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The High Sheriff's Fund

The High Sheriff's Fund makes grants to support young people in Cambridgeshire (including Peterborough) who face a range of challenges or disadvantage including; poor mental health, bereavement, disability, long term illness, social isolation, substance misuse, etc.

The Fund also supports young people in care, care leavers and others who have limited support or opportunities to develop.

The High Sheriff's Fund provides opportunities for such young people to learn new skills, to develop their character and confidence, and to thrive and fulfil their potential. This may include projects that improve community safety and prevent crime or anti-social behaviour.

What is The High Sheriff's Fund?

A High Sheriff is appointed by Her Majesty at a meeting of the Privy Council, for one year. The Office of High Sheriff is over 1,000 years old and the key elements of the role are supporting those who administer law and order.

It is an apolitical role, undertaken on a voluntary basis, at no cost to the public purse and so is well suited to lending support and encouragement to charities, community groups and voluntary services. High Sheriffs take on a personal responsibility for fundraising for charity throughout their year in office.

The High Sheriff's Fund was established in Cambridgeshire over 20 years ago to support this charitable work. Here are some of the young people who have been supported by a High Sheriff's Fund grant:

Caroline Bewes is the High Sheriff of Cambridgeshire



Caroline Bewes is serving as High Sheriff of Cambridgeshire for 2021/22. As High Sheriff, a particular theme for Caroline will be working to support and encourage those involved in crime prevention with a focus on supporting young people throughout Cambridgeshire.

She will also seek to support the judiciary, the police and the prison services, and looks forward to engaging with the voluntary sector through the Cambridgeshire Community Foundation.

Eligibility Criteria

Grants of up to £5,000 are available.

We only fund community-focused not-for-profit organisations. We can fund unincorporated associations if their income is below £5,000. A group must be legally registered as one of the following structures if their income is above £5,000:

- Registered, exempt, or excepted charity
- Parish and Town Council, Village Hall, or Parochial Church Council
- Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) or Community Interest Company (CIC)
- Social Enterprise (including the Social Enterprise Mark)
- Co-Operative or Community Benefit Society (formerly Industrial and Provident Societies)
- Sports club (we can accept applications from unincorporated clubs with an income over £5,000 if they are a Community Amateur Sports Clubs (CASCs) or affiliated with a National Governing Body such as Badminton England)

All applicants must attach Supporting Documentation to their applications. For guidance on what is required, please visit our [How to Apply page](#).