

Local knowledge.
Wise investment.
Stronger communities.



South Yorkshire's Community Foundation

Ruth Willis, CEO and Michelle Dickinson, Head of Philanthropy

What We Do



We support community groups with grant funding, to help people facing hardship and disadvantage and those working to improve the communities they live in.

We connect people who care about South Yorkshire and have the means to invest in its future with the community groups striving to build stronger and healthier communities.

£35 million distributed in 35 years
£12 million sustainable endowment fund



Floods of 2019



“Keepmoat is proud to continue its partnership with South Yorkshire Community Foundation. The work the foundation has done during 2020 in supporting the most vulnerable groups in our region has made a huge impact, not just for the individual beneficiaries but for a range of local businesses and charitable organisations.”

Mark Burley
CSR Manager
Keepmoat



£1.3 million raised and distributed
through the Flood Appeal

£1,271,605.78 distributed in grants

£360,000 worth of pro bono
services leveraged

£60,000 House Restoration Project



Floods of 2019

“Working together with key partners such as Keepmoat and the local community, SYCF supported a significant number of individuals and families severely affected by the floods. This enabled essential repair work to be carried out on properties as well as provision of furniture and other items that were damaged by the floods. SYCF were an essential part of this programme and remained committed to this work even through the most difficult of times and as a result people’s homes and lives have been transformed.”

Karen Johnson
Assistant Director Localities
Doncaster Council



Covid-19 Response and Recovery



Distributed emergency relief grants within 24 hours of lockdown

£1.5 million distributed in grants to over 300 charities, social enterprises and community groups

294,000 beneficiaries, 1 in 5 people in South Yorkshire



Usual activity

In addition in 2020...

Over £640,000 distributed in
grants to 165 community
organisations

230,000 beneficiaries



Community Grants

£240,000 to advance physical
and mental health and wellbeing



£125,000 towards skills,
education and employability



£106,000 to reduce isolation and
disadvantage



£90,000 to strengthen community
cohesion and build social capacity



£62,000 to connect people with
the arts, culture and heritage



£19,000 to improve access and
engagement with the environment



Endorsement



“As the High Sheriff of South Yorkshire, I am proud to be associated and supportive to SYCF. They have consistently provided a financial lifeline to many organisations, charities both large, small and individual covering the whole range of the third sector.

I would like to share a few examples:

- Health and Well being for Young People from 10 -16 yrs of age
 - Covid funding
- Flood support from an appeal fund
 - Social Enterprise Grants



They also support charities looking at crime and the reasons for crime within South Yorkshire. These charities offer a wide range of programs to address issues with guns, knives, domestic violence, mental health issues, housing and food poverty. Supporting Food banks over the past year SYCF have given out millions in Grants assisting all of the above to continue effectively.”

Carole D O'Neill
High Sheriff of South Yorkshire

Looking ahead – a new world



Supporting the charity of community sector has become even more important

Playing a key role in ensure the future of vital community projects

Raising funds from businesses, philanthropists, trust and statutory bodies



How can you help?



- Personal Funds – a simple, cost effective alternative to a charitable trust
- Endowment Funds – the personal fund that ‘keeps on giving’ creating a lasting legacy for South Yorkshire
- Distribution Funds – providing immediate impact in a community
- Geographical Funds – an alternative to setting up a personal fund, to donate to an existing geographical fund for Barnsley, Doncaster, Rotherham, Sheffield or South Yorkshire
- Acorn Funds – an easy way to build an endowment fund over time
- Unrestricted Funds – SYCF is a charity too and we welcome donations of any size towards our charitable activities
- SY100 – join a network of businesses and individuals supporting the core costs of running SYCF enabling us to continue to distribute vital funding to grassroots organisations

Thank you



Any questions?

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