

# Leave a Legacy to Help Transform Communities



If you have been inspired by what you have read about within this review then you may want to consider leaving a legacy to the Church and Community Fund in your will. By leaving a legacy to the Fund you will be investing in social outreach and creative ideas that will help the church grow through serving local communities. Projects supported by the CCF make the isolated feel part of a community, help the church to engage with young people, lift people out of poverty and help the church to be at the heart of community life.

*"Meeting Point has proved both the need for these services and its ability to provide them... This is a crucial piece of work for those who seek security in this country."*

**The Right Revd John Packer, Bishop of Ripon & Leeds**  
**Christ Church, Armley - Meeting Point Project**



## Make a Donation

*"Cross-Links is a fine example of God's love in action. It is an excellent example of an ecumenical project that works with and for its community. It is truly making a difference in the lives both of individuals and of the community."*

The Church and Community Fund welcome donations however large or small as any gift you make will go a long way to support the community work of the local church throughout England. If you would like to make a donation to the CCF please go to:

[www.ccfund.org.uk/give/donations](http://www.ccfund.org.uk/give/donations)

Thank you to all our supporters for your prayers and donations.

**The Right Revd Trevor Willmott, Bishop of Dover**  
**Cross Links, Dover**



## The Venerable George Howe: Chair of The Church and Community Fund

During the course of 2012, the Church and Community Fund began to implement the changes previously agreed upon to its grant making processes. Whilst it is too soon to offer a detailed evaluation, the focus on particular themes, highlighting neighbourhood renewal and growing new communities of faith, has enabled us to give more substantial grants to projects that are most likely to impact on outward facing mission.

This more focussed approach led to fewer, but much larger, grants being awarded – with an average grant increasing three-fold to over £12,000. This is in line with our desired aims of maximising the impact of CCF's contribution, and reducing proportionate management costs. Thus the value of a CCF grant is enhanced, at a time when the local church needs the support of the national church in its response to rebuilding community during hard economic times. We exist to help the church to make a real difference to people's lives, from providing the basics of life through food banks, to reducing offending by offering places of safety to young people.

This is my last contribution to an Annual Review, as I step down from the committee after over ten years, the past six as Chair. During that time the Fund has adapted to changing times, whilst seeking to stay true to the legacy left us by the generosity of previous generations. It has been a privilege to serve in a capacity that enables our churches to play to their strengths at the heart of our local communities. My thanks go to loyal and hard working colleagues on the committee and on the staff, and I trust my successor will find the role as rewarding as I have done.

The trustees and staff at the Church and Community Fund would like to thank George for his dedicated ten years of service as a member of the Committee and the last six years as Chair. George has overseen the successful implementation of the new strategy for the CCF, which has helped the Fund find its niche and has provided a sharper focus to its work. During George's time as a member of the Committee the CCF has awarded over £4.8m to projects within the Church of England that aim to bridge the gap between church and community and to help grow church. We greatly value the legacy to the Fund that he has left and would like to wish George all the best for the future.

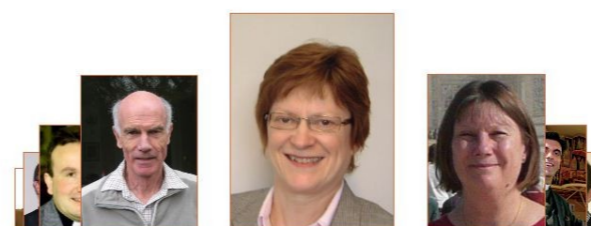
### CCF Trustees at 31st December 2012:

The Venerable George Howe (Chair), The Revd Canon John Patrick (Vice Chair), The Revd Canon Nicholas Papadoulos, The Revd Canon Kathryn Fitzsimons, Tim Hatton, Susan Pope, Canon Carole Park & Andrew Britton.

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# Annual Review 2012



# The CCF aims to grow the Church of England and help develop its capacity to engage with the whole community by supporting church projects that...

## 1 Significantly expand the Church's engagement with neighbourhood renewal:

## 2 Seek innovative ways of developing established community projects so that they either a) grow existing or b) evolve into new communities of Christian faith:

### CHAT Trust, Newcastle

The CHAT Trust is an Anglican led Christian initiative aiming to address the challenges of building community cohesion. The CCF's £13,000 grant has been allocated to staff costs for a bespoke youth project called BASE (building aspiration in a safe environment). It aims to encourage young people away from a sense of isolation by building self confidence, raising aspiration and enhancing employability. BASE has three main aims: to provide a social space for young people to hang out, to provide support to those pursuing jobs or university as well as other life advice, and to allow young people to be creative.



### Chapel Street Community Arts, Salford

Two Anglican churches in Salford in partnership with the local United Reformed Church, have set up Chapel Street Community Arts (CSCA) whose aim is to engage local people in creative activities that improve their quality of life. The CCF's £15,000 grant was awarded to help support the development worker's salary and general running costs. The activities run by CSCA are aimed at people on low incomes, coming from less privileged backgrounds or suffering the effects of poverty or isolation. These activities have included: a community reporter project – offering photography, film making and creative writing skills to participants, basic I.T. training and drop in art and pottery classes.

"CSCA has a proven track record of engaging with people in participatory, effective, measurable and imaginative ways." – The Venerable David Sharples, Archdeacon

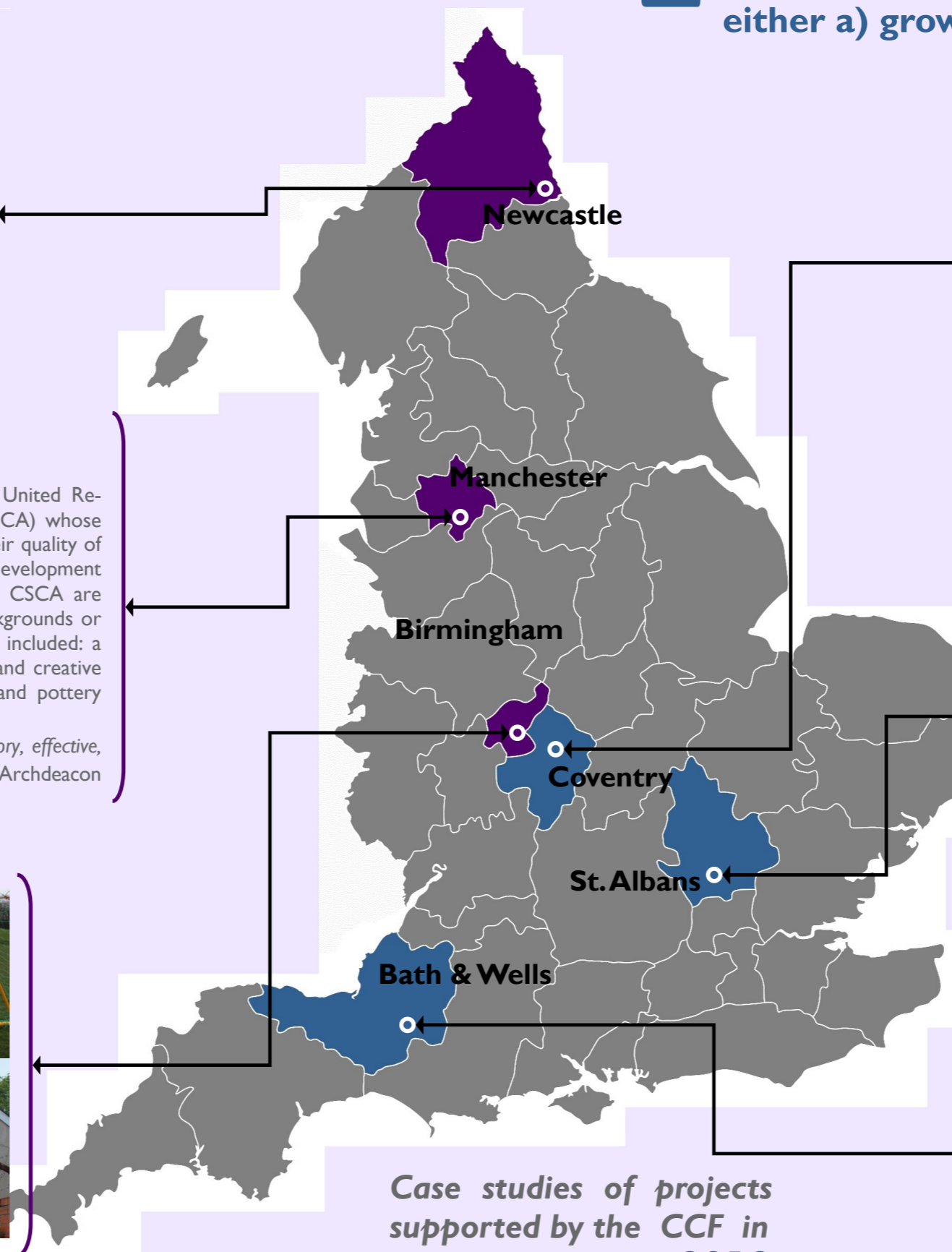


### Narthex Centre, Sparkhill

A £10,000 grant was awarded to the Narthex Centre at St John, Sparkhill, which has a mandate to "Encourage Cohesion through Education, Social Action, Families, Children's and Young Peoples work". The Narthex Centre works in one of the 4% most deprived communities, with just under half of all children living in poverty. 85% of the residents of Sparkhill are from an ethnic minority background, the highest group being Asian Muslim with recent media coverage of the area highlighting the necessity to continue bringing people of all faiths and backgrounds together. The work at the centre includes working with young people through sport and youth clubs and has recently started working, with the help of CCF funding, amongst young people who are at risk from drugs, crime, prostitution or security issues, many of whom are otherwise likely to leave school and struggle with unemployment. Each week the centre supports over 190 individuals and families.



### Case studies of projects supported by the CCF in 2012



### Three Spires Tots, Coventry

Coffee Tots is a city centre based drop-in cafe where families and young children can relax, meet other families and find extra support. Coffee Tots was set up and is run by parents who understand the challenges of becoming a parent and raising children. Through this engagement Coffee Tots has evolved and created an accessible form of church for families that have had little or no previous interaction with the church. Coffee Tots aim to explore the basics of the Christian faith with families and provide links to other local churches when the time is right for them to move on in their faith. The CCF's £12,000 grant was awarded towards the running and staffing costs of this new initiative.



### Luton Roma Church, St Albans

Luton Roma Church was awarded a £15,000 grant towards their holistic Christian mission to the Romanian Roma community of Luton. Luton has become a place of great ethnic diversity and since Romania joined the European Union in 2007 there has been a steady flow of Romanian Roma families into Luton. Building on initial support for the Roma community from a team at Christ Church, Bushmead the vision for Luton Roma Church was born. The aim was to provide a place for the Roma to meet and to worship in their own language and culture. Renting a church in the area where many of them live and hiring a minibus to bring the other families together has proved key to helping the Roma community gather and get to know each other.



### YeovilNET, Bath & Wells

A grant of £10,000 was awarded towards the running costs of YeovilNET, which is an ecumenical charity, set up by churches in Yeovil to recruit, train and support lay mission teams in new housing estates. There are 3 new estates consisting of 700-850 homes each planned around the edge of Yeovil. Between them they will be home to around 6,000 people. Local Anglicans have led the church to agree a mission strategy to these new estates. YeovilNet aims to improve the quality of life on the estates, reduce isolation, help people to feel at home and create a sense of community identity.

