



The High Sheriff of Staffordshire

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Dear Friends

I write today as newly appointed the High Sheriff for Staffordshire to highlight excellent work of the Staffordshire Community Foundation. The Staffordshire Community Foundation is one of 46 similar foundations across the Country with a national total endowment of £692.5m endowment. Last year the Community Foundations gave away £98 million grants, with an average grant size of £4630, mostly to very local community based causes.

The Community Foundation for Staffordshire has launched an **appeal** in response to the **Coronavirus pandemic** in the United Kingdom. The appeal is raising funds from donors and members across the community so that support can be made available for those local communities who have been affected, and especially for those who don't have family or friend support networks. Also for those who have extra needs and who often use support in the community as a means of coping. Examples of where support has been recently given include

- To a group supporting bereaved families who want to continue offering online and telephone support.
- To a sports group for people who have various impairments who are now offering a home delivery service, including shopping and taking to medical appointments
- A cerebral palsy group who are unable to attend group sessions but can participate through electronic tablets which have been purchased for them.

The support so far from residents and businesses in Staffordshire has been fantastic, helping the Foundation to raise £101,000 in the past week. Please consider what you can do to help. A gift to <https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/StaffsCovid19> will help support communities and people in Staffordshire in surviving the crisis. I would also be grateful if you could forward this letter to others who may be looking for a way to support the Staffordshire community at this unprecedented time.

With all good wishes and many thanks for your help and support.

Charles Bagot Jewitt DL



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