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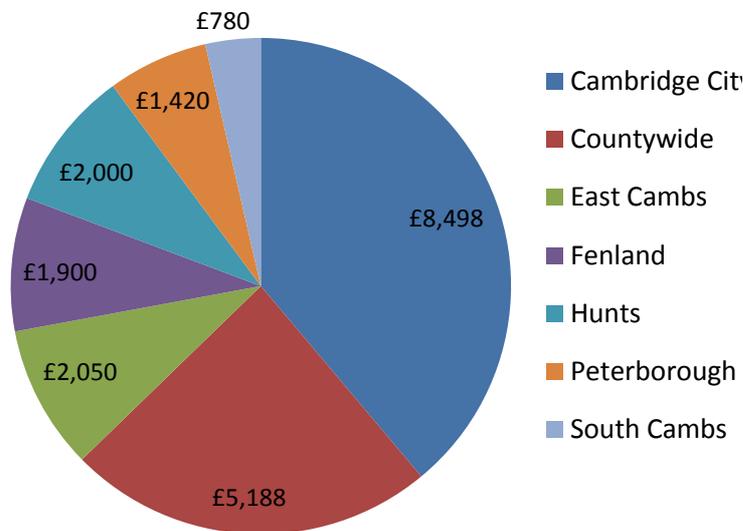
Cambridgeshire
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Birketts Endowed Cambridgeshire Fund

FUND UPDATE:

- Over **£21,000** awarded to local projects across Cambridgeshire.
- The focus for grant making from the Fund is to support groups working with: Disability and Mental Health, Children and Families and Homelessness.

Geographical spread of grants awarded



ABOUT THE BIRKETTS ENDOWED CAMBRIDGESHIRE FUND:

The Birketts Endowed Cambridgeshire Fund is invested and each year the fund makes grants to support small, local voluntary and community groups and organisations that are undertaking charitable work in Cambridgeshire



GRANTS AWARDED IN DECEMBER 2016:

- **The Ferry Project - £900**
To run a scheme that provides emergency overnight accommodation to those who are in need of shelter.
- **Cambridge & Ely Child Contact Centres - £1400**
To support two months' running costs, including staff salary, rent, insurance, membership of national association etc.
- **Home-Start Cambridgeshire - £1198**
To hold "Counselling for non-Counsellors" training courses for staff and volunteers to develop their skills.

CASE STUDIES

CHS Group

CHS group is a social enterprise and charitable housing association that helps people and communities in and around Cambridgeshire to overcome challenges, take opportunities and to develop their ability to achieve their aspirations. They were granted £900.00 from Birketts Endowed Cambridgeshire Fund towards a five day residential trip for 12 young people who are estranged from their families.

“Their relationships with each other and with staff were strengthened - being in a new environment helped everyone to see each other in a different light, and there was lots of opportunity for conversation and reflection.”



Cambridge & Ely Child Contact Centres

The Centre provides safe, friendly, neutral meeting places where children from separated families can enjoy contact with a non-resident parent or other family member in an atmosphere that helps to build trust and confidence. They received a grant of £650 to support two months' running costs, including staff salary, rent, insurance, membership of national association. This grant enabled them to support families going through difficult circumstances, and have helped them to prevent children from losing contact with a parent who is no longer resident.



“Evidence suggests that where such contact is lost, children fare less well in their lives, their emotional well-being is harmed, and this has knock on effects on their educational and social progress. The contact centres have helped children to retain the link with non-resident parents and encouraged the parents to make longer term arrangements”

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