

# Lord-Lieutenant's Welcome

It gives me great pleasure to welcome you to our Isle of Wight Community Fund (IWCF) Annual Review, thank you for taking the time to read about our achievements during 2015.



Major General Martin White CB CBE JP

The IWCF has now reached the incredible figure of £835,000 in grant awards in support of Island charities and voluntary organisations over the past decade and I would like to thank our Chairman, Richard Prest for his commitment in ensuring that IWCF continues to go from strength to strength. My thanks also go to the IWCF Committee, the Trustees and Ian Jenkins for their dedication and hard work in support of our activities.

During the Autumn of 2015, I was delighted to host a dinner at the Royal Yacht Squadron at Cowes, giving the IWCF an opportunity to inform local people about the projects that are being supported on the Island. All of the money that is invested by IWCF is for the benefit of Islanders. This Review

tells some of our stories and explains how we are helping local people, both young and old; isolated or homeless; those that are vulnerable and those that are disadvantaged, changing people's lives and giving them better chances. It is only with the continued commitment of local people's giving to help local causes that we are able to continue to grow our support to those in need. I would like to thank each and every one of our supporters for their kind generosity.

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Major General Martin White CB CBE JP

Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of the Isle of Wight

## Chairman's Report 2015

#### **Helping Communities Across the Island**

The Isle of Wight Community Fund (IWCF) is a collection of funds that are held under the umbrella of the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Community Foundation (HIWCF). The Funds held for Island causes currently amount to over £1 million. Since our inception in 2008, we have received endowments that are invested by HIWCF and their income distributed, either at the discretion of the Island Committee or at the request of the fund owner.

In the past year we have been able to allocate £85,000 to 53 charities and community groups – where we have analysed there is a need. It is estimated this will have benefited around 15,000 people on the Island. We do not allocate funds to national charities, believing that we can do more good in the community by adding seed-corn help of up to £3,000 a time to various needy activities. Emphasis is placed on research of the benefiting organisation, to ensure our funds are well-employed.

As a branch of HIWCF we are part of a nationwide movement based on counties throughout the country, which have combined investments of around £500 million.

We are set up to offer management to other charitable trusts who could benefit from coming under our wing. This could be attractive in situations where trustees wish to unburden themselves or where an individual seeks



to endow a fund for local benefit, without having to deal with the legal aspects of the Charities Act.

Although we don't wish to compete with fundraising for other Island charities, we are happy to accept legacies and donations set-up for the benefit of Island communities, all of which will be used to benefit Island causes in the years to come. We have a number of supporters who give £250 or more a year and we aim to have 100 people supporting us in this way.

The Island economy is untypical of the wealthy South-East, of which it is deemed to be a part, and there are inherent disadvantages here for both young people and the elderly. We hope to address this with well-judged use of the funds we manage.

#### **Richard Prest**

Chairman IWCF, Trustee HIWCF

## Island Funds for Island Causes

The Isle of Wight Community Fund (IWCF) has distributed £85,000 in grants across the Island. These funds have been targeted towards the most disadvantaged and vulnerable people on the Isle of Wight.



Freshwater Library

### Friends of Freshwater Library

The Library received a grant of £1,430 to purchase new IT equipment to run presentations and courses in basic skills such as numeracy and literacy. The Citizens Advice Bureau and local credit unions have been able to use the equipment to help residents with personal finance issues, including budgeting, loans and promotions about loan sharks and how best to avoid them.

The free internet access that the library can now provide enables groups to work together on school projects, newsletters and blogs, while the

availability of ICT resources has enabled access for the whole community to fast broadband and lifechanging information.

"We wanted to help our older residents feel less isolated from the latest technology and with a little bit of training they can quickly email a friend or search for a new club to join."

Margaret Sumner, Freshwater Library





**Helping Hands:** Helping Hands is a small grants programme administered by Community Action Isle of Wight. Referring agents from housing associations and local charities can apply to the programme for a small grant to assist a client or individual who is in crisis or has an immediate need. The organisation received £2,000 during 2015.

"Helping Hands supports some of the most vulnerable residents on the Island at a time of crisis or when things are changing in their lives and they need a little extra help."

Philippa Daley, Development Officer, Community Action Isle of Wight

**Carisbrooke Castle Trust:** Carisbrooke Castle Trust was given a grant of £1,000 for its project to capture and share memories of older people in residential care. The Trust recruited and trained staff and volunteers in the skills required to interact sympathetically with older people, particularly those suffering from dementia.

"We were overwhelmed by the success of the project, and thank the IWCF for their faith in supporting it." Judi Griffin, Chair of Trustees, Carisbrooke Castle Museum

**Shanklin Youth Project:** The Shanklin Youth Project was awarded £2,000 to improve the provision of activities for all users at its centre, but in particular to help engage with young people and their families. The project enabled the younger members to gain new skills through dance and exercise, giving them access to quality facilities with good support and mentoring.

"The increased confidence and self-esteem of the youngsters involved was lovely to see."

Richard Priest, Voluntary Co-Leader, Shanklin Youth Project

## GRANTS 2015 (values are shown in £)

1st Newport Boys' Brigade	900	Hampshire Police – Ryde	1,400	Red Funnel Grants and Vouchers	
2nd Ryde Sea Scout Group	1,550	Helping Hands	2,000	Hampshire Cricket Board	98
3rd Ventnor Scout Group	1,523	Independent Arts	3,000	Isle of Wight Duke of Edinburgh	137
Bodster CIC	1,000	Island Separated Families	2,500	John's Club Isle of Wight	134
Cage4All CIC	2,000	Isle of Wight Foodbank	1,000	Lions Club of Sandown and Shanklin	147
Carers Isle of Wight	500	Isle of Wight Street Pastors	2,395	Mencap Isle of Wight/Haylands Farm	159
Carisbrooke Castle Museum Trust	1,000	Newclose County Cricket Ground	10,000	Old Tauntonians Romsey Cricket U19s	193
Challenge and Adventure	4,000	Newport Minster Church Council	1,404	One Community	140
Church on the Roundabout	2,525	Niton Community Projects	2,300	Polygon School	155
Community Action Isle of Wight	2,400	Ryde Extreme Performers	2,000	St Cross Symondian Cricket	160
Cowes Baptist Church Youth Worker	7,839	Shanklin Community Centre	2,000	Saints Foundation	142
Cowes Sailability Club	1,749	South Wight Youth Theatre	829	St George's School	166
Daisy Chains Isle of Wight	2,500	St John's Comeback Lunch Club	1,679	UKSA	3,532
Footprint Trust Ltd	2,730	Storeroom2010	3,000	Plus 4 further grants	455
Friends of Freshwater Library	1,430	Ventnor Together	3,000		5,618
Frontline	6,000	Viva Carnival Club	1,000		
Hampshire Fire and Rescue Service	1,000		80,153		

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