

*'What another excellent year for the Foundation. I am delighted to be able to endorse the progress made and substantial benefits that have been delivered to communities across Nottinghamshire. The opportunities that are provided make a real difference to people's lives and I am pleased to be able to continue my association with the ongoing and important work of the Nottinghamshire Community Foundation.'*



**Sir Andrew Buchanan Bt**  
*President of Nottinghamshire Community Foundation*

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I am pleased to present my third Annual Review of the activities of Nottinghamshire Community Foundation, this one being for the year ending March 2009.

This has been a year of consolidation after the previous year of downsizing and adjustment following the successful completion of a number of sizable contracts.

During the course of the year there have been some notable achievements including the acquisition of new funding streams particularly:

- The Grassroots Grants Programme and the Endowment Match Challenge which has significantly assisted our activities in building endowment for the future benefit of the area we serve.
- The continued delivery of the ONE Nottingham Small Grants Scheme which has for the first time been a two year contract
- The addition of the Nottingham City NHS Small Grants Scheme

These have enabled us to deliver substantial values of grant to community and voluntary groups in Nottingham and Nottinghamshire.

As Chair I would like to thank everyone involved in the delivery of our grant and endowment programmes. These include our funding partners, my fellow Trustees, the staff under the leadership of Nina Dauban our Chief Executive and all those groups and organisations that have supported our mission statement by accessing funds and delivering services to the communities of Nottingham and Nottinghamshire.

## Our Mission Statement . . .

We are committed to improving the quality of life of the people of Nottingham and Nottinghamshire by raising and managing funds for distribution in response to local needs.

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2009	Total 2008
<b>Incoming Resources:</b>					
Charitable activities	£19,819	£1,321,480		£1,341,299	£3,920,884
Other Income	£30,186	£13,648	£34,834	£78,668	£99,946
<b>Total Incoming Resources</b>	<b>£50,005</b>	<b>£1,335,128</b>	<b>£34,834</b>	<b>£1,419,967</b>	<b>£4,020,830</b>
<b>Resources Expended:</b>					
Charitable activities	£12,227	£1,572,969	£1,500	£1,586,696	£4,380,137
Other Expenditure	£1,583	£5,933	£688	£8,204	£32,705
<b>Total Resources Expended</b>	<b>£13,810</b>	<b>£1,578,902</b>	<b>£2,188</b>	<b>£1,594,900</b>	<b>£4,412,842</b>
<b>Total funds carried forward as at 31st March 2009</b>	<b>£315,962</b>	<b>£287,134</b>	<b>£265,776</b>	<b>£868,862</b>	<b>£1,083,534</b>

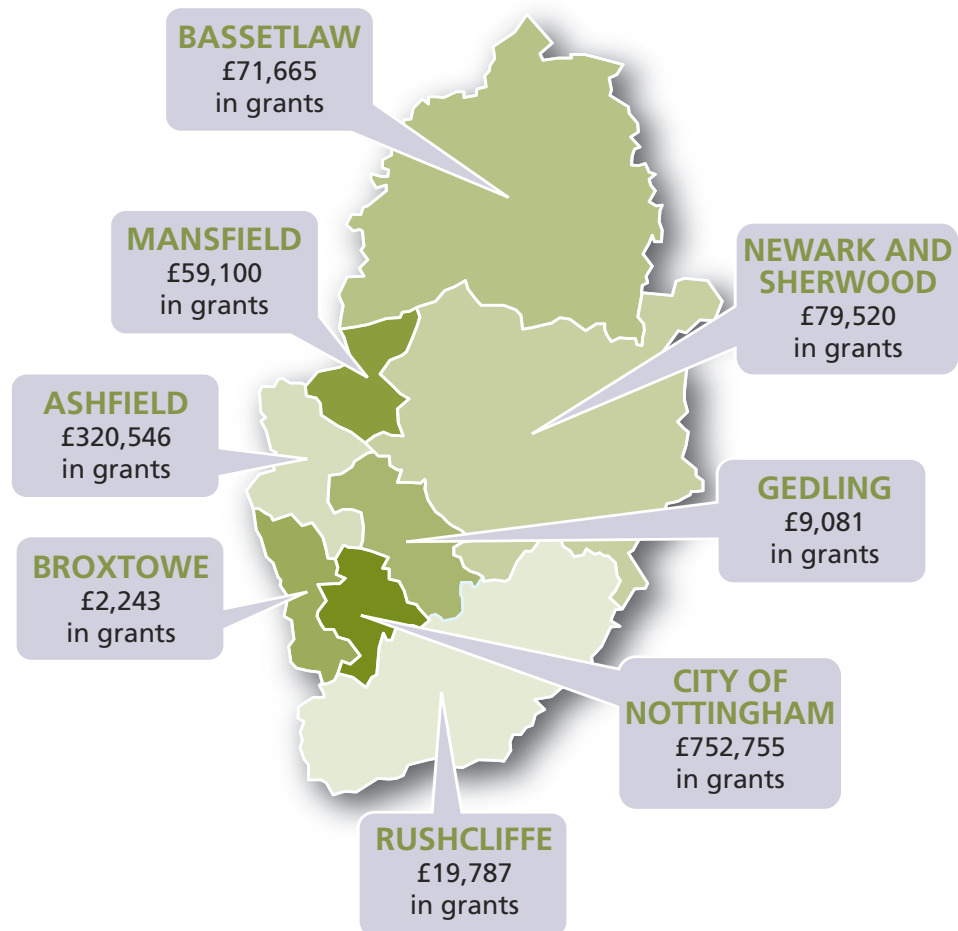
The summarised accounts may not contain sufficient information to allow a full understanding of the financial affairs of the organisation. For further information the full accounts, including auditors report on those accounts and the Report of the Directors, are available on request.

## Making a difference . . .

Change makers: removing barriers, growing benefits, caring for people.

Each of the 19 funders whether public bodies, businesses or individuals have different aims for their funds to achieve. The community and voluntary groups who apply for grants, through Nottinghamshire Community Foundation, have to meet the specific criteria and be working within the designated geographic areas.

See pages 6 and 7 to see what funds were available.



## Making a difference . . .

Local giving for lasting value



Leading Nottinghamshire Community Foundation (NCF) is an extraordinary privilege, particularly in a year where we have given so many worthy groups a helping hand through our grant awards. Be it those reaching out to victims of domestic abuse or providing warmth and companionship to isolated older people, I am constantly humbled by the work of the community and voluntary sector.

We are here to serve and strengthen those communities by matching those in need with those who want to give and giving is growing. Despite this economic climate, we see television programmes like Secret Millionaire and Dragons Den show how the successful and wealthy achieve a greater sense of wellbeing through their philanthropy.

We have met with many entrepreneurs, companies and families this year who want to increase their community giving and who are delighted to discover we can double their donations. We are working even closer with our partners across all sectors to ensure that money from donors and commissioners reaches those areas in most need.

Our relationship with ONE Nottingham covering the City and with Nottinghamshire Partnership covering the County means we have ensured our grants complement and support the local community plans and we can play our part in creating an environment for a thriving Third Sector.

Through the Grassroots Endowment Match Challenge we have £1,039,603 to match new donations set up to benefit communities in the City and County. Where else can you be guaranteed 100% growth on your investment? So, not only have we added to the number of grant funds we have delivered this year but we have also managed, through our Grassroots Grants Programme, to find 129 new groups to support.

This has meant the staff team has been working flat out and I would like to thank John, Dexter, Sam, Stuart and Ruth for their relentless enthusiasm and commitment. It comforts me to see that they always go the extra mile and will work evenings and weekends, without question, to ensure help is provided where it really counts.

This report highlights the success of our ongoing grant programmes and gives information about the new ones we have secured during the year. I have every confidence that next year will be no different as we see the value and importance of the Third Sector grow to meet the demands of these challenging times.

Our dedication to you, our donors, supporters and beneficiaries is that we will, wherever we can, become an agency that you can trust and can help steer our communities safely into the future through the qualities of humanity, which, after all, is perhaps the only way.

## Making a difference . . .

Our profile and fund raising events and activities couldn't take place without the help of generous individuals and companies across Nottingham and Nottinghamshire, who give financial support or in-kind support in the form of printing, design, venues, professional services and other activities.

## The ways in which we achieve the Mission Statement

Our commitment to improving the quality of life of the people of Nottingham and Nottinghamshire is demonstrated by the comprehensive delivery of a substantial grants programme supported by advice, guidance and information to groups, funders and donors.

- We provide a comprehensive and well-informed service for donors by managing their funds and donations in accordance with agreed objectives
- We bring people together from the business, public and voluntary sectors to make the best use of available resources
- We continue to build a permanent charitable fund – providing income to give effective long-term grant support to local people.

### Current staff team as at 1st April 2009

John Norrington  
Community Foundation  
Advisor

Stuart McKenna  
Administration & Finance

Samantha Wright  
Community Foundation  
Advisor



Dexter Bullock  
Community Foundation  
Advisor

Nina Dauban  
CEO

A total of over £1,3m was delivered to groups during the year, mainly in small amounts of under £5,000. To maintain this level of grant making consistently over the last 7 years it has been necessary to develop and maintain a strong network of contacts and processes to ensure information is disseminated to all eligible groups and that there is a fair and impartial decision making process in place to give confidence to funders and applicants that the objectives of funding and aspirations of groups is achieved.

To achieve this there is a constant requirement for the staff to maintain high levels of knowledge to support applicants with advice and guidance which, particularly with the Grassroots Grants Programme builds the capacity of groups to develop and extend the level of services provided.

Supporting the input from staff are the volunteers who sit on assessment panels providing their local knowledge and experiences to the decision making processes and we are particularly proud of this aspect of our work and the contribution that is made by the Panel members.

## Making a difference . . .

“Without the grant we would not have our three British Champions”  
**Bassetlaw Trampoline Club**

## How to get involved

### Ways to give as a business or corporation ...

#### Make a contribution

Our concept is simple. We provide the means for companies to establish their own charitable giving which benefits local people. We offer all the pleasure of giving without any of the hassle. We have the flexibility to tailor-make a fund to suit each donor's priority enabling them to give money to whoever and wherever they would like.

#### Payroll Giving

Registering a company for Payroll Giving means all employees can donate at maximum tax efficiency to a charity of their choice to which the government makes a further donation. This has been shown to have a very positive effect on employee relations, demonstrating that the company is committed to support its staff and the local community. Payroll Giving, or Give as You Earn, offers a convenient way for employees to make small contributions on a regular basis to support small charities. Donations are taken directly from the source of the donor's income and employers deduct the specified amount before tax. We would welcome the opportunity to talk to you about ways in which we can assist.

#### Donations by Companies

Businesses can get tax relief when they give money, whether as a one-off or a regular payment. All gifts of money qualify for tax relief under the Gift Aid Scheme. There is no limit to the amount which the company can give. The company makes a gross payment to the charity through Gift Aid and deducts the amount when working out its Corporation Tax. Charities cannot reclaim any tax on donations from companies.

#### Gift of Shares

A gift of shares can have generous tax incentives for both you and Nottinghamshire Community Foundation. You can now claim income tax (or corporation tax) relief on the day you make the gift, together with associated costs such as brokers' fees. You can either choose to sell the shares and make a gift aid donation or transfer the shares directly. Companies can claim a deduction on the gift of shares for Corporation Tax purposes in addition to the relief from Corporation Tax on Capital Gains.

#### Set up a corporate named fund

If you are a company wanting to channel your giving directly into Nottinghamshire and develop stronger links with your community and employees, consider setting up a named corporate fund with Nottinghamshire Community Foundation. By making grants into local communities it demonstrates your company's commitment to the local people. Companies can also benefit from the Grassroots Endowment Match Challenge and receive a match of £1 for £1 doubling the value of the fund.

#### Become a 'Business Partner'

Our Business Partners give regularly to support the Foundation's work in the local community. This is a good way to get involved, with regular news updates, information and opportunities to attend events.

#### Get involved

There are many ways to get involved! You and your company could donate a raffle prize for one of our fund-raising events; give us the benefit of your professional expertise by becoming an advisor or joining a local grant-panel. It's not just about money.

## Making a difference . . .

Talk to us. You can help to build better communities by giving locally for an effective and lasting investment.

### Ways to give as an individual ...

#### Make a donation

All donations, of whatever size, are used to improve the quality of people's lives in Nottingham and Nottinghamshire, now and in the future. You can give to Nottinghamshire Community Foundation on an ad-hoc basis or set up a regular donation. Your donation, whether it is a few pounds or a considerable sum of money will be greatly appreciated.

#### Gift Aid

A simple Gift Aid declaration increases the value of your donation by enabling the Foundation to reclaim the basic rate of tax, adding 28p in the pound. This transitional arrangement will continue to 2011. In addition, higher rate tax payers can reclaim tax relief on the gross amount of the donation.

**Self-assessment taxpayers** will be able to nominate a charity to receive all or part of any tax rebate due to them. Our charity's name and code number is listed with the Inland Revenue.

#### Gift of Shares

A tax efficient way of giving where the benefit to the charity may be many times more than the cost to the donor. Individuals can reclaim tax relief rebate on the full market value of the quoted shares, and be exempt from any capital gains.

#### Gift of Land and Buildings

As of April 2002, gifts of land and buildings are entitled to tax relief based on the market value of the land or buildings at the time of the gift.

#### Legacies

Nottinghamshire Community Foundation offers a simple way for people to leave money to the local community in which they have lived or worked for many years. Our commitment to build a multipurpose endowment for the local community means that we will be around to receive a legacy and to fulfill the charitable wishes of the donor in perpetuity.

#### Set up a Named Fund

If you and your family would like to make a lasting contribution through Nottinghamshire Community Foundation, you can set up your own named fund. This could be a distribution fund or an endowment fund, which will benefit Nottingham and/or Nottinghamshire. You choose the name of the fund and the groups and projects that will benefit. Through the Grassroots Endowment Match Challenge we are able to match contributions £1 for £1 increasing the fund total by 100% until 2011.

#### Spread the Word

The more people who know about Nottinghamshire Community Foundation, the more support we receive, the more requests for funding we attract, and the greater difference we can make to those who need our help. Tell work colleagues, family and friends. Tell anyone who you know who is involved with a community group or project that could benefit from a grant.

### Making a difference ...

Talk to us. Whether you have the means and commitment to help us or would like to find out how we can help you, please get in touch and help us to make a difference, for Nottinghamshire for good.



During 2008 the Foundation was awarded, by competitive tender, the management of the Government's Grassroots Grants Programme for both Nottingham and Nottinghamshire. This £2.5m programme includes a small grants provision that is available to grassroots voluntary and community based groups, that are volunteer led and have an annual income of less than £30,000.

In addition to this small grants provision there is an Endowment Match Challenge where the Treasury will match £1 for £1 any new endowment established by the Foundation. The Treasury wants to encourage local people and companies to help their own communities and is challenging Nottingham and Nottinghamshire Donors to contribute to a Fund that will give grants to small local groups now and in the future.

Smaller donations will go into an overall fund to be named the Major Oak Fund, but there is also the exciting opportunity for a donor to give on a larger scale to create their own Named Grassroots Fund with the ability to direct the nature and amounts of grant to be made from the Fund.

The Foundation is working hard to ensure the challenge is met as the programme is time limited and must be achieved by June 2011. During this year the full allocation of grants was achieved and progress was made on the Endowment Match.



Small Grants	Nottingham	Nottinghamshire
Year 1	£153,101	£301,057
Year 2	£165,349	£325,141
Year 3	£171,473	£337,184
Endowment match		
Year 1	£56,415	£151,506
Year 2	£112,830	£303,011
Year 3	£112,830	£303,011

### Making a difference ...

"The Club has been part of Newark's history for 200 years and I want it to continue to be part of Newark's facilities. The Grassroots grant has allowed the Club to keep going." **Chair of Newark Town Bowls Club**

## Funds available during 2008-09

**Allianz Community Fund UK** (Nottinghamshire) – funding to support Local Communities Making a Difference.

**Bernard Slee Music Award** (Nottinghamshire) – an annual bursary to a music student at Nottingham University.

**Dave Hartley** (Mansfield and Ashfield) – funding to support groups that promote musical awareness and individuals who ‘make music’.

**Fair Share Trust** (three Ashfield neighbourhoods – Carsic, Leamington and New Cross) – a programme led by the Big Lottery Fund and Community Foundation Network to support communities failing to achieve a “fair share”.

**Grassroots** (City & County) – funding to support small volunteer led groups existing for more than one year with an income less than £30,000.

**Keepmoat Fund** (Rushcliffe Borough & Clifton) – funding to support communities facing disadvantage and hardship in the Borough of Rushcliffe and the area of Clifton, Nottingham.

**Kynan Eldridge** (Mansfield and Hucknall) – provides small grants to young people who are using music to help them overcome personal challenges and achieve their full potential.

**Nottingham City NHS** (City) – funding for healthy eating and quality exercise to address childhood obesity and risks of coronary heart disease in over 40’s.

**Nottinghamshire Robin Hood Fund** (City and County) – the aim of the Fund is to be as flexible as possible in order to fund projects that meet local need across the City of Nottingham and County of Nottinghamshire.

**ONE Nottingham Small Grants Scheme** (City) – funding to support projects and activities that will help the delivery of cleaner, safer & greener public spaces and improvements to the built environment.

**RTC Fund** (County) – funding to support people in rural areas, by making grants to charitable groups and individuals serving senior citizens in their communities.

**Sport Relief** (City & County) – increasing access to sport and exercise for people who are facing social exclusion and isolation.



## Making a difference . . .

“I wish we could come with you every day of the holidays. This is the best thing ever.”

**Boy aged 10 Nottingham Children, Young People and their Families Project**

## Grants in action around the county

<b>Ashfield</b> 	<b>FC Interski</b> £41,500 2 year funding for football provision in 3 areas	<b>Bassetlaw</b> 	<b>Bassetlaw Trampoline Club</b> £5,000 to purchase new equipment
<b>Woodside Farm Stables Riding for the Sisabled</b> £1,161 to purchase IT equipment	<b>Mansfield</b> 	<b>Friends of Holy Trinity Newark</b> £2,600 to build a wooden amphitheatre	<b>Newark &amp; Sherwood</b> 
<b>City</b> 	<b>Fabric</b> £4,531 to employ arts and crafts tutor and obtain materials for carnival costumes	<b>City</b> 	<b>Edwards Lane Music Club</b> £4,456 to purchase music and sound equipment
<b>Harmless</b> £5,000 to produce 500 DVD's of group's short film, event launch and screenings	<b>City</b> 	<b>Beeston &amp; District Civic Society</b> £342 to celebrate National Tree Week with local primary schools	<b>Broxtowe</b> 
<b>Gedling</b> 	<b>Friends of Ravenshead Day Centre</b> £4,218 to purchase kitchen equipment	<b>Rushcliffe</b> 	<b>Rev and Go</b> £1,740 to fund running costs of motor cycle project

## Making a difference . . .

“Postman bring 2da me a zoom magnifier. Can't wait to start me displays”  
**Text from Gary (deaf/partially sighted/no speech) member of Meristems gardening group for dual sensory impaired people**

### Funding programme for Voluntary and Community Groups in Nottingham

ONE Nottingham, the local strategic partnership for Nottingham, supports the Small Grants Scheme as part of the Government's strategy for regenerating the most deprived neighbourhoods and provides small amounts of funding to help local people become involved in improving their communities.

A total of 89 grants to the value of £455,480 have been made to voluntary and community groups for projects and activities that address the Local Area Agreement Targets agreed by ONE Nottingham.

The grants scheme has been available to all areas of Nottingham, with priority to fund projects that work with and help the most deprived communities of Radford & Park, Aspley, St. Anns, Bulwell, Bridge, Bestwood, Bilborough, Arboretum, Dales, Dunkirk & Lenton and parts of Clifton, Berridge and Mapperley.

To celebrate the success of the Grants Scheme an event was held at the Council House, Nottingham where the top ten projects were invited to showcase their activity and take part in a vote to decide the top three projects of the year with voting being carried out on the night by representatives of all funded groups.

The winners were Access 4 All (Disability Access), Jigsaw Youth Club (Club for young people with Aspergers Syndrome) and Harmless (Self harm support group).



Winners with their prizes



Voting taking place

### Making a difference . . .

"Harmless has helped me to feel that things can change, that I am not alone...that there are people like me who have got better and that suicide is not the answer."

**Anonymous Harmless Service User**

## Previously managed funds where contractual monitoring and reporting processes continued during the year

**Chad Challenge Fund** (Mansfield, Ashfield and Sherwood) – funding to support any community activity including costs of starting a self-help group, buying a piece of equipment or starting a new activity.

**Coalfields Regeneration Trust's 'Bridging the Gap'** (designated CRT wards – North Notts) – funding to support voluntary or community groups based in coalfield areas to address social and economic problems.

**Community Champions (City & County)** – funding to support individuals and communities to turn ideas into reality.

**Local Network Fund (City & County)** – funding to support small voluntary and community groups to improve outcomes and opportunities for children and young people aged 0-19. Delivery of Child Protection Training to 190 people.

**ONE Nottingham Cleaner Greener Fund (City)** – to carry out small scale environmental projects.

**Parish and Town Plan Fund (County)** – funding opportunities for Parish councils and rural citizens to support the development of a parish plan.

### Other Funds managed by Nottinghamshire Community Foundation during 2008-09

**Nottinghamshire Community Safety Trust** – led by the High Sheriff of Nottinghamshire to support and develop programmes to prevent crime and promote safety in communities.

**Change up** (funding from Capacitybuilders) – enables organisations to improve the level of support they offer to voluntary and community organisations.

**REAP Project (LEARN)** – funding from ONE Nottingham to manage the 'Raising the Educational Achievement in Partnership' project.

**Strategic Intervention Fund (City)** – support for City projects affected by reduction of Local Authority grants.

**Youth Bank (County)** – young peoples small grant programme.



### Making a difference . . .

"Since joining the Music Club I've changed my job prospects, I may be looking at music as a career now."

**Adam, member of Top Valley Music Club**

## Grants in action – Grassroots in Nottingham and Nottinghamshire

Funding through the Grassroots Grants Programme is available to not-for-profit, third sector volunteer led community groups that have been active in their local community for not less than 12 months with an annual income of less than £30,000.

The grants (up to £5,000) are intended to respond to the diverse needs of community organisations and can, therefore, be used to fund a variety of activities connected with and/or meeting the needs of the local community.

The Trinity School Show Band, an American style marching band from Aspley, Nottingham (an area of deprivation) has only been running since 2005. However in this short time they have built up an international reputation with performances of the highest standards of music and marching. Funding through the Grassroots Grants Programme has enabled the purchase of additional percussion instruments allowing the further development of the band and the 100 young people involved.

The Beeston and District Civic Society celebrated National Tree Week by obtaining a Grassroots grant to fund the planting of trees in each of the local primary schools. The school children were involved in the selection and planting of the trees and will also be involved with maintenance and fruit collection to continue their interest in the project.



Trinity Show Band competition performance in Kerkrade Holland



Members of the Group and Young people planting trees as part of the programme

### Making a difference . . .

“Funding has helped to make our local area a fine place in which to live.”

**Committee Member Beeston & District Civic Society**

## A Project Profile – Jigsaw Youth Club

### ‘Let me be me’

Jigsaw is a youth club for young people with Aspergers Syndrome, a form of autism. The group have succeeded in providing adventure, education and fun for many young people who would not access mainstream services.

The group began when a young person with Aspergers complained that he had no friends who he could relate to. The motto ‘let me be me’ came from another member who was tired of being passed around doctors, social workers, psychologists and so on.



The group is led by young people who have attended the youth club in the past and wish to give something back by taking responsibility for the provision.

During the year Grants to the value of £14,177 were made from the ONE Nottingham Small Grants Scheme and Grassroots to the group to support their activities, trips and training.

Members of the Group on a visit to the National Memorial Arboretum in Staffordshire as part of a History Project

### Making a difference . . .

“It has helped us to meet others with Aspergers and made good friends”

**William, member of Jigsaw Youth Club**