

Who are BCF?

Think Local, Give Local



Who are the Berkshire Community Foundation?

- Berkshire Community Foundation has been at the forefront of local charitable giving for the last 30 years.
- We strengthen communities, tackle disadvantage and transform lives by addressing local problems, using local funds and local expertise.

What do we do?

- We raise funds for, and make grants to, local charities and community groups addressing identified need across Berkshire.
- We inspire local philanthropy and charitable giving using our local knowledge to connect supporters, large or small, to the groups and communities they want to help, making sure their donations are effective and bringing the greatest benefit to those most in need.
- We make a lasting and sustainable difference to our local communities providing a permanent and growing source of local charitable funding that will support community needs for years to come.

Who do we help?

- In 2014/15 we gave over £900,000 to local charities and community groups.
- We awarded 244 grants last year, supporting 265 voluntary groups and 37 individuals.
- Child poverty, disability, housing and homelessness, and social isolation are just some of the wide range of issues we have addressed through our grant making.
- Our 'Vital Signs' report highlights the key areas of need affecting Berkshire through extensive research enabling us to provide informed, strategic support to the areas that need it the most.

How do we do this?

We receive donations from a wide variety of sources including;

- Individuals
- Local Businesses
- Trusts
- Legacies

We are uniquely positioned to be able to help local people and businesses to manage their charitable giving and we work hard to make sure that supporters see for themselves the impact of their giving.

How to give through the Foundation?

Giving through BCF is the easiest and most effective way to support hundreds of local charities and community groups. Your giving options are to;

- Give online through our website
- Set up a Named Fund
- Support an Existing Fund
- Leave a Gift in your Will
- Join our Business Philanthropy Club
- Provide sponsorship or in-kind support.