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DONOR REPORT SPRING 2019



The Little Cheyne Court Wind Farm Fund



Since 2017, the Little Cheyne Court Wind Farm Fund has made 35 grants totaling £78,115.

We hear feedback from some of them in this report.

Peasmarsh Flying-Start Pre-School

received £1,500 for their Forest School Project.

The project enhanced the children's experience of school and encourage their creativity and imagination. Equipment bought with your grant included tools, storage material, first aid kit and training, stationery and a laptop computer.

"The Forest School project has added an essential dimension to the pre-school experience of our children," says organiser Jom Howdle. "The positive effects on our children have been evident in their displays of happiness while out in the Forest School area. Some children were finding it difficult being left at the school by their parents/ carers but when exposed to the Forest School site/experience they seemed happier and more prone to exploring their surroundings and interacting with others."

"We are extremely grateful to the Little Cheyne Court Wind Farm Fund for providing funds to initiate Forest School at our pre-school. We believe that the positive effect on our children will be great for years to come."



"One child was noticeably quite upset whilst attending pre-school. The child cried for a large part of her time at school and sometimes verged on being inconsolable. During our first session in Forest School, I notice that she seemed calmer and, at one stage, as she jumped a ditch whilst exploring, she was beaming. From that moment on, she has appeared to become calmer and happier. I often watch her running round chasing imaginary butterflies with her net, or just jumping in the air."

Peasmarsh Chamber Music Festival

received a £1,000 grant to organise music composition workshops in schools.

An experienced music educator and a professional chamber ensemble worked alongside the children to write original lyrics, create new melodic material, rehearse and perform their pieces. "The Friday education concert (including Britten and Ravel), performed by professional musicians, brought live classical music to children (and their families) who may not otherwise experienced it. In addition, the opportunity to perform music their own compositions, alongside professional performers, is a unique experience that will give the children an experience that can be carried through to other areas of their school/work and home lives.



The children performing their own works

Rye and District Street Pastors

received a grant of £1,500 towards their general running costs.

The group provides provide caring, listening and help for individuals out in the town's clubs and pubs, through practical acts of support.

The support given is acknowledged by the Police to be an invaluable service to the community in the night time economy. One young girl of 17 who had just split with her boyfriend, had discovered she was pregnant. Her friends and her mum didn't know and so we assisted her. Three months later, she came to us saying thank you and said 'she wouldn't be where she is without us.'

"The improved heating means that people gathered for seated events no longer need to leave hat coat and gloves on to endure the span of an interesting talk!"

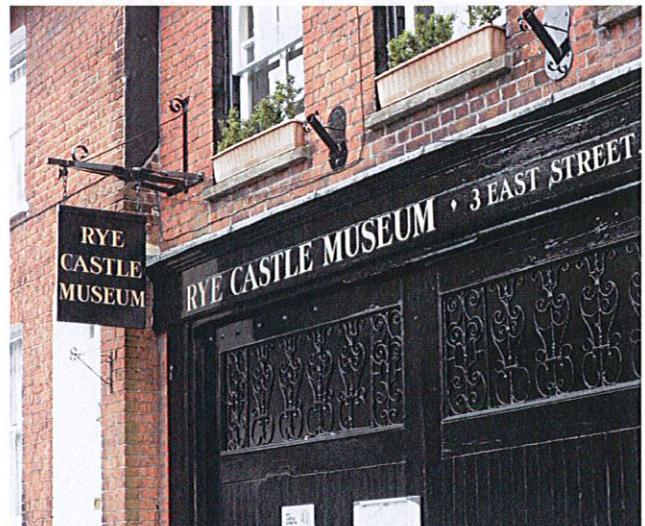
Winchelsea Village Hall

received a grant of £5,000 to renew the hall's central heating boiler with a larger and more efficient model and to renew radiators with higher output sizes and provided additional controls.



Rye Castle Museum received a grant of £1,674 to purchase a bespoke display case, audio column, display items and enable the printing of a smugglers trail map and quiz.

The Museum's aim is to continue to expand and improve displays in order to increase the knowledge and enjoyment of the local community and visitors. They also wish to bring out more artefacts from the reserve collection for display. The new cabinet makes this possible. The children's smuggling quiz enables them to better appreciate an important part of local history, as does the new audio stack and photographic display and walking trail.



Home-Start East Sussex received a £4,596 grant that allowed them to make home visits in support of struggling families living in the areas around the Little Cheyne Court Wind Farm.

The group was able to match volunteers with families to support them with a range of diverse issues. In addition, they have been able to refer them to their domestic abuse course in Hastings, where relevant.

"One woman we helped had three children and had spent many years in and out of a domestic abusive relationship. She was living in insecure accommodation near Rye Harbour and struggling with mental health issues. She wanted emotional support to talk through ending the relationship with perpetrator. Our support worker met the woman outside of the home (as woman was still living with the perpetrator of the abuse). She was given information and emotional support. After a few weeks, the woman did ask perpetrator to leave the home. She was referred to the group's Freedom domestic abuse programme in Hastings. In fact, she did not finish the course, as she secured a job, which illustrated to us the improvement in her confidence and mental health."

Sussex Community Foundation raises funds for and gives grants to smaller charities and community groups across East Sussex, West Sussex and Brighton & Hove.

We make it easy for Sussex people to give money to local causes close to their hearts and ensure that those donations reach the people that need them. Our endowment fund enables our donors to benefit Sussex people for generations to come.

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LITTLE CHEYNE COURT WIND FARM FUND GRANTS 2017-18



Date	Name	Amount	Project
15/03/2017	Camber Residents Association	500	Funding will be used to support coach trips for residents and costs of teas
15/03/2017	Rye Bowls Club	500	Funding is to meet the costs of updating their kitchen facilities
15/03/2017	Peasmarsh Memorial Hall Management Committee	750	For six PA speakers and installation costs
15/03/2017	2nd Rye Guides	1300	To join other Girlguidinguk members at a national gathering
15/03/2017	Rye Christmas Festival	1500	For a land train to allow people of all ages to access the Festival
15/03/2017	Rye Museum Association	1674	Funding is to purchase a display case, audio column, display items and printing
15/03/2017	Iden Village Hall	2500	Funding is to upgrade and refurbish the toilet facilities
15/03/2017	Music Well CIC	3000	Funding is to help meet the cost of therapist fees over one academic year.
15/03/2017	Rye News CIC	3000	Funding is for a professional evaluation of the website and upgrade.
21/03/2017	Sussex Rural Community Council T/A Action in Rural Sussex	2500	Funding is to deliver six parenting support sessions for parents in Playden and Rye.
19/10/2017	Peasmarsh Chamber Music Festival Trust	1000	Funding is to organise music composition workshops in schools in June 2018.
19/10/2017	Iden Bowls Club	1100	Funding is towards a new roller to help maintain the bowling green.
19/10/2017	Peasmarsh Flying Start Pre-School	1500	Funding is for Forest School project equipment
19/10/2017	Sporting or Butt Field Charity	1500	Funding is to cover ongoing maintenance costs.
19/10/2017	Rye and District Street Pastors Initiative	1500	Funding is towards their general running costs.
19/10/2017	Rye Museum Association	3000	Funding is to install safety equipment at Rye Castle.
19/10/2017	Camber Memorial Hall	5000	Funding is to re-wiring the hall to ensure safety and efficiency for all users.

19/10/2017	Winchelsea Village Hall	5000	Funding for renewal of central heating boiler, new curtains.
21/03/2018	Rye Wurlitzer Academy	500	Funding is for professional tuition fees for weekly lessons for students
21/03/2018	Rye News CIC	875	Funding is to buy modern visual and audio recording equipment for live interviews with local residents
21/03/2018	2nd Rye Guides	1500	To purchase and erect a wooden building to store all the camping equipment so easily accessible when we want to go on an adventure
21/03/2018	Rye Community Centre	2000	To remove a section of a walled area and install a separate ramp access in order that the Rye Community Bus has easier access
21/03/2018	Rye Festival of the Sea	2000	Funding for health and safety equipment including a megaphone and various barriers and signage, and the hire of children's entertainment
21/03/2018	Music Well CIC	2500	Funding to enable Music Well CIC to continue to provide music therapy to local people on low incomes
21/03/2018	Rother Environmental Group	2500	To build a small mobile eco-show-home with a working solar PV and battery system and smart meter for local demonstrations
21/03/2018	Rye Christmas Festival	3000	For an interactive snow globe with a personalised backdrop incorporating the silhouette of Rye for photographic mementos from the event
21/03/2018	Rye and District Community Transport	4000	Funding of ongoing costs to keep the 326 Rye Town bus service running
17/10/2018	Camber Memorial Hall	1000	Funding is to replace very old tables with modern square folding ones for easier storage, tables cloths and new fabric chairs
17/10/2018	Family Support Work	1500	Funding towards the costs of a full time family support practitioner in Rye to provide intensive support to vulnerable families and children
17/10/2018	Sussex Association for Spina Bifida & Hydrocephalus	1500	Funding to support the Bourne Free Social Club and residential breaks for young people with Spina Bifida and Hydrocephalus and other disabilities
17/10/2018	Hands of Hope	1500	Funding for seeds, equipment and contribute to teaching & training for the Hands of Hope organic farm in Peasmarsh
17/10/2018	Rye South Undercliff Allotment Group	1916	Funding is to a metal storage shed and a lawnmower
17/10/2018	Rye Castle Museum	5000	Funding to update and extend the lighting and heating
17/10/2018	Winchelsea New Hall	5000	Funding for phase 2 of the kitchen upgrade, specifically furniture and fittings, plus a digital projector and wheelchair accessible ramp
17/10/2018	Rye and District Street Pastors Initiative	5000	Funding for training street pastors volunteers to care, listen and help all in the night time economy especially on Thursday, Friday & Saturday nights
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