sheffield City Region, linked to the Regional Growth Hub. The project promotes social entrepreneurship, through awareness raising events, knowledge exchange and peer networking; it provides step-up support for start-ups, including hot-desks, start-up grants and mentoring; and it will offer specialist enterprise advice and support for existing social enterprises to grow and to develop new products and services.

Total Allocated £44,211.72

19 Community Groups Allocated Funding

Sheffield Cost of Living Grants

As a foundation, we created and initiated our cost of living fund. The fund provides financial support to communities across the South Yorkshire region to help reduce food and fuel poverty. We know that a wide variety of local charities, social enterprises and community groups are doing incredible work to support people through these challenging times, from social supermarkets tackling food poverty to money advice services helping people cope with rising energy bills.

Total Allocated £23,874.55

7 Community Groups Allocated Funding

The University of Sheffield Building Stronger Communities Grants

Following on from our Vital Signs research, we partnered with the University of Sheffield to expand on this research and provide resources and support to organisations working in the cause areas highlighted as the top priorities for action. Working with an academic or research group from the University of Sheffield, the funding supports community organisations in undertaking a piece of research aimed at enhancing and/or deepening the work that they already do.

Total Allocated £16,000

16 Community Groups Allocated Funding

South Yorkshire & Bassetlaw Green Social Prescribing Grants

5 Community Groups Allocated Funding

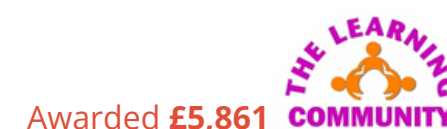
**Total Allocated
£49,490.80**

Grant Overview

Building on the government's commitment to transform mental health services and increase social prescribing (NHS Long Term Plan), the programme helps to deliver on the government's 25 Year Environment Plan to help more people, from all backgrounds to engage with and spend more time in green and blue spaces in their everyday lives.

The programme helps to tackle and prevent mental ill-health through offering green and blue activities to people with a variety of identified mental health needs. Importantly, the programme addresses a wide range of needs from individuals with low level emotional and psychological needs, for example loneliness, worry and low mood, to people with mild to moderate diagnosed mental health need, such as mild depression and anxiety, to people with severe and enduring mental health conditions, who may need support in their recovery and to prevent relapse.

Green social prescribing, or green-blue social prescribing builds on this, and is the practice of supporting people to engage in nature-based interventions and activities, and includes both green and blue (water) environments. The activities which people may be linked to include local walking schemes, community gardening projects, conservation volunteering, green gyms, fishing, paddle sports, waterside walks, eco-therapeutic activities, arts and cultural activities which take place outdoors and any physical activity which encourage movement..



Awarded **£5,861**

Case Study

The Learning Community

The Learning Community are based in the heart of Dinnington, South Yorkshire and work predominantly in the Rotherham area but also deliver in Doncaster, Barnsley and Sheffield to ensure those in need receive vital support to help remove barriers and aid progression to a more fulfilled and prosperous life. The grant was used to deliver their walk photography nature sessions that aimed to decrease both digital and social exclusion.

Testimonials

"I have learnt things about myself from talking to others and now know I am good at some things. My Autism stops me from doing some things but hasn't stopped me from coming"

"I never knew I would enjoy walking as much as I have"

"I can't normally afford to take the kids out much and when they played with the others it gave me a chance for adult conversation with the other mums"

Special Funds

Let's Create Jubilee Fund

Delivered on behalf of Arts Council England through the UK Community Foundation network, the Let's Create Jubilee Fund was created to support voluntary and community groups to develop creative and cultural activities as part of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations in June 2022.

The fund was open to voluntary and community organisations with charitable aims and working towards a common goal which didn't have to be solely based around arts and culture. This could include youth groups, parent/carer groups and volunteer organisations.

Total Awarded **£113,308**
20 Community Groups Funded

Case Study

Artistic Spectrum

One of the organisations that received funding was Artistic Spectrum. Founded in January 2013 by Downton Abbey star Sophie McShera, Artistic Spectrum are not for profit organisation working with primarily adults and children with autism spectrum disorders, other developmental disorders and physical and mental disabilities. Based at The ArtSpace, their gallery and workshop in Thorne, they offer a welcoming and supportive environment that enables peoples to discover their creativity through award winning art therapy. They also deliver outreach projects at schools and in residential care settings throughout South Yorkshire, Hull and East Yorkshire.

The grant was used to fund the 'Jubilee Portrait' project. Within this project, participants worked together to create a series collaged portrait of Her Majesty. The portraits were created using a variety of found materials and art materials. The finished portraits were framed and exhibited at the organisation's galley in Thorne. The creative medium and process was designed to be both therapeutic and creatively stimulating. Importantly, it allowed participants an opportunity to feel a proud sense of achievement and to feel a big part of the Jubilee celebrations in their community.

This project has made a huge difference within the community as it enabled local people with autism come together, explore their creativity, create friendships and produce artwork capturing a key moment in British history, the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.



Awarded **£3,000**



Barnsley

In 2022, we awarded **42** grants to communities within Barnsley

Top Primary Outcome

Increase access to sport, exercise and leisure activities

Total Awarded
£146,368.61

Barnsley Youth Choir



Barnsley Main Heritage Group



Grimethorpe Residents Group



Penistone & District Bowling Club



Barnsley

Overview



Barnsley has suffered as a result of the decline of its traditional industries and continues to look for solutions to its challenges of a young population looking for a better future. Our Community foundation grants are playing an important role in continuing to help the process of recovery.

Facts and Figures



Income-Deprivation (Office for National Statistics)

Barnsley is ranked **44th** most income-deprived local authority out of all **316** in England. In addition, **51** out of all **147** neighbourhoods in Barnsley are amongst the top **20%** of income-deprived location within England. In comparison, **9** neighbourhoods are in the top **20%** of least income-deprived locations in England.

Subnational indicators (Most recent Census data)

Out of the 34 subnational indicator measures for Barnsley, 0 were better and 11 were less than the median within England.

Worse

1. Gross value added per hour worked
2. Employment rate for 16 to 64 year olds
3. Gigabit capable broadband
4. Schools and nursery schools rated good or outstanding
5. Male healthy life expectancy
6. Cigarette smokers
7. Overweight adults (aged 18 years and over)
8. Cardiovascular mortality considered preventable in persons aged under 75
9. Life satisfaction
10. Feeling life is worthwhile
11. Happiness

Education (Census 2021)

All usual residents aged 16 years and over (100%)

- No qualifications **25.2%**
- Level 1 and entry level qualifications **10.8%**
- Level 2 qualifications **14.5%**
- Apprenticeship **16.6%**
- Level 3 qualifications **16.8%**
- Level 4 qualifications or above **23.4%**
- Other qualifications **2.6%**

Health Index (Census 2021)

The health index score for Barnsley in 2020 was **97.2**. Compared to the previous year, this score decreased by **0.1**. The health index score has a baseline of 100 that was generated from the average state of health across England in 2015. A score above 100 signifies a greater and one below, a lower standard of health compared to the national average. Overall, as a result of COVID-19, improvements were visible in the subdomains, crime and air pollution across the UK, including Barnsley.

Ethnicity (Census 2021)

All usual residents (100%)

- Asian, Asian British or Asian Welsh **0.9%**
- Black, Black British, Black Welsh, Caribbean or African **0.7%**
- Mixed or Multiple ethnic groups **0.9%**
- White **96.9%**
- Other ethnic group **0.5%**

2011 – 2021 Consensus comparison

Barnsley has seen an increase in population from approximately **302,400 (1.9%)** in 2011 to **308,100** in 2021. The median age rose from **40** to **41**, higher than the median age for England (40). However, the number of individuals aged between **65** to **74** rose by **21,2%**, approximately just under **5,800** people. The number of individuals in employment increased from **53.5%** in 2011 to **53.8%** in 2021.

Barnsley

Case Studies

Charity Overview

Established in 2000, Beacon South Yorkshire provides a range of services supporting carers across South Yorkshire who are caring for people with substance misuse, disabilities, mental health, dementia, or who are elderly.

Their volunteers support carers through 1-1 appointments telephone/zoom support, counselling and drop in sessions and Fareshare food parcel distribution.

Grant Usage

The grant contributed towards the continued expenses of staff and volunteers of the organisation, including childcare and lunch. Without the volunteers and staff, the organisation cannot run. Many volunteers, who are also carers, want to give something back to the community and be part of something that will bring a change to carer's lives. This grant enabled Beacon to continue to emotionally support Barnsley and Rotherham communities through times of need and crisis.



Mental Health

Charity Overview

Established in May 2000 and based within the Lifelong Learning Centre, Thurnscoe, DECV provide community-based training and resources to the Dearne Valley public. Recognising the long-term impact of mine closures and redundancies, the Dearne Electronic Community Village stepped in to support local residents.

DECV provide free public access to ICT resources in a safe, friendly, supportive, empathic, and non-intimidating environment to meet individual needs. Ultimately, they reach people from the community who, for a variety of reasons such as lack of confidence, personal resources, or fear of technology, do not have the opportunity to participate in an increasingly IT focused society.

Grant Usage

The grant was used to fund a new sessional tutor to work with the rest of the centre to provide an ICT and employability workshop.

The funding also enabled DECV to support their combined Employability and ICT programme that centres on employability and earnings effecting social inclusion, civic participation and quality of life in service users within the community.



Work and the Local Economy



Doncaster

In 2022, we awarded **40** grants to communities within Doncaster

Top Primary Outcome
Improve health (physical / mental / emotional)

Total Awarded
£167,960.88



Its Our Heritage!



Active Futures,
Educational Development



Northgate Pre School
and Toddlers



Motiv8



Artistic Spectrum



Fishlake Festival
Funding Trust

Doncaster

Overview



Doncaster suffered many years of decline following the closure of the coal mines and loss of railway jobs. After years of recovery, the continuous delivery of grants and the increase in economic gains across the region have brought forward positive change within Doncaster that shows no sign of slowing down.

Facts and Figures



Income-Deprivation (Office for National Statistics)

Doncaster is ranked **48th** most income-deprived local authority out of all **316** in England. In addition, **68** out of all **197** neighbourhoods in Doncaster are amongst the top **20%** of income-deprived locations within England. In comparison, **13** neighbourhoods are in the top **20%** of least income-deprived locations in England. In 2019, **16.6 %** of the population within Doncaster was income-deprived. Internally, the disparity in income across Doncaster is **41.1%**. However, this figure does not imply low levels of deprivation, rather that deprivation is evenly spread across neighbourhoods within the region.

Subnational indicators (Most recent Census data)

Out of the 34 subnational indicator measures for Doncaster, 0 were better and 6 were less than the median within England.

Worse

1. **Schools and nursery schools rated good or outstanding**
2. **Female healthy life expectancy**
3. **Male healthy life expectancy**
4. **Cigarette smokers**
5. **Overweight children at reception age (aged four to five years)**
6. **Overweight adults (aged 18 years and over)**

Education (Census 2021)

All usual residents aged 16 years and over (100%)

- No qualifications **24.6%**
- Level 1 and entry level qualifications **11.4%**
- Level 2 qualifications **15.1%**
- Apprenticeship **6.7%**
- Level 3 qualifications **16.6%**
- Level 4 qualifications or above **22.7%**
- Other qualifications **2.9%**

Health Index (Census 2021)

The health index score for Doncaster in 2020 was **91.1**. Compared to the previous year, this score increased by **1.5**. Overall, Doncaster achieved and maintained its highest score in **"Access to Green Space"** at **111.5** and its lowest score for **"Personal Wellbeing"** at **83.3**, a **4.8** fall from its previous year. Additionally, there was a **4.7** decrease in **"protective measures"** from **103.7** in 2020 to **101.1** in 2019, a fall largely influenced by a decrease in child vaccination coverage and cancer screening attendance. Overall, communities across England saw a worsening in subdomains relating to **"well-being, mortality, mental health, and economic and working conditions"** as a result of COVID-19.

Ethnicity (Census 2021)

All usual residents (100%)

- Asian, Asian British or Asian Welsh **2.9%**
- Black, Black British, Black Welsh, Caribbean or African **1.2%**
- Mixed or Multiple ethnic groups **1.5%**
- White **93.1%**
- Other ethnic group **1.2%**

2011 – 2021 Consensus comparison

Doncaster saw an increase in its population from **5.8%**, approximately **231,200** in 2011 to **244,600** in 2021. The median age rose from **41** to **42**, higher than the median age for England (**40**). However, the number of individuals aged between 50 to 64 rose by **15.2%**, approximately **6,900** people. The number of individuals in employment increased from **53.7%** in 2011 to **54.8%** in 2021. On the other hand, the national average decreased from **54.5%** to **53.5%**.

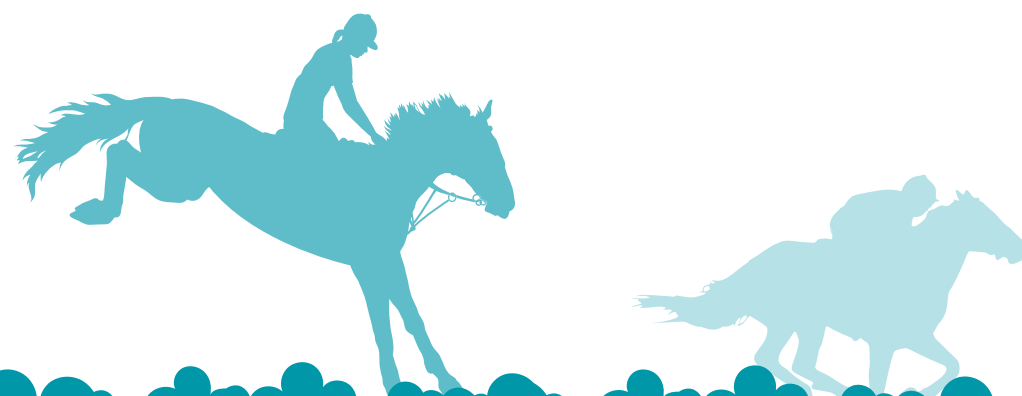
Doncaster Case Studies

Charity Overview

'The Dragonfly and Humming Bird' was created by a previous domestic abuse survivor, Danielle, to offer a safe, relaxing, educational environment for domestic abuse survivors and their families. The project itself is based around the outdoors; providing a space for families where children can explore, play and learn in the great outdoors whilst parents and carers have the opportunity to create new connections, gain a sense of community, receive support from professional volunteers and overall have a break. The project ran for 13 weeks from June 2022 – September 2022 and involved 5 families per weekend attending one of their free camps.

Grant Usage

The grant helped to fund the final phase of the project by covering the costs of DBS checks for volunteers, the equipment needed to furnish the space and activities for members. These purchases have also decreased the costs of the projects for years to come. Funding was also used towards insurance and accounting fees. Overall, the aim is to support those effected by domestic violence by providing wellbeing support and a safe space. Often, victims of domestic violence feel intense feelings of shame, guilt and feel isolated. Projects such as this are crucial for they give families guidance of how to rebuild, refocus and how to work through and overcome domestic violence.



Mental Health

CHANGING LIVES

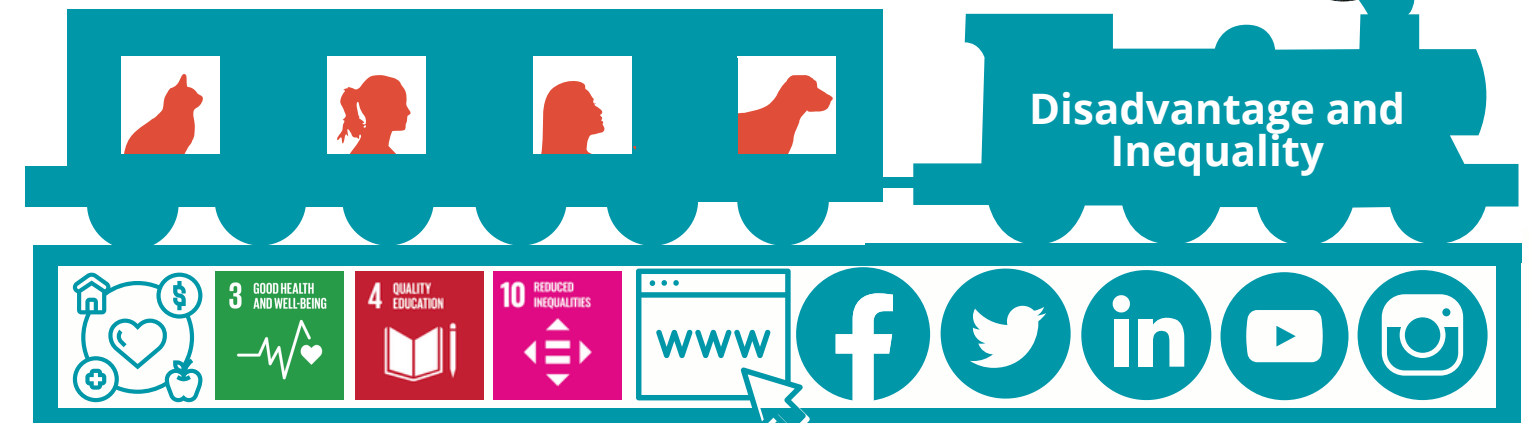
Grant Awarded
£15,058

Charity Overview

Changing Lives is a nationwide charity helping people facing challenging times to make positive change for good through providing holistic support. They work across four areas to address the most common causes of social exclusion and long-term deprivation: Housing and Homelessness, Addiction and Recovery, Women and Children, and Employment and Training.

Grant Usage

The grant was used to hire a part-time staff member to plan, organise and facilitate trips to visit natural blue and green spaces as part of the Healthy Living project for women from black and minoritised ethnic groups in Doncaster. Funding was also used to increase the accessibility of the trips through covering additional costs associated with the trip such as for transport, admission, and refreshments on the day. The project itself was delivered in partnership with the Social Prescribing Team. The sessions helped to combat isolation and loneliness, empower the women and improve both the mental and physical health and wellbeing of the individuals who participated within the community.



Rotherham

In 2022, we awarded **43** grants to communities within Rotherham

Top Primary Outcome
Good health and wellbeing

Total Awarded
£140,789.70

Heart of Knitting



(CEAD) Community
Education Adult Disabilities



Wales Community Theatre Players



Pivotal Health
and Well Being



Rotherham

Overview



Rotherham is a multicultural borough, proud of its distinguished industrial heritage and keen to embrace new developments on former steelworks and coalfields lands. The community foundation grants are helping to support community cohesion and to facilitate young people in achieving and contributing to a brighter economic future throughout the borough.

Facts and Figures



Income-Deprivation (Office for National Statistics)

Rotherham is ranked **45th** most income-deprived local authority out of all **316** in England. In addition, **58** out of all **167** neighbourhoods in Rotherham are amongst the top **20%** of income-deprived location within England. In comparison, **15** neighbourhoods are in the top **20%** of least income-deprived locations in England. In 2019, **16.8%** of the population within Rotherham was income deprived. Internally, the disparity in income across Rotherham is **45.3** percentage points. However, this figure does not imply low levels of deprivation, rather that deprivation is not concentrated, but is evenly spread across neighbourhoods within Rotherham.

Subnational indicators (Most recent Census data)

Out of the 34 subnational indicator measures for Rotherham, 1 was better and 8 were less than the median within England.



1. Persistent absences for pupils looked after by local authorities



1. Gross value added per hour worked
2. Pupils at expected standards by end of primary school
3. GCSEs (and equivalent) in English and maths by age 19
4. Schools and nursery schools rated good or outstanding
5. Female healthy life expectancy
6. Cigarette smokers
7. Overweight children at reception age (aged four to five years)
8. Cardiovascular mortality considered preventable in persons aged under 75

Education (Census 2021)

All usual residents aged 16 years and over (100%)

- No qualifications **23.4%**
- Level 1 and entry level qualifications **11.4%**
- Level 2 qualifications **15.6%**
- Apprenticeship **6.7%**
- Level 3 qualifications **17.1%**
- Level 4 qualifications or above **23.1%**
- Other qualifications **2.7%**

Health Index (Census 2021)

The health index score for Rotherham in 2020 was **96.8**. Compared to the previous year, this score increased by **2.7**. Overall, Rotherham achieved and maintained its highest score in **“Access to Green Space”** at **112.9** and its second highest score was **“Protective Measures”** at **108.8** however, this score did fall by **1.6** from the previous year. For the latter subdomain, Rotherham went from the top **25%** in England, to the top **40%**. This change was largely due to the decreased rate in child vaccination coverage. Rotherham’s lowest score was for **“Psychological Risk Factors”** at **82**, a **4.1** decrease from the previous years score. Moreover, one of the largest improvements was visible within Rotherham’s **“Crime”** index that increased by **11.1** points in a year to **103.4**. This change was largely driven by a decrease in personal and low-level crime committed.

Ethnicity (Census 2021)

All usual residents (100%)

- Asian, Asian British or Asian Welsh **5.3%**
- Black, Black British, Black Welsh, Caribbean or African **1.1%**
- Mixed or Multiple ethnic groups **1.4%**
- White **91%**
- Other ethnic group **1.1%**

2011 – 2021 Consensus comparison

Rotherham has seen an increase in its population from approximately **257,300** in 2011 to **265,800** in 2021, a **3.3%** rise. The median age has remained **41**, higher than the median age for England (40). The number of individuals in employment increased from **53.5%** in 2011 to **53.8%** in 2021.



Rotherham Case Studies



Charity Overview

Established in 2011, Premier Learning is a small South Yorkshire based educational charity specialising in teaching local residents who have limited knowledge of the English Language. Outside the classroom, they also organise various social activities to reduce social isolation, improve an individuals' english skills and promote community cohesion . Whilst open to all, the majority of students are refugees, asylum seekers and individuals from ethnic minorities.

Grant Usage

The funding was used to support Premier Learning with tutor, room and exam costs.

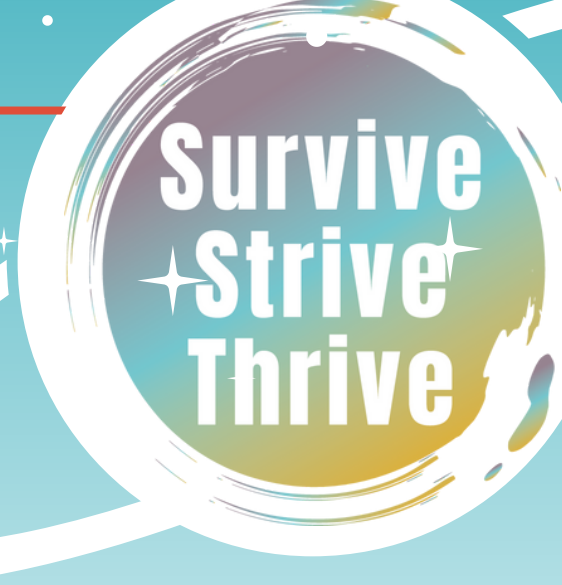
"This funding has allowed some of the most vulnerable and marginalised attend classes. Without this they would not have been able to access any classes anywhere else due to funding restrictions. These sessions have helped brought their learning on and given them increased confidence to go out and communicate with the public." - Premier Learning



Disadvantage and Inequality



Grant Awarded
£1,006.80



Charity Overview

Survive, Strive, Thrive work with young people to help them overcome the adversities they are facing in life and move forward to live the happier and more fulfilled life that they deserve, which they often don't feel worthy of, when they first come to us. Their projects aim to tackle and ultimately reduce levels of violent crime and violence towards women and children.

The project lead himself is an attempted murder survivor, who powerfully shares his lived life experience in a way which drives home the message of the organisation to young people.

Grant Usage

The grant was used to fund the delivery of 4 "Resilience in Own Life" Workshops, over the course of the year from October 2022 to September 2023. The workshops are delivered by the project lead, Roger Cheetham. Within these workshops, Cheetham. aims to inspire young individuals through his story and the far-reaching effects that crime can have on others.

The workshops act as a turning point through which individuals within the community can better themselves and believe that they are worthy of more in life than crime and violence.



Crime and Safety



Sheffield

In 2022, we awarded **110** grants to communities within Sheffield

Top Primary Outcome
Good health and wellbeing

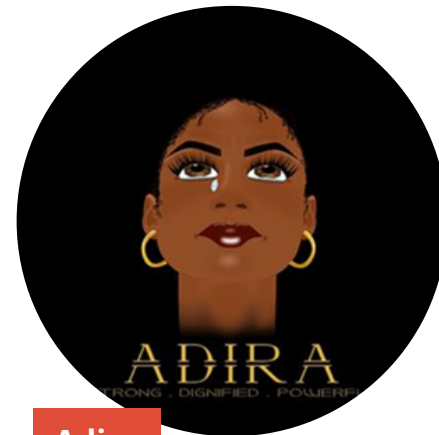
Total Awarded
£479,847.89



Jamia Abdullah
Bin Masood



LGBT Sheffield



Adira



Ponderosa Nature Group



Life After Crisis



Sheffield Roller Hockey Academy



Fumble



Handsworth Foodbank



Sheffield

Overview

Sheffield has gone strength to strength over the last 10 years due to major commercial investment. Many neighbourhoods have seen significant increases in their success regarding closing the gap between the highest and lowest achieving neighbourhoods. The foundations grants have helped to support those neighbourhoods most in need.

Facts and Figures

Income-Deprivation (Office for National Statistics)

Sheffield is ranked **61th** most income-deprived local authority out of all **316** in England. In addition, **116** out of all **345** neighbourhoods in Sheffield are amongst the top **20%** of income-deprived location within England. In comparison, **81** neighbourhoods are in the top **20%** of least income-deprived locations in England. Additionally, within the most deprived neighbourhood, **45.7%** of individuals are estimated to become income deprived.

In 2019, **15.6%** of the population within Sheffield was income deprived. Internally, the disparity in income across Sheffield is **45.4** percentage points. However, this figure does not imply low levels of deprivation, rather that deprivation is not concentrated, but is evenly spread across neighbourhoods within the region.

Subnational indicators (Most recent Census data)

Out of the 34 subnational indicator measures for Sheffield, 0 were better and 3 were less than the median within England.

- Worse
1. Gross disposable household income per head
 2. Persistent absences for all pupils
 3. Persistent absences for pupils eligible for free school meals

Education (Census 2021)

All usual residents aged 16 years and over (100%)

- No qualifications **19.4%**
- Level 1 and entry level qualifications **9.1%**
- Level 2 qualifications **11.7%**
- Apprenticeship **5.4%**
- Level 3 qualifications **18.6%**
- Level 4 qualifications or above **33.4%**
- Other qualifications **2.4%**

Health Index (Census 2021)

The health index score for Sheffield in 2020 was **94.7**. Compared to the previous year, this score has fallen by **1.4** points. Overall, Sheffield achieved its highest score of **105.5** in relation of **“Access to Services”**, a subdomain correlating to health. In particular, this category looked into the distance from individuals to GP surgeries, leisure centres, internet access in addition to in-person services and GP practice appointments. The second highest score was for **“Physical Health Conditions”** at **105.1**. In comparison, the lowest score achieved was achieved for the subdomain **“Personal Well-being”** at **67.3**, a large **30.9** fall from the previous year. In addition, the score for **“Difficulties in Daily Life”** increased from **90.4** to **103.1**, subsequently moving Sheffield from amongst the worst **25%** in England from the category, to close to average. This change was largely due to a decrease in disability and frailty.

Ethnicity (Census 2021)

All usual residents (100%)

- Asian, Asian British or Asian Welsh **9.6%**
- Black, Black British, Black Welsh, Caribbean or African **4.6%**
- Mixed or Multiple ethnic groups **3.5%**
- White **79.1%**
- Other ethnic group **3.1%**

2011 – 2021 Consensus comparison

Sheffield has seen a small increase in its population by **0.7%**, from **552,700** in 2011 to **556,500** in 2021. However, the median age of the population increased from **36** to **37** years, a figure below the average of **40** years in England. In addition, the number of individuals aged between 50 and 64 increase by **11,800** people (**13.4%**).

Sheffield

Case Studies



Charity Overview

Head In The Game is an organisation that gives men in the local community the chance to come together and enjoy football. Their delivery team is made up of a blend of mental health & wellbeing experts, football coaches, talking therapy leads and community based ambassadors, all with unique personal lived experiences.

Their approach is offers men a safe, secure and comfortable community environment that allows them to engage with one another to prevent the escalation of poor mental health and reduce the number of men who commit suicide at its earliest intervention point.

Grant Usage

Funding was used towards supporting the organisation continue to host weekly football training sessions on 3G artificial all-weather floodlit pitches across Sheffield with men aged between 18 to 55 of any footballing ability. The sessions are accompanied by a talking therapy session through which the participants can talk openly about how they are, any problems they have and receive peer led support from within the group. These sessions are crucial in supporting men throughout the community and addressing the stigma around men's mental health.



Mental Health



Charity Overview

Sheffield S6 Foodbank gives three days' nutritionally balanced emergency food and support to individuals and families in S1-17, S9-13 and S35 who are referred to them in crisis. The Food Bank receives referrals from external organisations concerning vulnerable members of the community who require their service. Each month, they feed in the region of 3750-4000 people and have 11 sites where food and additional support are available. Their site also offers a safe space for people to come, receive a parcel and have a conversation with a trained volunteer who is empathetic, non-judgmental, and welcoming.

Grant Usage

The grant helped the foodbank continue to provide a vital service to some of the most vulnerable member of the community. The need for this service and the cost of food has also increased due to the cost-of-living crisis. As a direct response to this, the demand on the foodbank has also increased.

The funding helped feed 720 people in under a week, over their sites where food and additional support were available.

The food stock enabled the foodbank to provide crisis food provision. Additionally, individuals received 'wrap around care' through trained volunteers and advisers with support in employability, benefit checks, utility, and fuel advice to help with the cost of living.

Sheffield S6 Foodbank

Grant Awarded: £5,000

Disadvantage and Inequality



SYFAB

About

South Yorkshire Funding Advice Bureau (SYFAB) is part of South Yorkshire's Community Foundation, and has been offering advice, support and training on funding to voluntary sector groups for thirty years, with an Exemplar rating by the UKCF Quality Accreditation

They help find the resources you need so you can run the projects and activities that are important in your community is a constant challenge. SYFAB can help you find useful information about funding, learn the skills to become a successful fundraiser, and get specific help with your funding. They provide information, advice and training on funding and fundraising to community and voluntary organisations.

Services

As a funding advice service, they fit in perfectly with us as a grant making charity. Here is a little snippet of what they do:

- Give support to those seeking advice on how and where to look for funding
- Provide a bespoke funding search platform to membersRegular funding news updates
- Facilitate affordable training in the key skills needed to fundraise for successful community and charity organisations
- Offer one to one consultancy to help you with your funding applications

Training

Community groups, as well as participants from Community Foundations, from across the country have attended a range of sessions and given some fantastic feedback as noted below:

"This is the best Zoom course I've been on in the last few months. The activities were not complicated but really useful and I have taken loads away from today"
- participant on Introduction to Fundraising (virtual classroom)

"I now see how online training works, the breakout rooms etc and to be honest I now prefer online to classroom. It was a wonderful experience"
- participant on Making the Ask: Making the Move (virtual classroom)

Expert trainers join the training programme to deliver specific theme sessions such as Media Awareness by Andy Kershaw, former BBC Radio Sheffield journalist.

In 2022, SYFAB supported 150 groups to leverage £88,875 in grants



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How can you help ?

Leave a Legacy

Leaving a gift in a will can make a huge difference to local communities and we welcome gifts of all sizes. Gifts can be used to create Personal Funds, contribute to Geographical Funds or as an Unrestricted Gift to SYCF.

Personal Funds

A unique feature of Community Foundations is the ability to establish a personal fund that is a simple, cost effective alternative to a charitable trust with the opportunity to make a real difference to the local community. A personal fund is unique to you and can be established from £25,000 and built up over a period of time. We will work with you to fully understand how you wish to give and then recommend the most appropriate type of fund for you. You choose: – the name of your fund (or whether to stay anonymous) the area it benefits – the fund's charitable priorities – your level of involvement is up to you: direct where the funding goes yourself or let our expert team find the causes that fit your priorities.

Endowment

The personal fund that 'keeps on giving', an endowment fund lets us invest the capital sum and use the income to make grants year after year. This means your donation creates a lasting legacy for South Yorkshire, providing sustainable funding for communities.

Distribution

This fund has immediate impact in a community. This funding option means that your donation is used for short term grant making which reacts responsively to current needs within our communities

Volunteering Time or Experience

Individuals can volunteer with us. Our volunteers are absolutely essential to our work. From helping the staff team with day to day administration to joining one of our decision making panels for our grant making, your support will make a huge difference our work.

To discuss further how you can make a difference to communities across South Yorkshire, email or call Michelle Dickinson
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Sponsor our events or publications

You can choose to help us by sponsoring an event or publication and by doing so help us to sustain and grow our charity.

Unrestricted Gifts

SYCF is a charity too and we welcome donations of any size towards our charitable activities to promote community giving and build a lasting legacy to strengthen our communities.

SY100

SY100 is a supporters scheme for businesses and individuals who, like us, are dedicated to making a difference in South Yorkshire. SY100 gives you the opportunity to join a group of motivated and passionate supporters, committed to helping South Yorkshire's Community Foundation build healthier and stronger communities.

Acorn Funds

Acorn Funds offer an easy way to build an Endowment Fund over time, rather than establishing a Personal Fund in one lump sum. Donations can be made in line with donors wishes and can be a combination of annual donations, single donations, and a legacy gift. The fund enables grant giving year after year once a Personal Fund (£25,000) has been created. A final contribution with a legacy in a will can also be put in place so a final gift can be made into the fund.

Geographical Funds

An alternation to setting up your own Personal Fund is to donate to an existing geographical fund for Barnsley, Doncaster, Rotherham , Sheffield or alternatively, for all of South Yorkshire.



SYCF Plans for 2023-2024

- **Grow our giving and philanthropy, matching generous people with our region's important community causes and building our endowment to £30m and beyond**
- **Produce our Vital Signs Report for 2024**
- **Increase our Grant Giving to £1.2m by the end of 2023; £1.4m by 2024; £1.6m by 2025; £1.8m by 2026**
- **Build our SY100 network**
- **Measure the impact on our pilot themed programme for year 1 – Moving on Up: supporting young people aged 14-30 years by removing barriers to employment**
- **Continue to support our Philanthropists with bespoke care packages ensuring their investment reaches the communities of greatest need**
- **Continue to support community organisations addressing the Cost of Living crisis**
- **Continue our important work to measure impact and outcomes that our grant-making achieves**
- **Continue to support community organisations and build the offering of the South Yorkshire Funding Advice Bureau**



Thank You for All Your Support

We would like to say a huge thankyou to our generous donors, supportive Trustees and the amazing Charities, Community Groups, Individuals and organisations throughout South Yorkshire that continue to make positive changes within our local communities.

Their actions and commitment towards the region impact and improve the lives of some of the most vulnerable individuals within South Yorkshire and the UK. Acting as catalysts of change, the region would not be flourishing as it currently is, if not for these individuals.

We can't wait to see and show all the unbelievable positive change throughout South Yorkshire in 2023. We hope that you will support us in giving back to the community and join others in becoming agents of change in a region that is vibrant, diverse, and ever evolving into a healthier and more resilient South Yorkshire.



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