

Charity Begins At Home.....

If your heart belongs to Devon, there's an easy and lasting way to put something back into your local community and help local people for generations to come. Leaving a gift in your will to Devon Community Foundation means you can go on helping people in Devon, both now and for the future.

Why do people in Devon need help?

You may have fond memories of living or holidaying in Devon, but did you also know that our idyllic countryside and coastline hides many areas of deprivation, isolation and poverty? Local people in need are often forgotten.

What does Devon Community Foundation do?

Every year we make hundreds of grants to small charities and voluntary groups across Devon who are doing valuable and life changing work in our local communities.

Who would my gift help?

Your gift could help tackle homelessness, provide a lunch club for isolated elderly people, help children with disabilities or fund a new youth club – to name but a few. You can even choose specific local charities and causes to support through us.



* Helping Homeless People

Homelessness in rural areas has increased by 30% over the last two years. The Foundation supports a range of projects in Devon giving practical support and helping homeless people to move on with their lives.

A Gift Which Gives to Local People Forever

Unlike many national charities, we don't simply spend your legacy. We keep it in a permanent investment fund and use the income generated to make grants. This means your gift will keep on giving to local people forever.

* Who do we help?

- * Carers
- * Children and young people
- * Community groups
- * Victims of domestic violence
- * Elderly people
- * Environmental projects
- * Homeless people
- * Families in crisis
- * People with disabilities
- * Mental health projects
- * Offenders
- * Arts and music projects
- * Sporting projects
- and many more

Putting Your Giving into Action

We get help right into the heart of Devon's communities to people who need it most. We monitor and evaluate all our grants to make sure your money is put to the best possible use and your charitable wishes are transformed into action.



* Helping Older People

Isolated elderly people are given a chance to meet new people and take part in new activities thanks to grants from the Foundation.



* Helping Young People

Josie, who is wheelchair bound, got a chance to try a zip-wire at River Dart Country Park as part of an activity holiday for children from Torquay who have disabilities and behavioural difficulties.

You Choose Who You Help

Devon Community Foundation makes it easy for you to choose the local causes and local communities your gift will support. We provide a complete range of ways for you to give and keep you regularly updated on how your gift is being used:

- * **Give in Your Name:** Set up a fund in your name or that of a loved one and choose who you want to help.
- * **Choose a Fund:** Support particular areas of Devon or particular causes by choosing one of our funds. Ask for more details.
- * **Direct Your Gift:** Support specific local charities through us.

How Can I Give?

Your solicitor will advise you on the best way to give to the Foundation in your will and help you choose the method that suits you best. Gifts of money, property and shares are all possible. We can provide specimen wording to your legal advisor to make sure your gift is managed by us in accordance with your wishes.

Tax Free Giving

All gifts left to the Foundation are free of inheritance tax and could reduce the amount of inheritance tax paid on your estate.



*** Caring 4 You**

There are approximately 7,000 young carers in Devon helping to look after sick or disabled relatives. Their caring responsibilities can lead to problems at school and little time to develop their own future. Daniel attended the Caring 4 U group in Exeter, set up with help from the Foundation.

"It was great to have time to do things for myself rather than putting my sister first. I was bullied at school because I couldn't join in. Now I have new confidence in myself and my future."



*** Grubs Up**

Vulnerable young people who have lived in care or foster homes can fall through the net when they leave care at 16. Sonia attended a drop-in café for care-leavers set up with help from the Foundation. She learnt basic cooking, budgeting and independent living skills and is now a catering trainee.

"It's made a real big difference to me".

*** The Happy Bunch**

Almost 150,000 pensioners live by themselves in Devon and are isolated and lonely. Health problems and falling confidence make it harder to go out and socialise. With help from the Foundation, Maureen Long set up the Happy Bunch lunch club for elderly people in her community. It now has 180 members.

"The Happy Bunch has really brought out the community spirit and gives us something to look forward to."



Devon's Local Charity for Local People

- * Registered Charity
- * Quality Accredited by Community Foundation Network to Standards endorsed by the Charity Commission
- * Helps you to reach 1,000s of local charities, voluntary and community groups supporting people in need across Devon
- * 90p of every £1 donated goes direct to people in need in Devon
- * Regular feedback on how your gift is being used
- * One of 55 Community Foundations across the UK making a real difference to the lives of local people
- * Your gift will help build a permanent source of help for local people

Contact Us

Call Devon Community Foundation's Director, Melanie McLoughlin in confidence to discuss in detail how we can help you turn your charitable wishes into help for local people.

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Does Your Heart Belong To Devon?

Change local lives with your will