

Annual Review

2018/2019



HCF
Hertfordshire Community Foundation

Welcome from the Chair and Foundation Director



L-R: HCF Chair, **Gerald Corbett** with **Thomas Costello** of Lister Area Kidney Patients Association



Helen Gray
Foundation Director

2018 was a significant year for HCF. As we celebrated our 30th anniversary HCF awarded over £1 million in grant support helping over 45,000 local beneficiaries. It is thanks to our generous supporters that we have been able to increase our grant making by 124% since 2016/17.

However, we once again saw a significant increase in the number of grant applications received during the year. Public sector cuts, an ageing population and a growth in child poverty are just some of the contributing factors. The need for local giving to support Hertfordshire's community groups has never been greater.

At HCF we continue to draw on our extensive knowledge of the county and the issues it faces to ensure that our grant making is approached strategically and our impact is amplified. Together our dedicated staff, volunteers and donors continue to work to make Hertfordshire a better county for everyone and we thank you for your continued involvement.

Gerald Corbett DL
Chairman

Helen Gray
Foundation Director

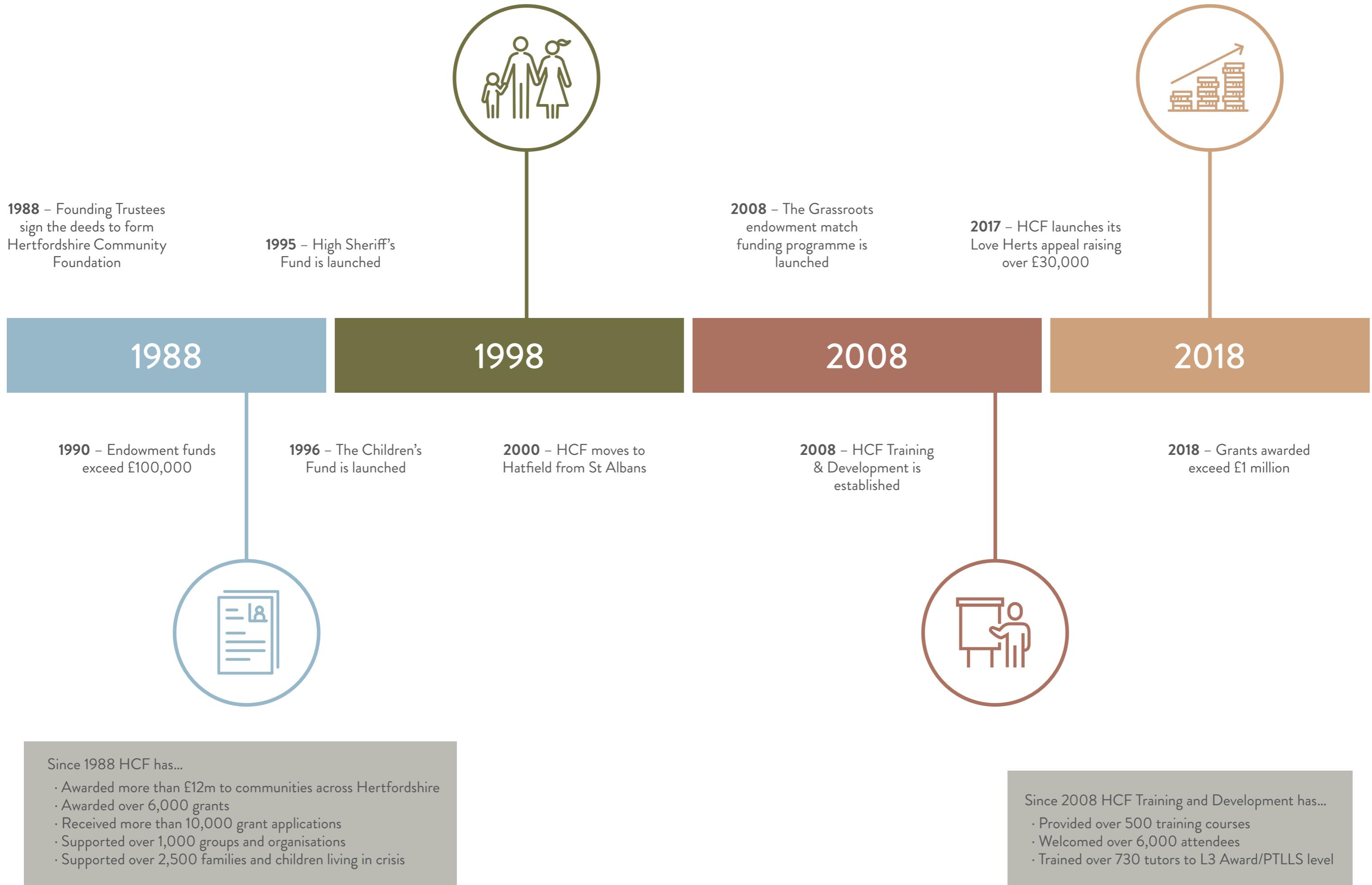
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“Community Foundations are vital contributors to building social capital. They also play a vital role by providing a platform that enables individuals and firms to invest in their local communities.”

Mark Carney
Governor of the Bank of England

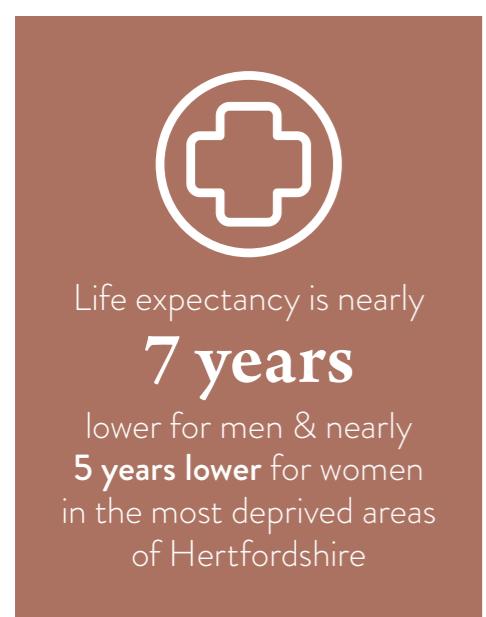
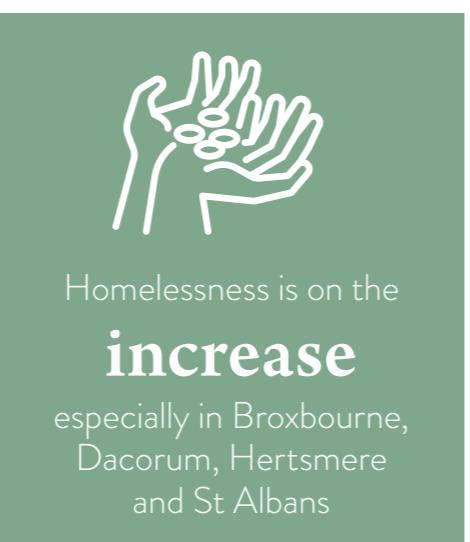
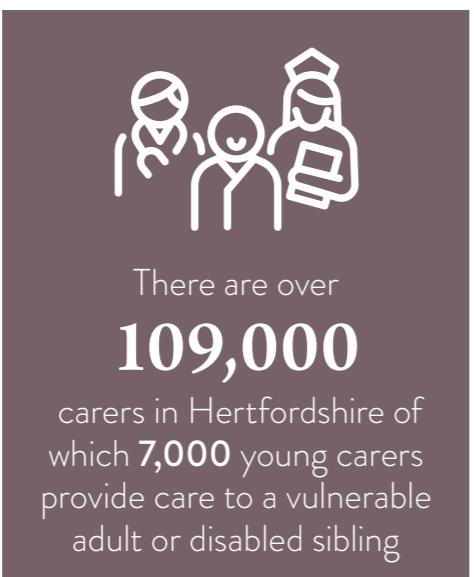
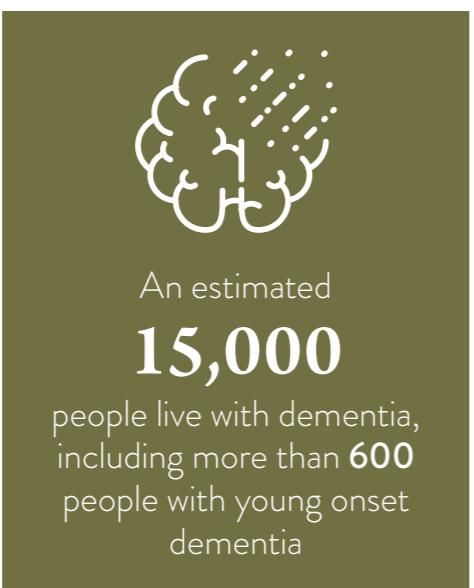
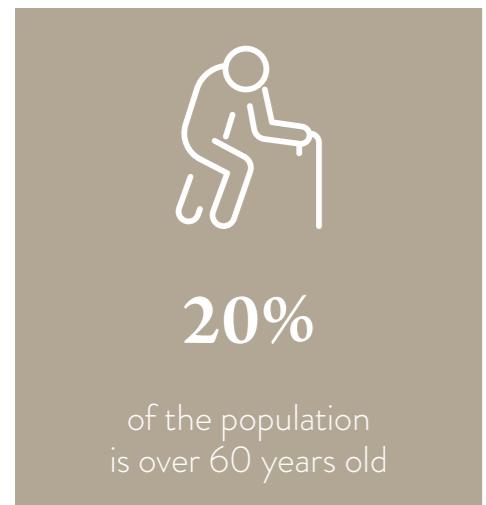
30 years – Our story so far



Hertfordshire - a county of contrasts

Understanding Hertfordshire's challenges

Hertfordshire is generally perceived to be an affluent county, however this hides pockets of genuine deprivation. In 2016 we commissioned an in-depth report, *Hertfordshire Matters*, to better understand the needs and challenges facing Hertfordshire communities. The report is an invaluable tool for advising our donors and guiding our grant making.



HCF is proud to support Recover, a vibrant charity furniture up-cycling organisation, creating pathways into volunteering and work for vulnerable adults.

Copies of our *Hertfordshire Matters* reports are available to download from our website hertscf.org.uk. A new *Hertfordshire Matters* report is due in early 2020 to coincide with updated indices of multiple deprivation data.

Why give through HCF

Give where you live

Small local charities and voluntary groups are at the heart of our communities.

They have a deep and unrivalled understanding of the issues that they seek to address. Many are run by volunteers and, unlike larger charities, they have a limited ability to fundraise.

At Hertfordshire Community Foundation we make local giving easy. We know the local charities and groups in Hertfordshire and what they are capable of achieving with the right help. Together with our donors we provide support to tackle the specific problems facing our communities to improve the lives of Hertfordshire's most vulnerable people. Every penny donated to Hertfordshire Community Foundation stays in Hertfordshire.



At HCF we create opportunities for donors to network with fellow supporters and to meet local groups and organisations

Donors benefits

- Expert philanthropic advice to meet individual giving goals
- Access to specific local projects, causes and initiatives that match their areas of interest
- Expert knowledge of the needs of Hertfordshire communities
- End to end management of the grant making process
- Full due diligence and monitoring to ensure real impact.

In addition to our grant making we also provide training and development opportunities to the local voluntary sector. This includes delivering training programmes to develop fundamental skills as well as mentoring and development programmes that support the longer term development and sustainability of the sector.

Donors are invited to special events such as HCF's 30th anniversary philanthropy lecture with Dame Stephanie Shirley

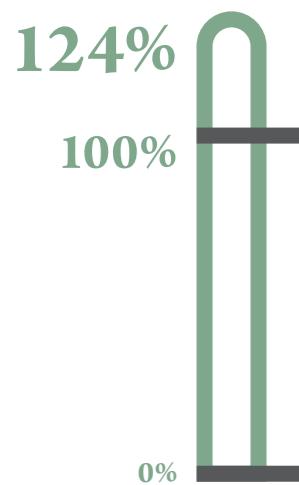


"As the founder of a successful local business, I wanted to find a way of identifying well-run, local, people-based charities in need of funding. HCF meets my needs like a hand in a glove. They have a committee that vets each application for funds in advance, so that I can have confidence that the money is being well-spent. And, they are extremely easy to deal with."

John Fearon
Fund holder

2018/2019 in numbers

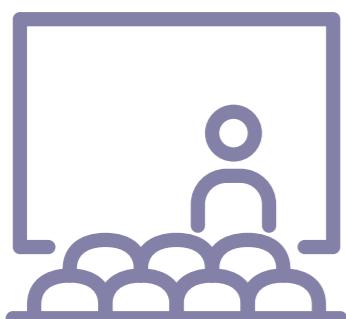
Thanks to the generosity of HCF's new and existing donors this year we were able to:



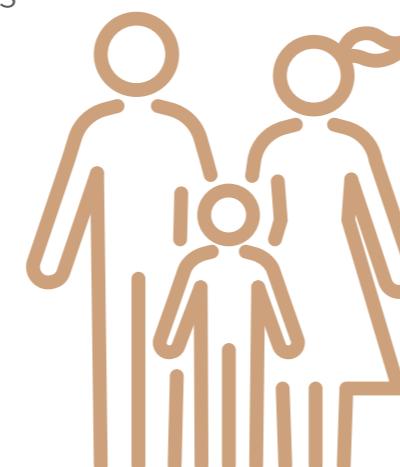
Provide £1,047,607.44
in grant support,
a 124% increase in grant
making since 2016/17



Deliver our second Building
Effectiveness course, supporting
organisations who
benefited from this tailored
development programme



Award **86**
grants to individuals
and families living
in crisis



Provide training
programmes to
663 attendees on

60 courses



Award **329**
grants averaging
£3,214



Offer 1:1 advice
and guidance to **27**
organisations through
our team of advisors



Provide grants to
over 150 groups
and organisations

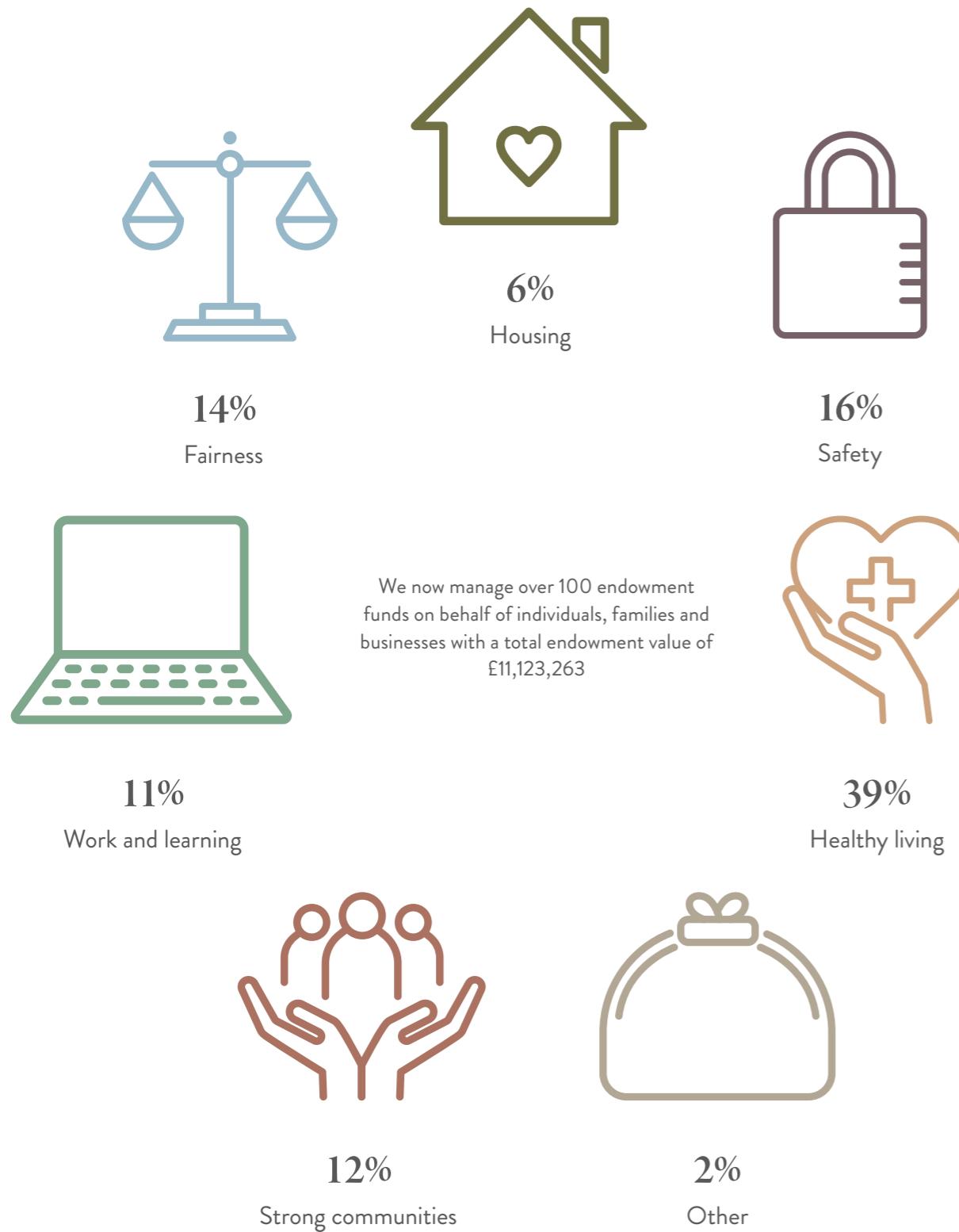




"The breadth of the support from HCF is fantastic, and its not just the funding. It's the information we can get from them, the training they do which enables us to upskill our staff. They look at the whole picture."

Helen Elliott
Herts Young Homeless

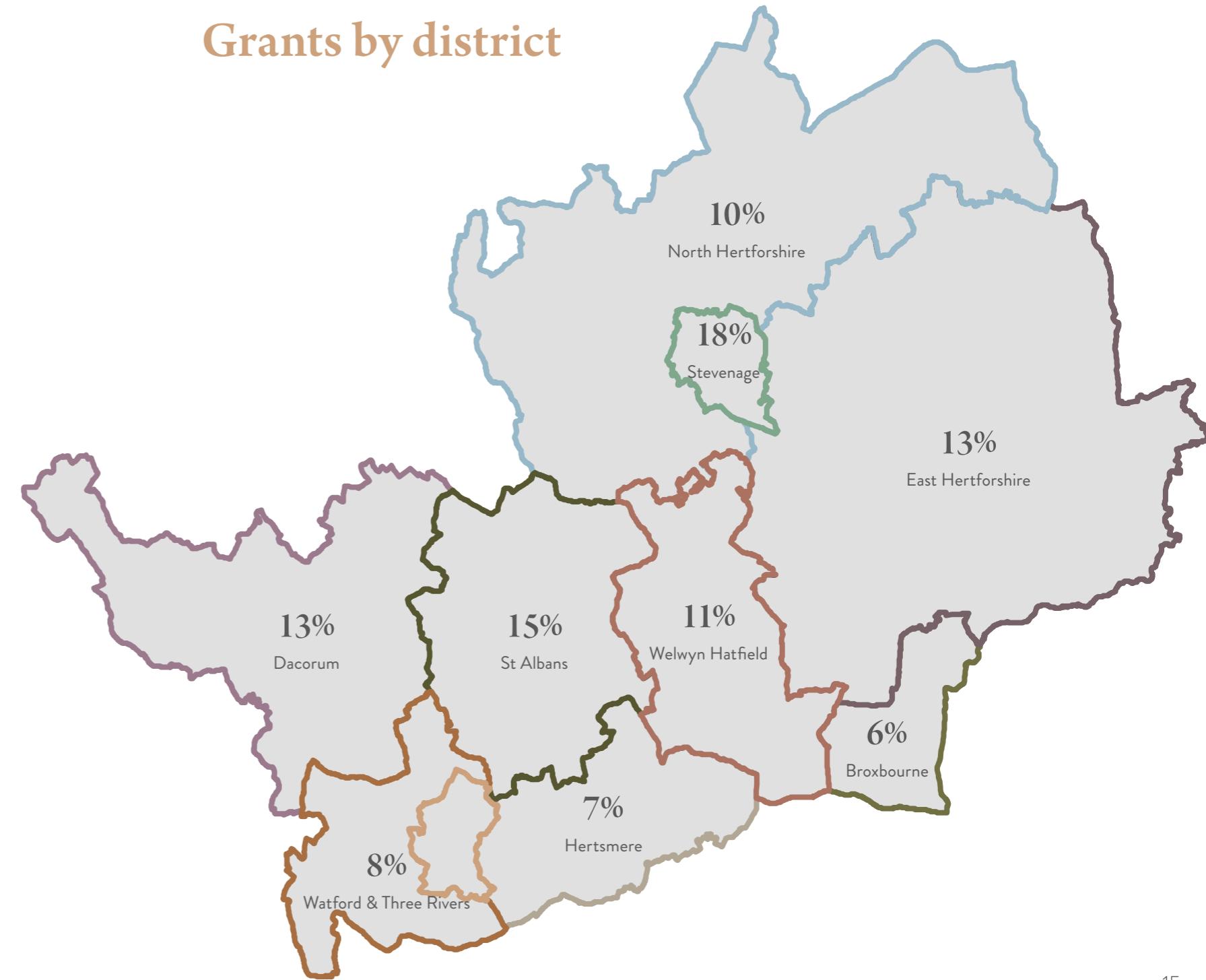
Grants by themes



Grants by size



Grants by district



Looking back on our 30th year

Since 1998 Hertfordshire Community Foundation has supported over 1,000 grassroots organisations. We were formed to address the needs of the county and to encourage local giving to help local people. Now in our third decade we look forward to building on our successes and helping many more Hertfordshire community organisations in the years ahead. Here are some of the highlights from this milestone year.

1. Thirteen brave people, including Beckie Coakley (pictured), took part in the Virgin Money 2019 London Marathon on behalf of HCF. The team raised an impressive £28,000. If you would like to run for HCF please call 01707 251 351 or email office@hertscf.org.uk to register your interest.

2. Our summer garden party took place on 28 June 2018. Generously hosted by HCF Trustee Henry Holland-Hibbert and his wife Kate, we welcomed our supporters to celebrate 30 years of local giving.

3. To celebrate HCF's 30th Anniversary Dame Stephanie Shirley gave an inspirational talk to over 160 guests on 22 May 2018 at the University of Hertfordshire. She shared her experiences as an entrepreneur and philanthropist and highlighted the benefits of working with Community Foundations.

4. HCF produced a celebratory publication 'Causes for Celebration' which looks back over our history, highlights some key successes and showcases ten organisations HCF is proud to have supported. An online version can be downloaded from our website.



5. 2018 was the 2nd year of the Building Effectiveness programme with nine organisations successfully completing a tailored development programme supported by HCF's advisors and volunteer business mentors. Further information is available on our website's Training section.

6. Building Sustainability is our new series of short courses designed to help local charities to develop their fundraising skills. The courses form part of HCF Training and Development's full training programme.

7. Our 2018/19 winter appeal raised over £7,000 helping alleviate fuel and food poverty in Hertfordshire by supporting some of the county's most vulnerable residents. If you would like to support our 2019/20 winter appeal please get in touch.

8. In June 2018 we welcomed Georgina Bawden, Grants Manager and Maureen Palmer, Grants Administrator. Together they have greatly bolstered the team which has seen a significant increase in the number of applications received.



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9. HCF was delighted to welcome Anna Bates and Sally Burton DL to the Board in 2018. Both Anna and Sally share HCF's passion to tackle deprivation across the county. Anna is the Associate Development Director at Lady Margaret Hall, Oxford and comes with extensive fundraising experience, and Sally is a qualified solicitor who is actively involved in the local voluntary sector.

10. In 2018 we published the Hertfordshire Matters Learning Disabilities report. It looks at the needs of those with learning disabilities, and how HCF can best support the groups who help to meet them. You can download the report from our website.

11. Our new Better Boards programme launched in February 2019. Funded by Hertfordshire County Council, this trustee development programme helps local charity trustee boards and management committees working in adult social care to improve their management and governance. To find out more please visit our website.

12. Bishop Stortford Hospital League of Friends transferred funds to HCF to enable HCF to award grants on their behalf. This overcame their challenges of meeting their original objectives due to changing hospital procurement policies and difficulties in finding new voluntary trustees. The trustees have now been able to retire safe in the knowledge that their good work will continue.

13. The trustees of registered charity Herts in Trust appointed HCF to manage their grant making. This removed an administrative burden from the Trustees and enabled HCF to draw on its broad knowledge of the county to award grants which meet Herts in Trust's objectives of making Hertfordshire a safer county.

14. The 2018/19 High Sheriff of Hertfordshire, Suzy Harvey, publicly recognised and rewarded seven organisations for their work with young people at the 2019 High Sheriff Awards ceremony on 14 March 2019. The awards focused on organisations and young people involved in youth projects, social justice and youth related crime prevention. Each year HCF works closely with the High Sheriff to run their award programme and event.



Our impact

Over 300 grants were awarded to groups and organisations across the county helping tackle a wide range of social issues and challenges. Here are a few examples of some of the incredible groups we supported.

Safety and self confidence

Watford Workshop provides work experience, training and supported employment for disabled and disadvantaged people. Their sessions work to improve self-confidence and social skills, which in turn provides their members with a sense of purpose and self-fulfilment. The Hertfordshire Police and Crime Commissioner's Action Fund provided a £5,000 grant towards safety training which included abuse, hate crime, safety at home and who to contact in an emergency.

This training was requested by Watford Workshop members helping them to achieve greater independence.





Achieving potential

DS Achieve knows that with early support children with Down syndrome can maximise their future potential. Through their 'Little Achievers' stay and play sessions, aimed at pre-school children with Down syndrome and their families, they combine play, socialising and teaching in a fun and supportive environment. The group received a grant of £5,000 towards their running costs from the Love Herts Fund and the Community First Fund ensuring local children with Down syndrome are given the best possible start in life.



A sporting chance

Hertfordshire Disability Sports Foundation provides sporting opportunities for adults and young people living with a disability. Their easy-rider adapted cycling programme makes cycling accessible and enjoyable to all in a safe environment. HCF provided a £10,000 grant through the Hertfordshire County Council Community Grants Programme to train staff and volunteers to safely lead rides and to service and maintain the bikes.



Safe and welcoming

Resolve is an adult drug and alcohol treatment service supporting people who are homeless or at risk of being made homeless. Through HCF's Major Grants programme Resolve received a grant of £24,284 towards the new Resolve Night Shelter and SPARKS community café. The project provides access to healthy food, one to one support and a safe space to sleep for those facing homelessness.



Building stronger communities

Herts Asian Women Association's Saheli Tiffin Club attracts nearly 40 elderly Asian women to their weekly meetings. Attendees speak limited to no English and are at risk of being isolated. Activities include exercise classes, English lessons and the occasional external speaker and excursion – all aimed at helping the women to make friends and become part of a community. The club received £6,600 from the Tampon Tax Fund to enable them to continue to support these women.



Children in crisis

Sarah and her children fled their home due to domestic abuse. The family spent 10 months in a refuge before being rehomed in 2019. In their new home, two of Sarah's children were forced to share a bed causing sleep disturbance for the whole family. This in turn affected the children's ability to concentrate at school. **HCF's Children's Fund**, which provides grants to local families in crisis, provided a grant of £296 to purchase a child's single bed, mattress and bedding. Now the children can enjoy a better night's sleep which will have a huge impact on the family's wellbeing.



How to give

Charitable giving through HCF is one of the easiest ways to support causes that are close to your heart, in a way that suits you. HCF looks after all the paperwork, takes care of the accounting and makes informed recommendations based on your giving requirements.



Set up a named fund

A fund in your name is a simple and effective alternative to setting up your own charity or trust. It gives you the opportunity to choose the cause and projects that you wish to support, with the support of local expertise to ensure that your giving is effective and used wisely.



Support Love Herts

You can make one off or regular donations to the Love Herts appeal. This appeal pools together donations of all sizes to support a range of causes reflecting the needs of our county.



Provide sponsorship or in-kind support

Giving doesn't always have to involve making a financial contribution. Your time, skills or networks can all help the work we do.



Leave a gift in your will

Leaving a legacy in your will is a simple way to go on helping your community for generations to come. You may choose to allocate your gift to one of our existing funds to support specific causes or local areas that are important to you.



Give online

Our Just Giving page is a quick and easy way to make a one-off donation or regular payment to HCF. To make an online donation simply visit www.hertscf.org.uk.



Become a Friend

By becoming a Friend of HCF your regular donations support small, grassroot community organisations that work hard to improve the quality of life for people across the county.



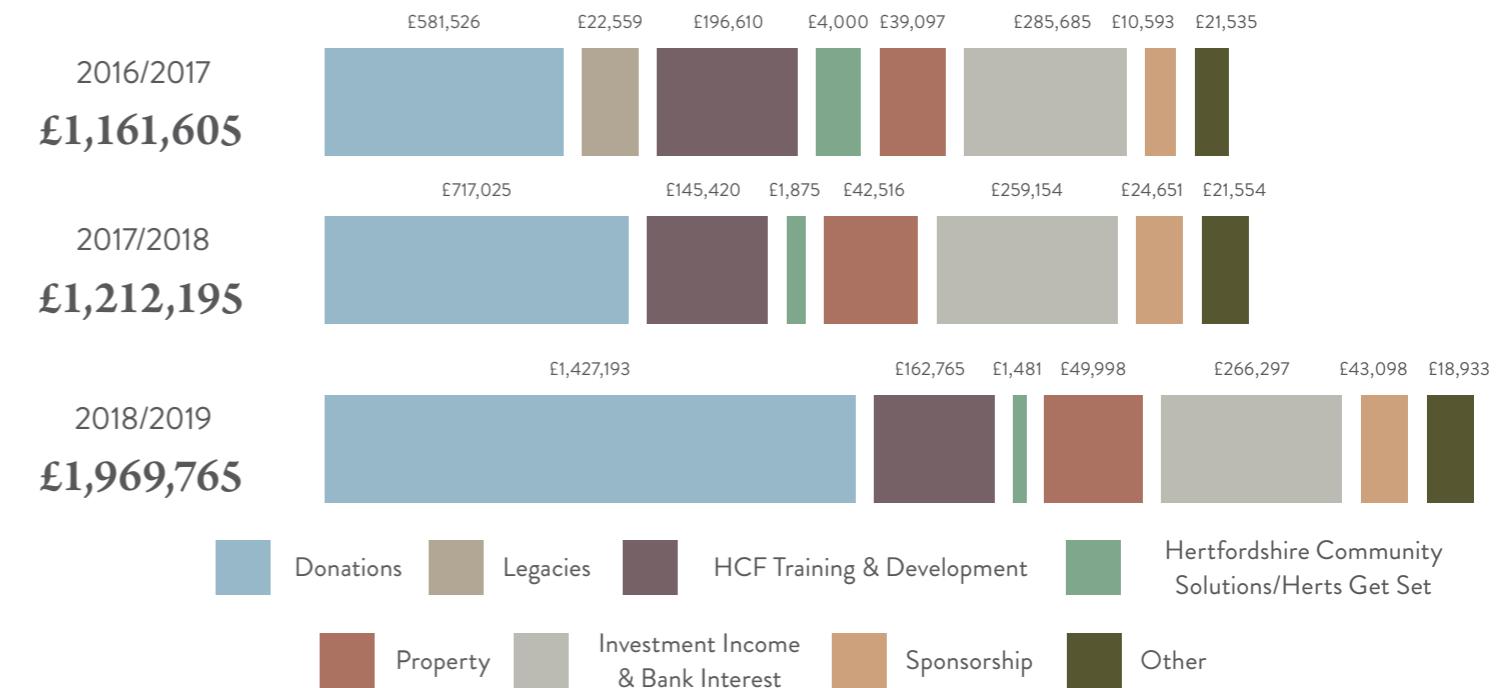
Trust transfers

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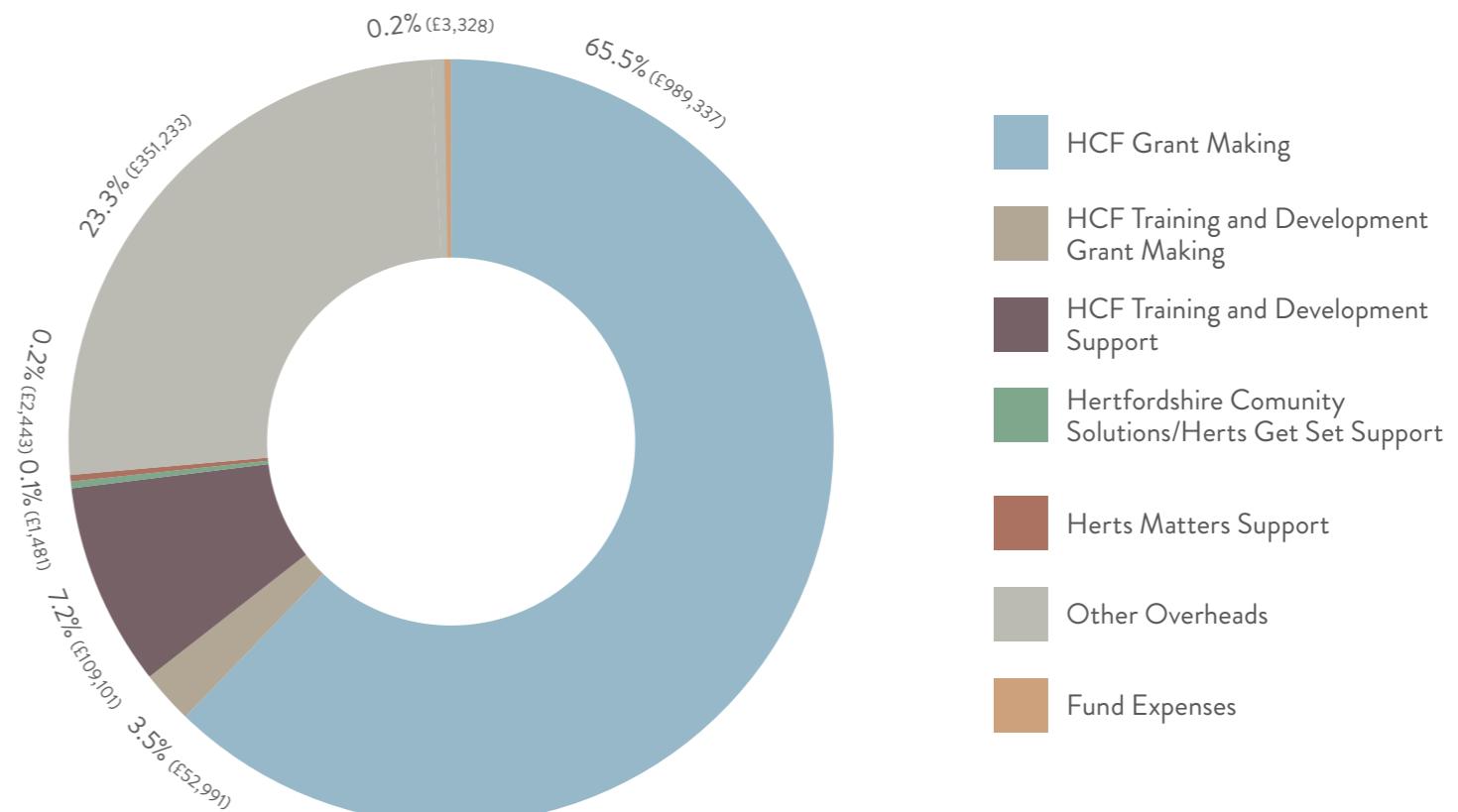
HCF offers flexible and customised solutions for your charitable giving.

Financial overview

Income trends



Expenditure (2018-2019)



The surplus of income over expenditure is largely due to increases in the value of endowment funds. To view a copy of HCF's full accounts please visit our website.

With thanks to

Our donors

The generosity of our donors helps us to support local community groups working to change lives.
Thank you for the part you have played in strengthening our communities. Supporters during the year include:

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In memory

HCF would especially like to thank the late Charles Forster who left a legacy to HCF in his will. Charles had supported
HCF since 2002 and thanks to his extreme generosity his name will live on through the recently formed Charles Forster
Legacy Fund.

Our people

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The Countess of Verulam

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Project Coordinator (HCF Training & Development)

Sarah Tisdall
Office Manager

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Our activities are enhanced by the help of numerous volunteers for which we are hugely grateful.

We would especially like to thank:

Sarah Beazley

Hannah Constantinidi

Biagio Fraulo

Johanna Mason

Caroline McCaffrey

Nick Powesland

Nicola Stokes

In memory:

We were saddened to hear of the passing of June Street in April 2019. June served as a trustee for HCF from 2002 to 2009 and is fondly remembered for her commitment to helping local charities, her warmth, and her great generosity of spirit.

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We look forward to continually working with them in the year ahead.





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