







Record of Small Grants ©



Date	Charity	Priority Area	About the Charity	Grant Description	Grant				
30-Nov-24	<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 to groups, schools and others within a 40 mile radius. It offers comprehensive support free of charge to disabled children and their families.</p> <p>They 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. Families of children with disabilities often struggle to find play and socialisation opportunities. S&S provide home visits to their most vulnerable families.</p> <p>Our 2023/24 grant will fund specialist play equipment for the children.</p> <p>We have joined with Downs School in Berkshire on a matched funding project to help the charity's cooking initiative.</p> <p>Cooking is an important life skill that can increase independence, improve health outcomes and help individuals to budget and save money. It can be fun, allow for creativity and develop a sense of achievement and purpose.</p> <p>Our 2024/25 grant will cover the cost of specialised cooking/kitchen equipment.</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>2023/24</td> <td>£1130</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2024/25</td> <td>£1000</td> </tr> </table>	2023/24	£1130	2024/25	£1000	<p>£2,130</p>
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26-Nov-24	<u>Landsdown Friendship Club</u> 	Helping People in Need dementia club	LFC is a small local group based in St Stephens church Bath. It is a non-profit club focused on providing friendship, community and activities for people suffering from dementia	Activities are a key part of the club's focus. Our grant will buy Boccia (indoor bowls) sets. In November 2024 we made another grant to cover the cost of items such as crackers, small presents, additional food and drinks at LFC's Christmas party for their group of dementia sufferers and carers. 2022/23 £500 2024/25 £250	£750
20-Nov-24	<u>Love Marlborough Kids Meals</u> 	Tackling Poverty Local Community of volunteers improving people's lives Meals to families in need	'Love Marlborough Kids Meals' is part of the 'Love Marlborough' initiative created by the Marlborough Anglican Team with the intention of bringing hope in difficult times. This community of volunteers provides meals to families in the Marlborough area of Wiltshire with no questions asked. They provide hot meals to families who need them. They feed the whole family, one hot healthy meal, delivered to their door once every week, with enough additional ingredients to cook another simple meal in the week.	We made our first grant to fund meals and slow cookers that will help many families in this area of Wiltshire in 2022. Their guiding principle is: No Fuss - No Forms - No Referrals ... Just Food for Families who need it. In 2023 our grant funded Christmas grocery bags. In 2024 it was to cover the cost of food parcels to families who are supported throughout the year. 2022-23 £500 2023-24 £500 2024/25 £500	£1,000

26-Sep-24	<p><u>Blooming Blossoms Trust</u></p> <p><u>London N15 6TL</u></p> 	<p>Tackling Poverty</p> <p>disadvantaged and disabled children</p> <p>children's play equipment</p> <p>Gym equipment</p> <p>defibrillator</p> <p>shoes and clothing</p>	<p>Blooming Blossoms is based in the London borough of Hackney and Haringey. Their key objectives are; 1) To Provide Remedial Support For Academically Challenged, Special Needs Children And Young People To Enable Them To Blossom.2) Support For Families With A Special Needs Child, And Social And Recreational Activities To Young People. In the UK, there is approximately one learning disabled child in every twenty, yet the majority of families that BB work with report feeling like they are alone in their journey. BB exists to reduce this isolation and to ensure that families get the support that they need in order to support their disabled children fully.</p> <p>2016/17 £320 2017/18 £482.80 2019/20 £806 2022/23 £500 2023/24 £920 2024/25 £1000</p>	<p>In November 2016 we made a grant to buy Disabled Support Grab Bars for a new gym sited in a local school focused on helping disabled and challenged children. The gym will create opportunities for therapists to work with the children and help them realise their potential. In January 2018 we made another grant in partnership with the Rhiannon Trust to purchase a defibrillator for their Happy Haven Therapy Centre. In Sept 2019 our grant purchased garden equipment for the children to use between sessions, as part of therapy practice and for holiday play schemes. Like, all other kids, these children need a safe space to play, laugh and create friendships. These activities provide a lifeline to the families and their children. The after school play haven and therapy centre giving disabled children a safe space after school, to hang out and have fun. There are also complementary therapies such as, OT, Music, Drama, art, and SLT.</p> <p>In 2022 and 2023 we supported the "Share a Pair" project bringing essential clothing and footwear to local children living in poverty.</p> <p>In 2024 we funded the purchase of laboratory equipment for their Mad Discovery Lab giving disadvantaged kids the opportunity to discover science and have fun.</p>	£4,029
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05-Mar-24	Hope House Essex 	Tackling Poverty Homelessness Weekly meal	<p>Their aim is to help break the cycle of homelessness by supporting the homeless on a number of fronts . The residents have faced issues such as addiction, bereavement, unemployment, relationship breakdown and the criminal justice system. The residents are offered accommodation, advice and support to place them in a stronger position, to eventually maintain a tenancy in the longer term. Since the purchase of the first house we have provided more than 13,000 nights' accommodation for people who would otherwise have been homeless We are flexible in our approach, responding proactively, this responsiveness is why our model is successful. Once our residents leave, we continue to offer support through Hope House Community which aims to help with their general well-being and to ensure they sustain their tenancies.</p>		£1,000
02-Nov-23	Mentoring Plus  <u>Bath</u> <u>BA1 6AE</u>	People in Need Mentoring Sessions	<p>Mentoring Plus supports young people in Bath & NE Somerset who are facing a range of challenges. We help 5-25 year olds feel connected through award-winning mentoring schemes, youth clubs and inspiring activities programmes in our community</p>	<p>On average the charity works with 33 young people aged 11 to 25 at a cost of c. £15,000 for the service. After support from various other sources and mentors waiving part/all of their expenses, the net cost is c. £3800 to £4,000. Our grant will met 25% of this cost</p>	£1,000

21-Oct-22	<p><u>Triple C</u></p> <p><u>Liverpool</u></p> 	<p>Tackling Poverty</p> <p>Local Community Charity improving people's lives</p> <p>Food Pantry for Christmas</p>	<p>Our charity, Triple C, started life as the Three Churches Project, which brought together the community work being carried out by the three Anglican churches in Norris Green and Croxteth, Liverpool. Our Board of Trustees are all from the local community including vicars, church and community representatives and trustees from community-related agencies. The trustees, staff and large numbers of volunteers are committed to improving the quality of life of people facing disadvantage in the local area. We seek to build community involvement in the running of community groups and activities and to contribute to the regeneration of the local area. We have secured funding from a range of supporters, mainly locally based, that allows us to undertake our work. Collaborating with other charities and organisations is an important part of our approach.</p>	<p>Triple C and the people who run it are a great example of locally based charities serving their communities. They bring the community together and focus on improving life by working with the people they serve. Once we found this charity it was not long before we made a grant to buy basic food stuffs for their Food Pantry but being Christmas we all thought some treats like chocolates or biscuits should find their way into what would be distributed to those most in need.</p> <p>We are hopeful that we will pick up with Triple C in future years to explore other opportunities.</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="1267 539 1657 644"> <tr> <td>2020/21</td> <td>£500</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2021/22</td> <td>£500</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2022/23</td> <td>£1000</td> </tr> </table>	2020/21	£500	2021/22	£500	2022/23	£1000	£2,000
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14-Sep-21	<p><u>happy days children's charity</u></p> 	<p>Helping People in Need</p> <p>youth theatre</p>	<p>happy days work with local communities across the UK to support children with a wide range of needs. They give the children the opportunity to experience a wide range of events and experiences bringing some joy and respite into their lives. The children will have learning difficulties, mental health challenges and life limiting illnesses. Often they are neglected, abused, been bereaved or act as carers within their own families.</p>	<p>Part of happy days work is bringing some joy to disadvantaged children. Our grant is to put towards the cost of a visiting theatre performance for 115 children aged 14 - 17 from Burgess Hill in West Sussex. The children have varying special needs such as learning difficulties, autism and physical disabilities. The children are further disadvantaged by living in poor socio-economic conditions. The performance will be by a professional visiting theatre company who will perform Sleeping Beauty for the children.</p>	£500						

05-May-21	<u>Youth Adventure Trust</u> 	Helping People in Need youth services	<p>Youth Adventure Trust helps vulnerable young people from Wiltshire and Swindon aged 11-16 years old unlock their potential and lead positive lives in the future. Our Youth Adventure Programme, which spans 3 school years, is a genuinely life changing opportunity, giving young people the chance to build resilience, develop confidence and learn skills that will last a lifetime.</p>	<p>The Youth Adventure Programme includes 3 residential camps for children each year. Our grant will purchase equipment and kit for use by the children at these camps.</p>	£474
03-Apr-21	<u>Willowbrook Hospice</u> <u>Prescot L34 2QT</u> 	Saving Lives & Improving Health hospice care	<p>Independent Charity established in 1993 by local people to raise funds to build and run an hospice. Hospice care aims to improve the lives of people who have a life-limiting or terminal illness, helping them to live well before they die. It's about people's physical needs but also their emotional, spiritual and social needs as well. It also supports carers, family members and close friends, both during a person's illness and in bereavement. There are five main services: In-patient, Well Being, Out Patient, Therapy services and the Advance Care Planning Team.</p> <p>2017/18 £500 2020/21 £500</p>	<p>To support the "Day Hospice Garden" project at Prescot which will include extensive planting, patio areas, pergolas and much more. It, hopefully, will provide a peaceful environment where patients can go with family or, indeed, to be on their own.</p> <p>Our grants are in memory of Mr Roland Parry & Mrs Anne Parry</p>	£1,000

06-Dec-20	<p>RNIB</p> <p>London</p> 	<p>Helping People in Need</p> <p>broad range of services to blind and partially sighted</p> <p>Children's Reading Services</p>	<p>Everyday 250 people begin to lose their sight. RNIB is one of the UK's leading sight loss charities and the largest community of blind and partially sighted people. We recognise everyone's unique experience of sight loss and offer help and support for blind and partially sighted people - from practical and emotional support, campaigning for change, reading services and the products we offer. RNIB has a crucial role to play in creating a world where there are no barriers to people with sight loss. We want society, communities and individuals to see differently about sight loss.</p> <p>We're a catalyst for change - inspiring people with sight loss to transform their own personal experience, their community and, ultimately, society as a whole. Our focus is on giving them the help, support and tools they need to realise their aspirations.</p>	<p>RNIB's Children's Reading Services chimed with our aims. This is a practical and successful approach to bring learning and the joy of books to the blind and partially sighted. Our grant will help fund more facilities.</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>2020</td> <td>£500</td> </tr> <tr> <td>pre 2015</td> <td>£1330</td> </tr> </table>	2020	£500	pre 2015	£1330	£1,830						
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06-Dec-20	<p>Debra</p> <p>Crowthorne RG45</p> <p>6LS</p> 	<p>Saving Lives & Improving Health</p> <p>people suffering from epidermolysis bullosa (EB)</p>	<p>Debra is a charity dedicated to giving comprehensive help and support to people suffering from epidermolysis bullosa (EB). EB is a family of genetic skin conditions characterised by severe skin fragility. Part of the mission is to support research into EB to deliver new treatments to tackle this debilitating disease.</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>Pre-2015</td> <td>£1400</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2015/16</td> <td>£250</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2018/19</td> <td>£250</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2019/20</td> <td>£250</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2020/21</td> <td>£250</td> </tr> </table>	Pre-2015	£1400	2015/16	£250	2018/19	£250	2019/20	£250	2020/21	£250	<p>Grant to support Prof Steinhoff's research at University College Dublin into the problems of itch in patients with epidermolysis bullosa (EB). The 2018/19 grant was to support the Natural History and Clinical Endpoints Study in Epidermolysis Bullosa. In 2020/21 our grant was to help fund Debra's research programme. Trustees have had a close relationship with Debra for nearly twenty years.</p>	£2,400
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06-Dec-20	Children in Need London W12 7TS	Helping People in Need	BBC Children in Need focused on children centred good causes. 	£3,460
07-Dec-19	Prostate Cancer UK London SE1 2QN	Saving Lives & Improving Health	Research into Prostate cancer 	Our grant is in memory of Mr Roland Parry £1,525
07-Dec-19	Salvation Army London SE1 6BN	Helping People in Need	broad range of services to people in need 	Grants focusing on loneliness £2,250
02-Feb-19	Teen Action London N16 6PS	Helping People in Need	help excluded young people get a foothold in society 	Grants funded the fitting out of a SEN room £650
15-Dec-18	The Conor Kerin Memorial Fund Marlborough SN8 2AD	Saving Lives & Improving Health	In memory of Conor Kerin who died from Strep A aged one . 	Our grant will help fund research into the prevention, diagnosis and cure of Strep A infections. £500
25-Nov-18	Cumbria Downs Syndrome Support Group	Helping People in Need	Helps people living in Cumbria with Down's Syndrome including their families and carers. 	Supporting 3 initiatives to help children in the Cumbria Support Group including walking kit , singing initiatives and to launch group activities such as "see and learn" and improve understanding in the wider community about Downs Syndrome. £750

17-Nov-18	Royal British Legion London SE1 1AA	Helping People in Need	The Royal British Legion supports veterans of the armed forces and their families to overcome a wide range of hardships and challenges.	These grants are in memory of Mr Herbert Parry. 	£2,450
03-May-18	The Sarsen Songmen	Helping People in Need	Local not-for-profit male choir who have supported many local charities through their entertaining.		£250
2022 - 2023	DEC 	Poverty	Large charity that acts as a fund raising conduit for major charities to tackle emergencies across the world	Appeals for Ukraine, Pakistan, Turkey and Syria.	£1,500
pre 2020	Various charities mainly small & local	Saving Lives & Improving Health			£6,805
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pre 2020	Various health charities	Saving Lives & Improving Health			£25,745