







Record of Main Grants ©


Date	Charity	Priority Area	About the Charity	Grant Description	Grant
02-Nov-23	<p>Swings & Smiles</p> <p>Thatcham RG19 3RR</p> 	<p>People in Need</p> <p>Children's Play equipment</p>	<p>Founded in 2007 by Sian Cook with the simple objective of providing children with special needs and disabilities a place that they would be able to go with their families and play. It's about community and social welfare. Swings & Smiles had 798 individual contacts through Outreach in 2022. There have been many challenges along the way but the charity goes from strength to strength.</p>	<p>Their Outreach Project takes play out and about to groups , schools and others within a 40 mile radius. It offers comprehensive support free of charge to disabled children and their families. Offering this unique service means we can reach those who are most isolated, perhaps due to their own lack of confidence or the challenges they experience as a result of their disability. Play and socialisation opportunities like this are something that many take for granted, but that families of children with disabilities often struggle to find. We provide home visits to our most vulnerable families. Our grant will fund specialist play equipment for the children</p>	£1,130


05-Oct-23	Lifeshare Manchester 	<p>Tackling Poverty</p> <p>Respite Project</p> <p>and</p> <p>Christmas Project</p> <p>meals for the homeless</p>	<p>Lifeshare is a voluntary organisation established to help meet the needs of homeless and vulnerable people in Manchester and Salford. The first point of contact is with people on the streets, offering practical assistance, support and information. From this point we offer continued assistance that enables people to secure suitable accommodation, support them in maintaining their tenancies, and help them to access initiatives that carry their lives forward.</p>	<p>Respite Project which has been running since 1994 operates Friday, Saturday and Sunday as a drop in service to offer support on drug and alcohol abuse but also allowing clients to start the day with a fresh hot meal, a shower, and clean, dry clothing. We are meeting the cost of food for January 2024. The Christmas Project 2023 is a week-long project running from the 23rd to 29th December 7am to 8pm, providing hot meals, showers, clothing, barbers, entertainment, health care and other support to those who are in need. They provide a warm, dry, safe space for all who are in need, offering three meals a day, plus snacks, hot and cold drinks. Our second grant will fund all food costs for 24 December.</p>	£4,000
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06-Dec-20	<p data-bbox="353 41 483 70">Southside</p> <p data-bbox="365 129 472 158">Bath UK</p> 	<p data-bbox="566 41 752 113">Helping People in Need</p> <p data-bbox="607 169 712 240">Tackling Poverty</p> <p data-bbox="566 296 752 368">computer kit & play equipment</p> <p data-bbox="573 424 745 536">soundproofed counselling rooms</p> <p data-bbox="573 592 745 703">Emergency Essentials & Activity Packs</p> <p data-bbox="566 759 752 831">Food boxes at Christmas</p>	<p data-bbox="775 41 1256 903">Southside is a local Bath charity set up over 20 years ago to address poverty in the area. Many families have become detached from society going unnoticed and unsupported by the statutory bodies. By direct help with basic needs and reconnecting families with local services, there is tangible progress but Southside offer much more. Improving adult skills leading to employment is a key way out of poverty. Success has come from capturing the talents of local people to become volunteers reaching out to others in their communities. Abuse and trauma leading to depression and other mental health problems together with the physical harm that is so often part of family life is a daily challenge. The range of issues and the growing population of people affected can only be addressed by a professional, inclusive charity such as Southside where all the staff and trustees are committed and optimistic about winning through.</p>	<p data-bbox="1279 41 1928 871">Southside's IT kit was becoming unreliable and unable to cope with the growing challenges. Our grant in Au 2018 funded new kit which will be used by clients and workers, and has transformed home visits. We also funded equipment for the children's playgroups. In Oct 2019 our second grant delivered three much needed quality counselling rooms at Meade House. The existing rooms were poor and not being soundproofed offered little privacy. This work will transform the important counselling work. The Covid-19 pandemic hit the poorer and more vulnerable families disproportionately. Lockdown fuelled tensions and domestic abuse rose. Our grant made in May 2020 is focused on helping in two key areas:</p> <ol data-bbox="1279 576 1917 759" style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Emergency Fund to help vulnerable families with basic essentials such as food, baby clothes/equipment, safe contact funds for those at high risk of abuse 2. Activity Packs for children of vulnerable families locked down in their homes to help with home learning <p data-bbox="1279 767 1917 871">In Dec 2020 we made a fourth grant to launch Food Boxes at Christmas scheme aimed at deprived families in the greater Bath area.</p>	<p data-bbox="1962 41 2074 70">£14,900</p>
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05-Mar-20	<p>Ashton Secondary School</p> <p>Glasgow</p> 	<p>Helping People in Need</p> <p>specialist bicycles for children with complex needs</p>	<p>Ashton Secondary School is a special school based in Glasgow. Their key objective is to provide a safe and nurturing environment where the children with complex needs can gain the skills and knowledge which will prepare them for life after school. Parents and families have restricted access to activities outside of school hours and in particular at the weekends which has led to isolation. The Saturday morning Family hub enables families to come together improving family dynamics while taking part in safe and secure activities in a familiar setting. Activities include swimming, cycling and outdoor learning with Cookery and P.E. to follow.</p>	<p>The school runs a Saturday morning Family hub embracing swimming, adapted PE, outdoor learning and is progressively adding new events as opportunities and finances become available. Bicycles are very popular and allow families to cycle together in their fully fenced cycle park but the bicycles need to be adapted to meet the needs of the children. Our grant will fund the purchase of three adapted bicycles - a SN trilogy bike , Mission mx 16" trike and a semi-recumbent trike .</p>	£1,953
23-Dec-18	<p>Versus Arthritis</p> <p>Chesterfield S41 7TD</p> 	<p>Saving Lives & Health Care</p> <p>research into myositis</p>	<p>Versus Arthritis funds scientific and medical research into all types of arthritis and musculoskeletal conditions and provides accessible information, advice and support to help people living with the daily impact of arthritis to feel empowered and better able to manage their condition. One in six people, of all ages and backgrounds, have arthritis and half of them are in pain every day. Versus Arthritis is working to take the pain away for everyone with all forms of arthritis, whatever their age, and is helping people with arthritis to remain active. The charity's vision is a future free of arthritis.</p>	<p>Idiopathic inflammatory myopathies are rare but serious conditions that cause muscle inflammation called myositis. Untreated myositis causes irreversible muscle damage. Inflammation is assessed during hospital visits but may worsen between appointments leading to treatment being too late . This research we are supporting aims to improve treatment and prevent irreversible muscle damage. It is led by Dr Alexander Oldroyd of Manchester University and will allow continuous monitoring to identify worsening disease activity. The system involves an app that people with myositis will use daily. We are funding 50 accelerometer patches, to be supplied to patients, which will collect data . This project could allow constant, remote monitoring of people with inflammation leading to quicker treatment and prevent potential muscle damage and disability. This grant is in memory of Mrs Ella Humphries.</p>	£4,500



<p>03-Dec-18</p>	<p>Whitechapel Centre</p> <p>Liverpool L3 8DT</p> 	<p>Tackling Poverty</p> <p>essentials for the homeless staying at the Homeless Shelter</p>	<p>Established in 1975, our mission is to prevent and resolve homelessness, social exclusion and housing poverty in Liverpool City Region. We do this by providing practical tailored support so that each person can find a route out of homelessness, maintain a home, gain employment and training opportunities and achieve their individual potential. Labre House is our overnight hub in the city centre Liverpool. Labre House is open from 8pm-8am and provides a same day solution to homelessness, which means that anyone who is rough sleeping or at risk of rough sleeping is supported indoors into appropriate accommodation. At 8am the Labre House residents are transported over to our Enablement Centre to see what additional help can be provided.</p>	<p>Our grant will provide 20 packs of essential items for rough sleepers at Labre House. The Welcome Packs comprise sleeping bags, roll mats, underwear, blanket, earplugs, underwear and toiletries. Each of these is provided to people in a waterproof storage bag for continued use. These kits need continual renewal. An average of 85 people stay each night but they have accommodated over 100 people on particularly cold nights. They are experiencing huge increases in demand. In October 2018 a total of 285 individuals stayed at Labre House - most of whom have no other access to a shower, a hot meal and a bed.</p>	<p>£1,000</p>
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15-Aug-18	Lake District Calvert Trust 	<p>Helping People in Need</p> <p>Waterproofs and other kit for disabled children</p>	<p>To benefit people with disabilities. To enable them, together with their families and friends, to achieve their potential through experiencing the challenge of outdoor adventure in the countryside. It does so principally through the provision of specialised facilities at its centre near Keswick.</p> <p>Focused on people with disabilities focusing on the following benefits: 1.The enrichment of their lives through adventure, confidence building and personal achievement, 2.The chance to enjoy countryside of exceptional natural beauty. 3.The opportunity to participate in a programme that includes relaxation as well as course activity. 4.The enjoyment of recreational activities that can be transferred into everyday living. Personal development and rehabilitation leading to integration.</p>	<p>Calvert Trust has a long and enviable record of helping disabled children and young people by giving them the opportunity to experience a wide variety of outdoor adventures in the Lake District. We have made a grant to purchase 22 waterproofs and 6 pairs of wellies for young children (18 months to 8 years) for many of the Trust's outdoor activities.</p> <p>We hope this is the start of a long-term relationship with Calvert Trust</p>	£824
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<p>22-Jun-18</p>	<p>Waldorf Experience</p> <p>Marlborough & Windermere UK</p> 	<p>Helping People in Need</p> <p>tackling loneliness in the elderly and bringing students and older people together</p> <p>Foundations own scheme</p>	<p>Waldorf Experience is our own programme to tackle loneliness and bring the generations together. We have partnered with two great schools to launch this new initiative.</p> <p>2015/16 grants totalled £927 2016/17 grants totalled £1640 2017/18 grants totalled £288</p>	<p>The Waldorf Experience embraces events which are essentially an afternoon high class tea, reminiscent of the offerings found in our top quality London hotels, complemented by song and music. We have added to the experience with music concerts open to a bigger audience. Waldorf is free to all our guests .The grant has funded 4 afternoon teas each year plus 2 concerts at St John's Academy, Marlborough and Windermere School, Cumbria. The afternoons teas and concerts have been a great success and further events are being planned at the two schools. We are reaching out to attract a wider group of people particularly those who are often off the radar of the normal social support channels.</p>	<p>£2,855</p>
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24-Dec-19	<p>Infosound</p> <p>Brighton UK</p> 	<p>Helping People in Need</p> <p>audio services to vision-impaired people</p>	<p>Infosound provides an impartial information service for vision-impaired people in Great Britain. We do not have members, no one joins Infosound or subscribes - we are a non-commercial, apolitical and editorially-impartial public service that you can listen to whenever you like to get information about many aspects of living with sight loss. Everything we produce is in audio. We produce information on a wide range of topics, such as daily-living aids , benefits, holidays, mobility, travel, housing, employment, training, leisure, sport, money, consumer matters, hobbies, the important issues of the moment as well as events and one-off services run for the benefit of blind and partially-sighted people.</p> <p>2017/18 £3389 2017/18 £5857 2019/20 £500</p>	<p>Infosound's operations are totally dependent on its audio kit. Our first grants replaced the ageing and unreliable studio hardware. Our grant in May 2017 to fund phase 1 of creating a new high tech studio was followed by funding for phases 2 & 3 in Jan 2018 to complete the project. The modern and reliable studio benefits from new technology opening up more services to a bigger audience . In less than a year by working with Infosound we have transformed their studio from the dark ages to cutting edge. The use of Amazon Alexa and Google Home smart speakers brings voice-controlled access to many blind and partially-sighted people. We funded a new computer to complete this work in Dec 2019</p>	£9,746
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<p>17-Nov-17</p>	<p>Marie Curie</p> <p>Liverpool L25 8QA</p> 	<p>Saving Lives & Improving Health</p> <p>hospice care</p>	<p>Marie Curie give care and support to people living with any terminal illness and their families, bringing light in the darkest hours. Marie Curie Nurses care for people in their homes, when they need them most, day or night. Their nine hospices are at the heart of communities around the UK. And their trained volunteers and advisers are there with practical information and support when people don't know what to do next or just need to talk.</p> <p>Pre-2015 £3950 2017/18 £250</p>	<p>To buy new Christmas decorations for the hospice in Liverpool - Dec 2017.</p> <p>Previous grants have been to support general funding at the hospice in Liverpool.</p> <p>Our grants are in memory of Mr John Humphries.</p>	<p>£4,200</p>
<p>30-Nov-16</p>	<p>Alzheimers Research UK</p> <p>Cambridge CB21 6AD</p> 	<p>Saving Lives & Improving Health</p> <p>research into Alzheimers</p>	<p>Alzheimer's Research UK is dedicated to supporting research projects dealing with dementia by seeking to understand the causes and developing effective treatments. Dementia is likely to effect 1 in 4 people in the UK. It is a disease that has been under-funded for many years. The need to increase resources in this area is vital.</p> <p>Pre-2015 £4500 2015/16 £250 2016/17 £500</p>	<p>Trustees have over the last few years supported Prof Clemens Kaminski's research at Cambridge into the risk genes for late-onset Alzheimer's disease. It will only be through more research that we will be able to deal with this invidious disease that destroys lives. The Foundation is delighted to support this vital work. Under the previous charity Ann & David Parry Trust grants of £2000 were made with a further £2500 going to the Alzheimer's Society.</p> <p>All these grants are in memory of Mrs Bridget Parry.</p>	<p>£5,250</p>
<p>30-Nov-15</p>	<p>Butterfly Psyche</p> <p>Bath UK</p> 	<p>Helping People in Need</p> <p>bringing drama and therapy to children</p>	<p>A small community theatre group in Bath which gives live performances to school children, the elderly and in particular children and families with disabilities. Performances are also taken out to the local community at various centres and schools using bespoke approaches such as signing, touch tours for the visually impaired and relaxed performances which encourage participation.</p>	<p>Our grant will fund all the props and kit for the "Snow Child" production which will embrace c. 18 performances at the Rondo theatre Bath in December 2015. At least a dozen other performances will be taken out to community centres and schools. The benefit of interactive and participatory drama on children and elderly is significant. The impact with disabled children is immense. Proud to support this very exciting project.</p>	<p>£3,500</p>

23-Jul-15	<p>Tiger Kloof Educational Institution</p> <p>Vryburg South Africa</p> 	<p>Helping People in Need</p> <p>township school</p>	<p>This school's students, aged from 4 to 18, are from the township of Vryburg. Tiger Kloof is part of Round Square International embracing like minded schools around the world. The school faces significant challenges not least is a lack of vital resources that are common place in western societies. Its record in giving children and young people a good education and grounding in citizenship is truly amazing.</p> <p>Pre-2015 £800 2015/16 £7542</p>	<p>Our grant will meet the installation cost of wifi plus running costs for two years. Installing wifi gives students and teachers access to material across the world raising the scope and quality of teaching and learning. Education is crucial in transforming children's lives particularly in poor areas of the world. The impact of this technology has been immediate and significant.</p>	£8,352
23-Mar-12	<p>Kind</p> <p>Liverpool L8 7PB</p> 	<p>Helping People in Need</p> <p>children's charity</p>	<p>KIND is a children's charity that was founded by Stephen Yip, MBE in 1975 who says this about the charity " For over 40 years we have worked tirelessly to find new and imaginative ways to help tens of thousands of children and their families from across Liverpool and greater Merseyside cope with the effects of disadvantage and poverty".</p>	<p>Our grant went towards meeting the cost of fitting out a new wing at the home of Kind in Back Canning Street Liverpool. The new wing is used for a range of activities that the charity organises for disadvantaged children in Merseyside.</p>	£5,000