



Parry Family
Charitable Foundation

Review of Grant Programme
2025/26

□ Grant Budget & Approvals

- The Grant Budget for 2025/26 was £60,000.
- We approved 18 Grants totalling £61,610.
- Our focus is embraced by three Grant Hubs:

	No of grants	Amount
○ Partner Charities:	4	£37,387
○ Homeless Charities	6	£12,063
○ Community Charities	5	£4,253

- Grants up to £1100 are from our Small Grants Fund (SGF) and all others are Main Grants.
- Six new charity relationships were established during the year.

□ Partner Charities Hub

- Alder Hey Childrens Hospital Liverpool

Although a NHS hospital, Alder Hey needs to raise from the private sector vital funds to provide life-saving medical equipment, pioneering research, transformative patient experience projects and world-class facilities. The ambition is to make Alder Hey a truly world-class hospital for the 450,000 children and families they care for every year.



This year's grant of £7,500 is the seventh we have made bringing the total to £70,258.

Our grant covered the cost of an Airvo 3 Humidifier.

Alder Hey is seeking to transform respiratory care for children through equipping wards with Airvo 3 humidifiers. These next-generation devices deliver heated and humidified high-flow oxygen therapy, which is essential for children with chronic respiratory conditions, post-operative needs and acute illness.



Unlike static humidifiers that confine children to their beds, the Airvo 3 is portable, allowing children to move, play, and interact during treatment. This mobility supports emotional wellbeing, accelerates recovery, and reduces the need for escalation to intensive care.

➤ **Institute in the Park, University of Liverpool**

Institute in the Park is an internationally recognised research organisation focusing on childhood illnesses embracing inflammatory diseases (respiratory disease, infectious disease, autoimmune and autoinflammatory disorders).



It is an Experimental Arthritis Treatment Centre for Children addressing arthritis and other related autoimmune/rheumatic disorders which impose a significant burden to quality-of-life and mental wellbeing of affected children and young people, their families and the adults they will become.

Our grant of £13,885 covered the cost of a LED Microscope which will be used across many research projects but initially to image effects of bone eating cells in childhood inflammatory bone disease. Chronic nonbacterial osteomyelitis (CNO) is a rare bone condition, that most frequently affects children and young people. The bone becomes swollen (inflamed) and it can cause significant pain, deformity and can cause bones to break. The disease is difficult to diagnose and treat because there are no good tests and no good treatments.

This project will investigate a gene called "P2X7R". Abnormalities (mutations) were found in this gene in a large group of people affected by CNO. This microscope is more precise than the optical type and will enable researchers to observe small details such as bone eating cells and the fine structure changes they are causing on small pieces of bone. It allows precise analysis and helps to carry out experiments that require meticulous examination.

We have now made seven grants to Institute in the Park totalling £103,317, the most we have given to a single charity.

➤ **Stockdales, Sale Cheshire**

Stockdales has been a Partner Charity since 2020. We made our fourth grant, £5250, in July 2025. A second grant of £10,782 was approved April 2026 bringing the total to £54,815.



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They are a local charity which focuses on bringing independent living and support to people with learning disabilities. They are dedicated to making a difference to the lives of children, young people and adults with learning disabilities and complex health needs. The charity currently offers round

the clock residential care to 31 people with high needs to live like everyone else at home and beyond. Their community services support over 150 people through activity sessions, days out and clubs for kids and adults. There is a strong focus on learning, social time and being as independent as possible. Their services are an invaluable lifeline to families too, offering much needed respite.

At their home in Ashton Lane, Sale there are six residents and a new shower bench was much needed. Daily bathing is an essential part of all our lives. For adults with learning disabilities and other complex health needs



the process is particularly challenging and requires the use of specialist equipment. One of the key pieces of equipment is a shower 'bench' which can take substantial weight, is height adjustable and electrically powered, allowing carers ready access. It will deliver a safe and calm bathing experience.

In early 2026, Stockdales were told, following a review, that essential lifting and hoisting equipment in their homes did not meet current health and safety standards. They had a major issue to address and contacted the Foundation for support. The trustees agreed to meet the cost of replacement equipment at Ashton Lane, their most pressing need.

A central operational focus in residential service is ensuring that all lifting and hoisting equipment used across their homes is fully operational, up to date, CQC compliant and appropriate for the complex needs of adults with learning and physical disabilities.



Most of the adults are wheelchair users with the highest dependency needs and require assisted transfers throughout the day – from bed to wheelchair, wheelchair to bathroom, to seating, across bedrooms and lounges. Consistent motor and load performance of the hoists and slings ensures that these essential movements are carried out safely, comfortably and with dignity, both for residents and staff.

Hoists, motorised pods and tracks are the mechanism by which a disabled person is lifted in and out of chairs and wheelchairs. The current pods were not up to standard and although not dangerous were in need of replacement within the next few months.

The priority was to replace the 9 pods at Ashton Lane home which are used extensively every day and are core to the safety and dignity of the disabled people they support.

Stockdales is a special charity which has been delivering important services to many people with disabilities in the Sale area for over 70 years.

□ Homeless Charities Hub.

➤ Caring Bristol

Caring is becoming a key member of our Homeless Charities Hub. Caring in Bristol started in 1987 and has developed over the years to become a real force in the city having a significant positive impact on homelessness. Caring's site contains more about the charity's history and how their programmes have developed.



They believe that a safe, warm home is a human right. Despatching homelessness in the city to the history books is the primary objective but while it persists it is all about supporting those in need. Campaigning for change and increasing support for the homeless are also part of the challenge.

Like many charities addressing the crisis of homelessness, Caring in Bristol could only offer its services because of the huge support it gets from its volunteers and funders.



In October 2025 we made a grant of £2540 to help fund their annual flagship Christmas project. The primary goal of the project is to support individuals and families experiencing or at risk of homelessness, particularly those in Bristol's most deprived areas who face food insecurity and isolation over Christmas. The day centre

provides a safe, welcoming space for people who are street homeless or vulnerably housed to access hot food, entertainment, support services, clothing, pantry food to take home and most importantly companionship.

A second grant of £3000 was made in February 2026 to support their Bristol Goods project. Through the project food poverty, social isolation,

and the early signs of housing instability are tackled. It is an essential link to people who might otherwise fall through the cracks, giving Caring a chance to step in before homelessness occurs.

➤ Carlisle Key

Carlisle Key is a small homeless charity in Cumbria. It works on the prevention and relief of homelessness and poverty with a particular emphasis on young people.

Accommodation, education, training, advocacy and advice are all part of the service they offer.



We made a grant of £1000 to support its Hardship and Prevention Fund which is used to remove immediate financial barriers that place young people (16-25) at risk of homelessness, disengagement or crisis. The fund allows them to respond quickly and proportionately to individual circumstances.

➤ Newbury Soup Kitchen

This charity offers cooked, nutritious food and outreach for people experiencing homelessness and the vulnerably housed in West Berkshire. Hot food helps to connect and build relationships with some of the most vulnerable people in the community.

Allowing the charity to gain trust helps better understand individuals' circumstances and support them most effectively.

In addition to food, they provide the opportunity to sit and chat. The charity supplies basic provisions including tents, sleeping bags, clothes, toiletries, laundry, shower tokens and haircuts, ensuring their clients can access essential services to maintain their health and dignity. Outreach including NHS and the community nurse help keep people safe and improve their future and happiness.



We made a grant of £2,050 to fund 15 Rough Sleepers kits including tents, sleeping bags, roll mats, rucksacks, toiletries, hot water flasks and thermals.



Early in 2025, we teamed-up with Downs School in Berkshire to launch a matched funding project to help Newbury Soup Kitchen. This was the second matched funding challenge with the school following the very successful project to support Swings and Smiles charity in Thatcham.

The target was £2250 with half raised by students from Downs School to fund the cost of food for the Food Kitchen for two months plus the purchase of a range of flasks to be used by rough sleepers to carry fresh and nutritious food. The students organised a range of very successful fund raising

activities and smashed the demanding target. The Foundation made a grant of £1473 to bring the total to £2856.

➤ Barnabus

Barnabus, based in Manchester, has been tackling homelessness for over 35 years. Their mission is to help each person they meet to move into their own home and live independently. Their Beacon Support Centre provides for those in immediate crisis who are rough sleeping in Manchester. They support people off the street through providing food, showers, setting up benefits claims, referrals to drug, alcohol and mental health services, seeing a primary care nurse and referring people into accommodation. Their consistency and track record are impressive.

In February 2026 we approved a grant of £2000 to help fund their music therapy project. These sessions provide respite for their guests but also allow them to express their creativity and to learn how to play instruments, write songs and sing. Barnabus provide a place to build confidence, social skills and the result is they see peoples' mental health and well-being improve dramatically when and after attending these sessions. Guests coming to these music opportunities often go on to be housed, set up benefit claims, engage with the nurse and ultimately move towards leaving homelessness behind for good.



□ Community Grants

➤ Forest of Dean Baby Bank

This charity is run entirely by volunteers. It started by helping mums and families by supplying baby equipment including nappies, wipes and clothes. They expanded their services in 2018 to include their Children's Clothing cupboard which supports children under ten with clothes. The success of this project has resulted in raising the age range to children up to 15 years old and to offer school uniforms. The families helped are on low incomes and the cost of living increases have had a big impact. Formula now costs approximately £75 per month for each baby. Our grant of £500 was directed at this need.



This is a new relationship and we expect to support this great charity in the future.

➤ **Blooming Blossoms, Hackney London**



A long standing relationship going back to 2016. Blooming Blossoms undertake wonderful work to help children from deprived backgrounds in the Hackney area of London.

Our grant of £1000 was to fund their Nutribridge project which teaches disadvantaged young people how to prepare low cost nutritious meals. The skills learnt are then supported by interactive monthly recipes. This is a very popular project - life skills and fun.

➤ **Love Marlborough Kids Meals, Marlborough**

A small local not-for-profit organisation run by volunteers whose aim is to get meals to families in need. The families do not need to be referred; they can turn up and be supported. To help families they often provide slow cookers. Practical help with no bureaucracy and it works. We have supported Love Marlborough Kids Meals since 2022.



Our grant of £1060 met the cost of grocery bags and festive treats to 53 families.

➤ **Lansdown Friendship Club**

Lansdown Friendship Club (LFC) is a small group in Bath run by volunteers to support people living with dementia and their families. This time we helped fund a more ambitious Christmas 2025 party and made a grant of £700. The party was a great success with a traditional Christmas lunch, games, singing and lots of laughter. Lansdown is typical of great groups working in their local communities to support people living with dementia and their families. Bringing people together gives them so much joy and breaks a pattern of isolation. We will continue to support LFC working with Mary-Jane and the wonderful team of volunteers.



➤ Forest Pulse

Forest Pulse is a local registered charity based in the Forest of Dean which provides a range of exciting out-of-school social, sport and recreational activities for disabled children and young people up to the age of 25, giving them the opportunity to meet up with friends, have fun and learn alongside their non-disabled peers.



We made our first grant of £993 in February 2026 to fund equipment for their sensory room including a trampoline, wobble board and spinning top.

Another great charity that we expect to support on a regular basis.

□ Other Grants

➤ Woodlands Hospice, Liverpool



Woodlands believes everyone living with life-limiting illnesses should have access to the best care and support they require at a time that is right for them and their loved ones. Multi-professional care is accessed through day therapy, community outreach and specialist out-patient clinics plus an in-patient unit and Hospice at Home to enhance quality of life. This enables patients and families to live life as fully as possible. Patients and loved ones can access a variety of therapeutic support options including counselling, complementary therapies and group work. Hospices across the UK are facing severe financial challenges with limited support from the Government. In particular in-house care is under threat with some hospices no longer offering this important service. Some hospices are facing closure. Woodlands are confident that they will preserve their full range of services for the foreseeable future

Our grant of £4200 was used to purchase a Flexmort CuddleBlanket. Flexmort CuddleBlanket enables grieving families to spend more time with their loved one after death while preserving appearance and dignity within their room.

These essential and well used pieces of specialist equipment help in so many ways one of which is being able to say your goodbyes which is known to help with grief.

➤ Together Co

Loneliness is a major problem diminishing many people's lives including their mental and

physical health. It is completely avoidable. We were delighted to find, in 2025, Together Co which exists to reduce loneliness and improve social health in Brighton & Hove. Their charitable objectives are to:



- Relieve social isolation and loneliness, particularly among older people, disabled people, and those on low incomes.
- Advance health and wellbeing by fostering meaningful social connections and building resilience in individuals and communities.
- Promote volunteering for the public benefit, by providing opportunities that connect volunteers with people in need of companionship and support.
- Advance education and awareness of loneliness as a serious public health issue, sharing learning locally and nationally to influence practice and policy.

Their programmes embrace befriending, social prescribing and volunteering.

In August 2025 we made our first grant of £1507 to support their Winter



Warmer programme which brings over 160 older people together to enjoy a festive meal, companionship and entertainment. In addition it helped fund 250 hampers delivered to older residents who cannot leave their homes.

In January 2026, we made a second grant of £2200 to help fund their Befriending Socials

programme. A key approach to loneliness is to match people with a dedicated volunteer building a supportive relationship over time. The socials are one thread of the programme which brings people and their volunteer befrienders together to enjoy a range of events.

Much more to come from this important relationship.