

## Medway Corporate Giving Fund

The Medway Corporate Giving Fund brings together Medway businesses, entrepreneurs and individuals committed to supporting their local community.

The aim of the Fund, run by Kent Community Foundation, is to connect socially responsible local businesses with innovative projects making a real difference in the local community and helping those most in need. It is this collective and proactive approach that is so powerful in bringing about tangible changes in the community and maximising the potential impact of each member's contribution. Corporate social responsibility is no longer an activity just for large, multinational corporations. Businesses of any size can play their part in effective local giving and supporting their community.



Each member makes an annual charitable donation to KCF, of between £1,000 - £2,500 which is pooled to create a collective fund. Twice a year, members come together via KCF to decide what local causes to support. This is a great networking opportunity for local businesses and people to find out more about the most pressing issues facing the local community and to discuss long-term needs and solutions.

90% of the Medway Corporate Giving Fund goes directly to the local causes. Kent Community Foundation retains 10% as a donation towards the cost of running the fund.

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Are you interested in joining the Medway Corporate Giving Fund?

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Supporting our Local Community in Medway



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## Kent Community Foundation

**Kent Community Foundation (KCF) is one of 46 accredited local Community Foundations across the UK. We were established in 2001 to raise and distribute funding to charities and good causes across Kent and Medway on behalf of individuals, companies, charitable foundations and trusts and other organisations.**

Every year, KCF helps hundreds of local causes that provide services and support for the most vulnerable in our community, create new opportunities for the disadvantaged and transform the lives of those most in need across Kent and Medway.

KCF has an experienced outreach and grants team who ensure highly efficient grant processes and due diligence. We pride ourselves on our local knowledge, networks and wide ranging experience of community grant-making. We specialise in smaller, grassroots grants: 85% of our grants made last year were under £10,000.

An important advantage of working with a Community Foundation is the level of control and decision-making that the donor is able to retain, while taking advantage of our expertise in small grants, local knowledge and network of contacts.



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## Projects funded through Medway Corporate Giving Club

### CAFÉ SUNLIGHT CIC

Café Sunlight CIC aim is to reduce health and social inequalities, improve life chances, employability skills, qualifications and break down barriers to economic/ social participation for the most deprived members of the communities of Medway. The community café aims to provide a safe and welcoming space for all members of the community and contribute towards the economic, social and community regeneration of North Gillingham in particular and create new opportunities.



### HOLDING ON LETTING GO

Holding On Letting Go provides bereavement support to children and young people and their families across Kent and Medway. They run non-residential bereavement weekends where children can talk to trained volunteers about their loss. They use a variety of activities to help the children express their emotions such as using the 'anger wall', making memory boxes and music therapy. There is a closing ceremony where each participant lights a candle to remember their special person and releases a balloon to signify letting go of their difficult memories.

### ALL SAINTS COMMUNITY PROJECT

The centre was established in response to the needs and issues faced by many people in the All Saints area of Chatham, an area with high levels of deprivation. The centre welcomes up to 1,700 residents a month helping them to access activities such as free CV and computer skills training, advice and information, social and craft activities as well as walking group sessions. The charity now has a community café managed by the residents for the residents, which enables local people of all ages to socialise and integrate with other local residents, decreasing social isolation.



## Community Need in Medway

Medway is an energetic and diverse community with a rich historical and cultural heritage. However, Medway can also be an area of extremes. Pockets of affluence, such as Hempstead and Wigmore, are right next to some of the most deprived wards in the country, including Luton and Wayfield.



Medway has a population of **263,900**

**874**  
homeless in Medway

**118** OF **326**  
most deprived Local Authority in England

**2nd** worst in the county for the level of violent crime

**7.5%**  
NEETs aged 16-18

**10%** of the UK population over 65 is lonely all or most of the time  
**4,300** pensioners in Medway are likely to be struggling significantly with loneliness

**12** neighbourhoods ranked in the **10%** most deprived nationally  
River Ward, is now ranked in the most deprived **1%** of areas nationally

**26.5%** children growing up in poverty

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