

The John Smith's Lionheart Fund



2008 / 2009

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Introduction

This report outlines how the donations from the Lionheart fund have been used to positively impact on the organisations, communities and people that have been funded during the 2008-2009 year.

As well as a summary of the allocations made, there are reports on each of the organisations that were supported and how the grant has been used. Where possible, evaluations of impact and relevant pictures have been included.

The Lionheart Fund has been in existence for over 10 years and is aimed at supporting projects for adults that are being undertaken by organisations NOT registered as Charities - good causes often overlooked by the normal routes of funding.

All those associated with The Community Foundation for Calderdale want to place on record their gratitude for the support given over the year.

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Grants 2008-09

∞	Rotary Club of York	£200.00
∞	Rhys Murray Fund	£500.00
∞	Todmorden Art Group	£925.00
∞	Society of Local Entertainers	£300.00
∞	The Friends of Calderdale's Countryside	£1000.00
∞	Colne Valley Tree Society	£150.00
∞	Artworks Yorkshire Community Interest Company	£3195.00
∞	Rawson Spring FC	£300.00
∞	Kellington Manor Hotel	£300.00
	Total grants allocated	£6870.00

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How the funding has been used...

∞ Rotary Club of York ∞

The grant was made to the RAF Linton on Ouse team that was taking part in the Rotary Club Dragon Boat Race. The funds raised by the event were shared between The Alzheimer's Society, York Night Stop and York Samaritans. The RAF team won the race and are pictured gloating on the front page!

∞ Rhys Murray Fund ∞

The Rhys Murray Trust was set up by his family when he passed away, age 11, in 2005 after battling against various illnesses. He had been cared for throughout his short life by the "fantastic doctors and nurses" on Ward 52 (The Children's Ward). The Fund is to provide funding to allow access to specialist training and development for the nurses on Ward 52.

∞ Todmorden Art Group ∞

The group was established in 1999 and provides low cost workspace for local arts and crafts people. They also runs a series of classes in the Platform 1 Gallery. They also hold meetings and an annual open art exhibition. The grant helped fund an eco-friendly wood burning stove which allowed the gallery to run these events throughout the winter, something that hadn't been possible previously. The publicity this received has raised the organizations profile in the community. Visitor numbers, sales and class attendances rose as a result.

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How the funding has been used...2

∞ Society of Local Entertainers ∞

S.O.L.E is a group which represents entertainers in East Yorkshire. Last year the members ran their eighth "Autumn Spectacular" charity show at Hull City Hall. They feature the local newspaper's Talent Trail top three and lots of local entertainers and dance troupes provide their time for free.

∞ The Friends of Calderdale's Countryside ∞

As you might surmise, the "Friends" work to protect, enhance and promote Calderdale's countryside. They do so in partnership with Calderdale Countryside Service. The grant was to allow them to continue to work on a walking route at Foster Bridge, Hebden Bridge. This stage included installation of a "kissing gate" and a ramp to allow wheelchair users access to 300m of riverbank. They also fitted a new stile, improved drainage to make for safer walking and erected signposts and notice boards in the Town centre to encourage walkers to use the path, which runs between Hebden Bridge and Hardcastle Crag.

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How the funding has been used...3

∞ Colne Valley Tree Society ∞

The Society was founded in 1964 by a local GP, Dr Derek Phillips, in the belief that trees enhance life. By the end of the 07-08 season they had planted over 300,000 trees on around 20 different sites. The aim of this specific project was to plant trees for small farmers. The trees provide windbreaks and shelter belts to protect stock and improve drainage. This is to support the small farmers who are struggling financially in the Colne Valley as a result of high rainfall and the exposed area. If farmers leave areas will soon become overgrown, paths blocked and the area becomes no-go for cyclists, walkers and horse riders.



∞ Artworks Yorkshire Community Interest Company ∞

Artworks essential purpose is to enhance self-esteem and encourage self-expression through the acquisition of skills in the practice of all forms of arts and crafts. Now in their 2nd year they have been successful in developing the skills of teachers who will also help to deliver those aims when they return to their schools.

The purpose of the funding was to cover some estate costs. They intend to broaden the scope of what they offer and are already working with Age Concern Calderdale.

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How the funding has been used...4

∞ Rawson Spring FC ∞

A Sunday League football club from Sheffield asked for support towards buying a new kit for the 2009/10 season. They wanted to attract new players of mixed ability to join the club and indulge in some healthy activity.

∞ Kellington Manor Hotel ∞

The management and staff of the Hotel asked for support with an exercise to raise funds for St. James' Hospital to assist with providing better comfort and quality of life to cancer sufferers. At the suggestion of a valued customer, who was in mid-treatment, a calendar featuring "Kellington Girls" is being produced for 2010. The grant was to help with production costs.

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Feedback – Evaluation

Many of the projects provided with grants are still ongoing and await evaluation. Below are some examples of outcomes and successes and some comments from those who were helped.

The Colne Valley Tree Society's project has been extremely busy planting trees on local farms and are going to arrange a visit to see them "in action" once they find somewhere that is a good example AND accessible! Their work does seem to take place "off the beaten path" well "off the beaten road" at least. They work between October and April and so we hope to have a chance to see how they are proceeding later this year.

Artworks Yorkshire Community Interest Company has been developing the skills of Arts teachers and improving their understanding of the impact of art on self-esteem by allowing people to more easily express themselves. This was then being taken back into the community via school and more recently through Age Concern.

*"Practical element very inspiring – very useful for non-specialist"
Teacher, Carr Green J&I School*

*"The whole day was very informative, well presented and very beneficial – would like to develop skills further if the opportunity arose"
Teacher, St Chad's CE Primary School*

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Feedback – Evaluation 2

The Friends of Calderdale's Countryside have improved the footpath between Hebden Bridge and Hardcastle Crag, helped raise awareness of the walk and increased signage to the path. The improvements include a Kissing Gate, a new stile, improved drainage and new signs and notice boards in Hebden Bridge.



The Rhys Murray Fund added the donation to a charity auction event. John Murray, Rhys Father wrote *“Thank you so much for your recent donation to the charity in aid of my son. Due to your generosity we were able to raise almost £2700”*. This was presented to the Hospital in November last year at a special event in the Murrays local Village Hall.

The Society of Local Entertainers used the grant to organize the annual “Autumn Spectacular” Charity event. The event raised over £14,000.



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Annual Finances

Opening balances	Grants	Closing Balances
£15,306	£6,870	£8,436

Grassroots Grants Endowment Pledge

In December 2008 £4,250 was given to begin building an endowment fund. A further two pledges were promised with the aim of achieving a total donation of £12,500. Under the Grassroots Grants Endowment programme this donation will be matched by the Office of the Third Sector, resulting in an endowment of £25,000 to benefit community and voluntary organisations in Calderdale in perpetuity. The interest on the fund will be used to fund community and voluntary organisations, within the Lionheart Fund field of interest beginning in July 2011.

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Donors' Rights Charter

When you consider making a gift to charity, you have the right to expect that:

- All communication surrounding it will be honest, truthful and will comply with the law.
- Your right to privacy will be respected and you will not be subjected to any form of pressure
- Your gift will be applied to the purpose for which it was originally agreed.
- It will be used in a way that preserves the dignity of the beneficiary
- Fundraisers and the organisers they represent should consider themselves accountable to you for their actions and will be transparent in their dealings with you.
- Fundraisers will comply with the law relating to fundraising and the use of personal data.
- Fundraisers will observe the highest professional standards at all time.

Should you have a complaint concerning any of these points it will be handled swiftly and effectively by the organisation to which it is made.

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