



eNewsletter
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A community is more than just where you live and who your neighbours are, it is about being part of something bigger than yourself. We believe that there is great value in people coming together to help each other when times are tough. People who are there for each other giving support and encouragement and sharing in each other's lives.

Read our new report: Strong Communities



Just over a year ago we launched our research project [Hertfordshire Matters](#), pledging our ongoing commitment to understanding the needs, challenges and opportunities in our county. The first report brought together some of the latest statistical data and feedback from our communities to provide a broad overview of life in the county. Now we have published our

short interim report, focusing on what makes communities strong and what we've been working on in the last year to help build strong communities. [Click here](#) to view the report – or visit our website

Give where you live: new Love Herts appeal

In order to expand, complement and enhance our ability to help our communities, we are delighted to launch our new appeal: [Love Herts](#).

The objective of Love Herts is to make it easier for the people of Hertfordshire to come together to help their communities **in a simple, yet effective way**.

Each donation received is pooled to be given out as grants to effective charitable and community groups, to help causes most in need of funding in Hertfordshire.

We are extremely grateful to the High Sheriff of Hertfordshire, Will Hobhouse and his wife Kate for allowing us the opportunity to officially launch Love Herts at the High Sheriff's Summer Garden Party on Friday 7 July 2017. Thank you to all who were able to attend the event and for the generous donations we have received so far. Each gift will have a direct impact and help to enhance and improve the lives of people in Hertfordshire.



If you would like more information about Love Herts please contact us to arrange for a member of our team to talk to you. You can also visit [our website](#) for more information and details on how to donate.



High Sheriff charity concerts update



Hertfordshire High Sheriff Will Hobhouse has recently hosted two concerts at St Albans Cathedral to raise money for selected Hertfordshire charities. We are very grateful to be beneficiaries of both of these concerts.

The events were a fantastic success and attendees raved about what a wonderful musical delight each concert was. The first event – A Night on Broadway – raised a whopping £30,000 of which Will has donated £10,000 to the Foundation. Thank you very much to the High Sheriff and everyone who attended the concerts for this incredible support!

Thank you to our 2017 marathon runners

In April we were extremely fortunate to have thirteen brave runners take on the iconic Virgin London Marathon on behalf of Hertfordshire Community Foundation. Together they managed to raise almost **£21,000** which will go a huge way towards supporting the work of the Foundation. Thank you to each of you for your hard work and commitment!



We would be delighted to hear from any runners who may be interested in taking on this challenging event on our behalf in 2018.

To find out more please contact Sarah Tisdall on 01707 251351 or sarah.tisdall@hertscaf.org.uk

Your Workforce: Your Future 2017

Our HCF Training and Development team hosted their annual event on Monday 17th July which focused on how organisations need to adapt to changes in the adult social care landscape and the implications on the skills of their workforce. The event was supported by Hertfordshire County Council.

The 55 attendees enjoyed presentations including a talk on the challenges and issues facing voluntary and community organisations – presented by Ruth Harrington, Head of Commissioning at HCC Community Wellbeing and an inspirational case study of Herts Independent Living Service's journey to success – presented by their CEO, Sarah Wren.

The presentations were followed by a group discussion and the event also included an exhibition of other training providers. [Click here](#) to see the event's programme and slides.

The 2017-18 HCF Training Calendar was launched at the event. We have scheduled over 40 courses at community venues across the county. The programme aims to help organisations to be well run, operate legally and safely and to become sustainable. Good governance is a key theme and our Roles and Responsibilities of Trustees course is currently being revised to incorporate requirements from the new Charity Code of Governance. We also continue to support sustainability with training to improve fundraising skills and several new courses aiming to help organisations become more enterprising, sell their services directly to clients via personal budgets and direct payments. New topics include – Writing a Simple Business Plan, Delivering a Great Customer Experience, The Price is Right! Costing Your Services and Developing Your Earned Income. [The full programme can be downloaded here.](#)

All courses are open for booking – please visit the searchable [Courses Directory](#) for full details



Looking for new office space?

Are you, or do you know of a charity or small business looking for affordable office space in Hatfield? We have a 641 sq ft (59.5 sq metres) first floor office suite, with air con, available to rent from September 2017.

For further details, please contact Sarah Tisdall, Office Manager, on 01707 251 351 or via email on sarah.tisdall@hertscf.org.uk



Calling all Royston charitable projects

We're currently working with a new fund who is looking to support general charitable projects within approximately 20 miles of Royston. Applications need to be in by 7th August at the latest. If you think you have a project that might be suitable, send an email to grants@hertscf.org.uk to tell us about it!

Farewell and thank you

We would like to say farewell to Hertfordshire County Council representative Councillor Teresa Heritage who served on the Foundation's board of trustees for over four years. Teresa's portfolio has recently changed following the elections. We would like to say a heartfelt thank you to Teresa for her significant contribution over the years, in particular for her help in forging a partnership between the Foundation and Hertfordshire County Council Community Information and Intelligence Unit which was fundamental in the delivery of our 2016 Hertfordshire Matters project. Councillor Terry Douris will now be the Hertfordshire County Council representative on our board of trustees.

Dates for your diary:

7 August 2017: Deadline for the next grant round for the HCF Large Grant and the PCC Action Fund



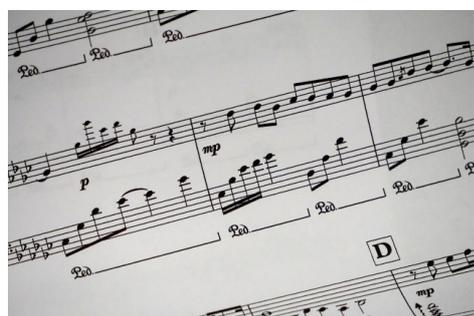
1 October 2017: Applications open for the Hertfordshire High Sheriff Awards. Keep an eye on our website for further details.

18 October 2017: Next deadline for the next grant round of the Youth Social Action Fund, HCF Large Grant and the PCC Action Fund

Recent grants helping Hertfordshire:

Ending domestic abuse:

One of our first grants made from the Police and Crime Commissioner's Action Fund was for £4,964 to help break the cycle of domestic abuse through awareness raising and weekly therapy sessions run by the Living Room in Stevenage. This support is available to adults with complex co-existing domestic abuse and addiction issues, including problems stemming from childhood abuse or trauma. This programme is intended to help improve the life chances of the families of those involved, especially their children.



Musical therapy:

Music24 received £5000 to support their Musical Herts group in Watford. The group provides fortnightly music therapy sessions for those with dementia and their carers. With the number of people in the county affected by dementia predicted to rise by 24% between 2012 and 2020, demand for groups like this is also likely to increase. Add that to the fact that Watford was an area identified by Hertfordshire County Council as in need of additional dementia related support services and we're confident this group is meeting a real need.

Showcasing the issues of young people:

In the first round of our Youth Social Action Fund grants The Gifted received £4,895 towards their Our Voices project to enable them to work with 20 young people each receiving 30 hours of training to put on an event for their local community, showcasing their individual talents and highlighting

issues that are important to them. When the event is over the young people will be able to train with The Gifted as volunteer leaders gaining skills to train others in putting together their own social action events.



Enriching learning through toys:

KIDS received £5000 to support their Hertfordshire Toy Libraries which provide disabled, disadvantaged children and their families across the county with educational and therapeutic resources to aid their development and enrich their learning experience. The toy libraries give families the chance to access specialist toys and equipment, which are often incredibly expensive to buy and not within many families' very limited budgets.

Mental health support:

Mind in Mid Herts received £5000 to support a community based, outreach mental health support service in North Herts. The project will provide 1-2-1 support and then weekly access to support groups across the area. Mental health was identified as an issue in Hertfordshire Matters and North Herts in particular seems to be an area for concern with rising numbers of those with mental health issues. Feedback from Mind's pilot project in the area confirmed that accessing mental health support in North Herts is very difficult so we're delighted to be able to help them change that.



Apply for a grant

To find out more about our grant programmes [visit our website](#) or call our grants team on 01707 251 351

Become involved

To find out how you can become involved in the work that we do or to make a donation to Hertfordshire Community Foundation, please [click here](#)

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