

# Kendal Town Council

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18 October 2021

To Members of the Audit Grants and Charities Committee

Cllr G Cook	Cllr D Rathbone
Cllr J Dunlop (Chair)	Cllr M Severn
Cllr P Gibson	Cllr G Vincent
Cllr R Hogg (Vice Chair)	

## Zoom Meeting

You are invited to a non-statutory Working Group meeting of Kendal Town Council Audit, Grants and Charities Committee on Monday 25 October 2021 at 7pm, via Zoom. Details of the meeting can be found on the Town Council's website at [www.kendaltowncouncil.gov.uk](http://www.kendaltowncouncil.gov.uk).

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Yours faithfully

Chris Bagshaw  
Town Clerk

## AGENDA

### Public Participation

Any member of the public who wishes to ask a question, make representations or present a deputation or petition at this meeting should apply to do so before the commencement of the meeting. Information on how to make the application is available on the Council's Website - <http://www.kendaltowncouncil.gov.uk/kendal-town-council/statutory-information/guidance-on-public-participation-at-kendal-town-council-meetings/>. The public are not permitted to speak in other parts of the meeting unless allowed to do so by the chair.

### 1. Apologies

To receive and accept any apologies. If accepted, apologies will be considered to be for reasons approved by the council under the terms of Local Government Act 1972, s85.

### 2. Declarations of Interest

To receive declarations by members and/or co-optees of interests in respect of items on this agenda.

**3. Exclusion of Press and Public (Public Bodies Admission to Meetings Act 1960)**

To consider whether there are any agenda items during consideration of which the press and public should be excluded. It is likely that item 12 will be considered on this basis.

**4. Minutes of the Last Meeting**

To receive the minutes of the meeting on 26 July 2021, and affirm them as a true record.

**5. Budget Monitoring**

To receive a report on the second quarter's budget and expenditure. (see attached)

**6. Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR) External Auditor's Report**

To receive the report from the External Auditor for 2020-21.

**Background**

The External Auditor receives the Council's AGAR for a limited assurance audit. The AGAR for 2020-21 was submitted late, following an agreement by council that doing so represented a lesser risk than holding a meeting during Pandemic restrictions to consider it. Although the figures for the Financial Return were prepared in April, the Internal Auditor was not able to inspect the council's systems until late May, and the meeting cycle would not yield to the Government's insistence that 2020-21 should be considered free of Covid restriction.

As a result the External Auditor's report includes an 'Except for' comment relating to the Council missing the statutory deadline for submission. The Auditor had been consulted on this outcome in advance. Two other notes from the Auditor relate to the inaccurate transposition of figures from the previous year's return, and an inaccurate statement in the Governance return that the Council had met the statutory deadline. Neither issue is material and officers are satisfied that they will have systems in place to ensure this mistake is not repeated.

**7. Dowker Bindloss Charity**

To receive the report from Cumbria Community Foundation on the disbursements from the Dowker-Bindloss Charity.

**Background**

The Trusteeship of the Dowker-Bindloss Charity was transferred to Cumbria Community Foundation in 2012

**8. Grants Funding**

To consider any grant applications and the appropriate process for their payment. (Report to follow).

**9. Future Grants Funding 2022**

To receive a report on the introduction of new procedures for grant funding (see attached).

**10. Finance Systems**

To receive a report on the introduction of a new Finance and Accounting System (see attached).

**11. Standing Orders and Financial Regulations**

To receive a brief verbal report on the updating of the Council's Standing orders and Financial Regulations and consider the next steps.

**12. Budget 2022-23**

To consider proposals for the Committee's Budget Allocation for 2022-23.

**Background**

The Committee's only budget line covers the value of the Council's allocation to general/community grants. Based on the outcome of the Committee's consideration of Item 9, it is suggested that the Committee recommends the following budget allocation.

	<b>2021-22</b>	<b>Est outturn</b>	<b>Proposed 2022-23</b>	<b>Variance</b>
<b>Core funding</b>	22,500*	22,500	22,500	0
<b>Discretionary Community Grants (small and large)</b>	18,500*	18,000	18,500	0
<b>Total</b>	41,000	40,500	41,000	0

\* figures disaggregated from total budget

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## Notes from the Audit, Grants and Charities non-statutory Working Group meeting held on Monday 26 July 2021 via Zoom.

Cllr J Dunlop (Chair)	Present	Cllr G Cook	Present
Cllr D Rathbone (from 7.50)	Present	Cllr R Hogg (Vice Chair)	Present
Cllr J Cornthwaite	Present	Cllr G Vincent	Present

**In attendance:** Chris Bagshaw (Town Clerk), Ian Gordon (Democratic Services Assistant), Jason Rushworth (Newsquest Reporter), Graham Harrison (member of public), Kelly Watson (CCLA).

### AGC 1/21/22 Apologies

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr P Gibson.

### AGC 2/21/22 Declarations of Interest

None

### AGC 3/21/22 Exclusion of Press and Public (Public Bodies Admission to Meetings Act 1960)

Item 12 was highlighted as being confidential.

### AGC 4/21/22 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The Council received the minutes of the Audit, Grants and Charities meeting held on 26 April 2021.

**Resolved:** To accept them as a true record.

### AGC 5/21/22 Presentation from Churches, Charities and Local Authorities (CCLA).

Kelly Watson from CCLA presented a report outlining the role of the CCLA since 1958 investing funds for and on behalf of local authorities, town and parish councils. They have funds of over £13bn, 3,500 clients of which 400 are parish or town councils. Their objective is to deliver responsible investment as a mutual investment trust and they see their role as being stewards of public sector money.

CCLA have three main funds of which two are eligible for use by Kendal Town Council. The Public Sector Deposit Fund (PSDF) provides short term returns in the region of 0.04% with same day access to funds. Minimum investment is £25,000 although this can be withdrawn at any time. The Local Authorities Property Fund (LAPF) is a longer term fund (usually a minimum of five years) that manages assets such as offices and industrial spaces which makes up 70% of their portfolio. CCLA's priority is Security, Liquidity and Yield and they are triple A rated.

A councillor asked the Clerk if other organisations had been approached for presentations on investment. The Clerk drew the Committee's attention to the reference in Arnold Baker on Local Council Administration citing the LAPF as an appropriate investment vehicle. The Council was investigating whether a greater yield could be obtained for an appropriate portion of its reserves, for example the Allotment Reserve, which had been in place since the early 1980s.

The Chair thanked Kelly for her presentation and requested a copy of the slides to be circulated to councillors.

#### **AGC 6/21/22 Grants Funding.**

There were no applications to consider. The Clerk raised the issue of a small number of grants that had been awarded to organisations who did not have a bank account. Kendal Town Council (KTC) practice over several years had been to pay expenditure items on behalf of the grant recipient. This potentially raises issues with HMRC who are not keen on town councils paying bills for and on behalf of beneficiaries. Councillors felt strongly that grant funding should only be given to organisations with a bank account and there was a need for a clearer policy incorporating these inconsistencies.

**Resolved:** To note the report and ask the Clerk to produce a draft policy incorporating comments from this meeting.

#### **AGC 7/21/22 Budget Monitoring**

The Clerk presented the Finance Report in a new format which provided more granularity. This is work in progress but with hopefully a new financial accounting system becoming available from the autumn it is anticipated that greater clarity would be available. This additional level of detail was welcomed by councillors. A councillor queried the £2,000 spend on allotment repairs. The Clerk did not have that level of detail to hand but would investigate and report back at the next meeting.

**Resolved:** To note the report.

#### **AGC 8/21/22 Internal Audit**

The Clerk presented the audit report from RFM Accountants. There were no material concerns though RFM did consider there was some risk in holding cash reserves with only two institutions. The Clerk commented that the initial discussion with CCLA (see minute AGC 5/21/22) directly addresses this point.

**Resolved:** That Committee recommend acceptance of the internal audit report.

#### **AGC 9/21/22 Financial Management System**

The Clerk presented the report on a new financial management system. Councillors acknowledged it was essential that KTC upgrades systems to improve financial reporting and enhance governance.

**Resolved:** The committee agreed to delegate the decision on a specific system to officers in consultation with the Chair and Vice Chair.

**AGC 10/21/22                    Standing Orders and Financial Regulations**

The committee noted the report on progress updating financial regulations and standing orders and the delay imposed by covid restrictions.

**Resolved:** The Committee recommends that the Council revert to the latest Model Standing Orders and Financial Regulations as a basis for their current governance documents.

**AGC 11/21/22                    School of Science and Art Charity**

The committee received a report on the allocation of funds from the Charity. It noted the report and supported the idea of a higher profile for the award of funds from this charity linking awards to the Mayor Making or Town Meeting ceremonies.

**Resolved:** To accept the three recommendations in the report.

**PART TWO**

The following item was considered following a resolution to exclude the press and public from the meeting on the grounds of commercial confidentiality.

**AGC 12/21/22                    Payment of Outstanding Invoices**

The Clerk presented a report which sets out the details surrounding an outstanding payment from 2016/17. Councillors expressed their disappointment at this oversight and further noted their concern on the lack of an asset register or purchase order system. Councillors welcomed the rigour of the proposed new financial accounting system which should mitigate the chances of this happening again.

**Resolved:**

1. To settle the account from the 'Contingencies' budget line in the current year.
2. To ensure any new Finance Management System will include a provision for mandatory purchase orders.
3. Ensure the reporting methods for expenditure is able to identify what is being purchased and from which budget.
4. To acknowledge which statutory power is being exercised in making purchases.

The meeting closed at 8.40pm.

**Income/Exp**

<b>EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Additional Funding</b>	<b>Actual Exp April - Sep</b>	<b>Remaining Budget</b>	<b>Projected Yr. Exp</b>
<b>Salaries:</b>					
Staff Salaries ( Incl NI and Pension)			£104,624		£211,522
Less NI Allowance			-£4,000		-£4,000
Travel			£45		£200
Staff Expenses			£74		£100
Mobile - Townscape Manager			£83		£144
<b>Total</b>	<b>£213,000</b>		<b>£100,826</b>	<b>£112,174</b>	<b>£207,966</b>
<b>Accommodation</b>					
Rent of Old Unison Room			£1,709		£2,279
Service Charge (Rent)/ Heating/Lighting/cleaning/Parlour/Picture Store/Use of Chamber			£4,750		£9,500
Use of Telephones			£100		£200
Other: Garage Rent			£903		£2,167
Premises Other			£0		£0
Alarms - Service & Maint			£1,381		£1,700
Signs - Garage			£80		£80
Elect - Garage			£148		£263
<b>Total</b>	<b>£16,965</b>		<b>£9,072</b>	<b>£7,893</b>	<b>£16,189</b>
<b>IT</b>					
Software					
ITEK - Support			£1,470		£2,940
ITEK Annual Contract			£990		£1,320
Cloud Hosting			£314		£314
Support					
Sage			£145		£295
Digital Meetings/Admin			£270		£463
Other IT Costs			£285		£350
Website					
Designworks			£600		£720
DocuSign			£125		£300
New IT System/Comp/Equip					
<b>Total</b>	<b>£12,000</b>		<b>£4,199</b>	<b>£7,801</b>	<b>£6,702</b>
<b>Insurance &amp; Finance Costs</b>					
Public Liability			£5,902		£5,902
HR			£1,062		£2,137
Finance Costs (Audit Fees)			£300		£2,400
Finance Costs Other - BK, Admin Chgs			£101		£200
Payroll Services			£191		£400
<b>Total</b>	<b>£13,300</b>		<b>£7,556</b>	<b>£5,744</b>	<b>£11,039</b>
<b>Stationery/Office General</b>					
Printing/Stationery/Postage			£330		£660
Office Equip			£28		£100
Asset - New Shredder			£493		£493
Misc. Office Expenses			£10		£500
Repairs to Office Equip			£0		£0
Photocopy Rental and Photocopies			£449		£1,535
Subscriptions					
Open Spaces			£45		£45
Allotments			£56		£56
Town Crier Subs			£26		£35
NALC/CALC			£2,218		£2,218
Data Protection			£35		£35
Lakes Line			£13		£13
SLCC Membership			£289		£289
<b>Total</b>	<b>£6,900</b>		<b>£3,992</b>	<b>£2,908</b>	<b>£5,979</b>

Cost TBC

£300 unaccrued additional Audit Fees from 21

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<b>EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Additional Funding</b>	<b>Actual Exp April - Sep</b>	<b>Remaining Budget</b>	<b>Projected Yr. Exp</b>	
<b>Staff Training</b>	<b>£2,000</b>		<b>£1,059</b>	<b>£941</b>	<b>£2,000</b>	
<b>PPE</b>	<b>£500</b>		<b>£42</b>	<b>£458</b>	<b>£150</b>	
<b>Vehicle</b>						
Fuel			£536		£1,073	
Tracking Fee			£42		£84	
Repairs			£250		£1,000	Panel Repair in April/maybe other repairs
Van Ins			£778		£934	
Other			£5		£100	Est
<b>Total</b>	<b>£2,300</b>		<b>£1,611</b>	<b>£689</b>	<b>£3,191</b>	
<b>Newsletter</b>	<b>£10,211</b>		<b>£3,672</b>	<b>£6,539</b>	<b>£11,016</b>	Assuming we have 3 Newsletters this year,
<b>Election Fund</b>	<b>£5,000</b>		<b>£0</b>	<b>£5,000</b>		
<b>Contingency</b>	<b>£5,000</b>		<b>£0</b>	<b>£5,000</b>		
<b>Misc.</b>	<b>£2,500</b>		<b>£198</b>	<b>£2,302</b>		Leaving Gift, VAT Adj
<b>Wainwright Fund</b>	<b>£320</b>		<b>£367</b>	<b>-£47</b>	<b>£367</b>	
<b>Emergency Planning</b>	<b>£10,000</b>		<b>£0</b>	<b>£10,000</b>		
<b>Kendal Futures &amp; Vision</b>						
Support Co-ordinator	£7,750		£8,434	-£684		
Promoting Kendal	£5,000	£4,344	£2,388	£6,956		
Kendal Destination Website	£6,000		£2,400	£3,600		
Kendal Vision Next Steps	£5,000			£5,000		
Banners Kendal	£1,500			£1,500		
<b>Total</b>	<b>£25,250</b>	<b>£4,344</b>	<b>£13,222</b>	<b>£16,372</b>		
<b>SUB TOTAL:</b>	<b>£325,246</b>	<b>£4,344</b>	<b>£145,816</b>	<b>£183,774</b>		
<b>AUDIT, GRANTS &amp; CHARITIES:</b>						
<b>Community Grants</b>	<b>£41,000</b>		<b>£39,249</b>	<b>£1,751</b>		£250 already allocated leaving £1500 available
<b>MAYORALTY &amp; ARTS</b>						
Mayoral (Mayor & Deputy Mayor) Allowance	£5,150		£1,000	£4,150		
Mayoral Travel	£800			£800		
Mayoral Functions	£6,700			£2,130		
Mayor Making			£367			
Donations from Mayor Making		£40				
Torchlight			£3,932			50% of Costs to be billed to SLDC
50% Refund						
Donations From Torchlight		£169				50% of Income to go to Torchlight
Regalia & Uniforms			£66			
Misc. Functions & Exp			£205			
Twinning	£2,500			£2,500		
Exhibitions	£1,500			£1,500		
Museum	£2,000			£2,000		
<b>SUB TOTAL:</b>	<b>£18,650</b>	<b>£209</b>	<b>£5,570</b>	<b>£13,080</b>		



EXPENDITURE	Budget	Additional Funding	Actual Exp April - Sep	Remaining Budget	Projected Yr. Exp
<b>CHRISTMAS LIGHTS &amp; FESTIVALS</b>					
Christmas Lights & Installation/Storage	£17,175			£14,560	
Lamp Post Banner			£150		
Installation & Equip			£2,465		
Infrastructure Development & Maint	£10,000			£9,142	
Annual Update of Boundary Boards			£474		
Electrical Survey			£384		
Christmas Electricity	£675			£675	
Christmas Lights Switch On	£3,000		£27	£2,973	
Bunting	£1,200		£982	£218	
Festival Grants	£35,000			£11,000	
Kendal Torchlight			£5,000		
Comic Art			£5,000		
Kendal Mountain Festival			£5,000		
Mary Wakefield Festival			£500		
Kendal Wool Gathering			£1,500		
Unity Festival			£1,500		
Christmas Tree Festival			£500		
Cumbria Festival Chorus			£1,000		
Cumbria Opera Festival			£1,000		
Kendal Poetry Festival			£1,500		
Whisky Festival			£500		
Walking Festival			£500		
Eskfest			£500		
(note this was the agreed FG from 2020/21)					
<b>SUB TOTAL:</b>	<b>£67,050</b>		<b>£28,482</b>	<b>£38,568</b>	

11k Available for Festival Grants

EXPENDITURE	Budget	Additional Funding	Actual Exp April - Sep	Remaining Budget	Projected Yr. Exp
<b>KENDAL in BLOOM</b>					
Floral Displays	£21,500		£11,719	£8,587	
Installation & Maint	£0		£1,194		
Vouchers	£0		£0		
Projects & Grants	£8,700		£510	£8,190	
Expenses: Green Waste			£12		
<b>SUB TOTAL:</b>	<b>£30,200</b>	<b>£0</b>	<b>£13,435</b>	<b>£16,777</b>	
<b>ALLOTMENTS</b>					
Capital Spending (Asbestos Removal)	£5,000		£1,807	£3,193	
Allotment Exp From Reserves		£7,203			
Landscape Design & Site			£311		
Canal Head Landscape Design			£1,000		
Crow Tree Allotment Fencing			£5,892		
Revenue Spending/Main	£7,806		£0	£3,150	
Improvements & Developments/Repairs	£0		£1,921		
Waste	£0		£1,035		
General Exp/Equip/Maint	£0		£1,700		
Water	£1,792		£711	£1,081	
Rent	£900		£840	£60	
Pest Control	£2,500		£1,575	£925	
<b>SUB TOTAL:</b>	<b>£17,998</b>	<b>£7,203</b>	<b>£16,792</b>	<b>£8,409</b>	

These costs to come out of the Allotment Reserve Account

EXPENDITURE	Budget	Additional Funding	Actual Exp April - Sep	Remaining Budget	Projected Yr. Exp	
Action Plan Exp (£500 Grant from SLDC) - Convex Mirror		£500	£252	£248		
Citizens Jury		£9,142	£4,940	£4,202		
Donation from Westmoreland & Lonsdale Labour Party		£50				
<b>ENVIRONMENT &amp; HIGHWAYS + Action Plans</b>						
Bins	£2,500		£1,593	£907		
New Infrastructure &	£3,500			-£839		
Enviroground - Wattsfield, install bench			£567			
Enviroground - Burton Rd Bus Shelter - dig out, lay concrete			£674			
SID			£2,775			
SID Maint			£323			
Ivy Screening Project		£3,266	£8,802	£4,464		
Ivy Screening Grant from SLDC		£10,000				
Signage:						
Reserve Fund		£3,265	£426	£2,839		
Woolpack Yard		£4,476	£2,096	£2,380		
Footway Lighting	£4,917		£3,731	£1,186		Reduced due to Credit note
Somerville Annual Maintenance	£1,500			£1,500		
Climate Change	£10,000	£2,019		£13,044		
SLDC Community Climate Change Grant		£2,000				
Kendal Map Zero Carbon			£375			
Website			£600			
Kendal Composting		£5,000		£5,000		
Biodiversity Schemes & Grants	£11,000	£2,400		£13,400		
Somerville Wildflower Grant Project		£500	£869	-£369		
To Reallocate:		£1,000		£1,000		As per Helen's Instruction
Fletcher Park		£1,500		£1,500		
Nobles Rest		£5,000		£5,000		
20mph	£10,000	£4,297		£14,297		
Parks Improvement						
Fletcher Park		£1,500		£1,500		
Nobles Rest		£5,000		£5,000		
Cycling & Walking	£12,500			£25,000		
LCWIP		£5,000				
Pump Track		£2,000				
LCRP		£5,500				
FRSWG Connectivity Scheme	£15,000			£15,000		
CCTV	£1,500			£1,500		
Defib	£1,600			£1,600		
<b>SUB TOTAL:</b>	<b>£74,017</b>	<b>£63,723</b>	<b>£22,831</b>	<b>£114,909</b>		
<b>PLANNING</b>						
FRSWG Scheme (Reserve Pot for Glass screening to enhance the scheme)	£35,000			£35,000		Are we Planning to spend this Budget
<b>TOTALS:</b>	<b>£609,161</b>	<b>£85,171</b>	<b>£277,367</b>	<b>£416,718</b>		

## Kendal Town Council Report

To: Audit, Grants and Charities	25 October 2021
From: Town Clerk	Agenda Item 9

### **Future Grants Scheme**

The Council has operated a grants scheme for over 20 years, distributing money raised through the Council Tax for specific charitable and community causes. Under the present scheme, all applicants are asked to submit their requirements in the October prior to the Council's budget being set for the following year. This appears to be so that the council can gauge demand for Grants in the budget. Grants are not considered in reality until after the budget has been confirmed, meaning the information provided is already four months old. Money is then paid out in the following April, at least five months after the Grant application was submitted.

Some Grants are regular and could be considered to be core funding for the institutions involved.

The current year's recipients can be broken down into themes.

### **Core Funding**

Representing funding to institutions which the Council would consider to have strategic importance and for which the Council has specific legal powers to support. These recipients often have long-term funding agreements in place (two-three years).

<b>Recipient</b>	<b>2021-22 Grant</b>
Kendal Brewery Arts Centre	10,000
Abbot Hall	2,000
South Lakes CAB	5,000
Air Ambulances	2,000 (£1,000 each)
<b>Total</b>	<b>19,000</b>

### **Discretionary Charities**

Project-oriented funding for specific charitable institutions delivering a variety of services in Kendal, but for which the Council usually has no specific powers to support. Grantees marked \* have benefited from long term funding agreements in the past, and may be considered 'Core' funding recipients.

<b>Recipient</b>	<b>2021-22 Grant</b>
One Voice Independent Living	1,500*
Quaker Tapestry	2,000*
Growing Well	500
Manna House	2,500
South Lakeland Hydrotherapy Trust	3,000
Outside-in	2,500
Friends of Fairoak Housing	500
The Well Communities CIC	2,000
Autus Cumbria	1,360
Kendal Windows on Art	750

1127 Squadron Air Cadets	1,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>17,610</b>

### Small Community Clubs and Societies

Small community-oriented grants to Clubs. The Town Council mostly has specific legal powers to support these activities.

<b>Recipient</b>	<b>2021-2022 Grant</b>
Abbot Hall Bowling Club	50
Kendal Lads and Girls Club	600
Dance Ability	100
Lakeland Canoe Club	989
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,739</b>

Additionally, the Council supports Kendal Museum (£2,000), through a Core budget line in the Mayoralty and Arts Committee budget.

### Proposal

That the Council identifies its Core Funding recipients and 'commissions' these organisations to deliver identified services in Kendal.

That the Council offers other organisations discretionary grants from two different bands. These would be:

- 1) Small Community Grants (up to £500), for any local not-for-profit or voluntary organisation, subject to reasonable criteria.
- 2) Larger Community Grants (up to £2,500), for identifiable projects with measurable outcomes.

The budget recommendations for these two areas should be set in the Autumn, prior to the next financial year. Organisations seeking a grant are free to apply for grants at any time, and the Committee can allocate funding, once the total grant allocation has been agreed in the Council's budget.

The Grant's Committee shall assume the delegated powers to allocate these grants subject to the policies agreed by the Council.

## Kendal Town Council Report

To: Audit, Grants and Charities	25 October 2021
From: Town Clerk	Agenda Item 10

### **Finance Systems**

The Council has already agreed in principle to replacing the current Finance Management system, which is based on a single user licence for Sage, and a series of complex interrelated spreadsheets.

The Town Clerk and Finance Officer were delegated the powers to introduce a new system, with Rialtas Omega being a preferred option. It was hoped that the new system could be introduced by the half year stage of the current financial year, however there have been a number of financial systems to develop an understanding of, and staff time has been taken up addressing other issues.

It is proposed that the new system is introduced for the start of the Financial Year 2022-23, with training for staff taking place in February/March, allowing the system to be ready to record and report on transactions from 1 April onwards. This reduces the need to run parallel systems in the current year, and allows staff the necessary time to prepare and train.

# DOWKER BINDLOSS FUND

**Fundholder Report  
2020-21**



# Cumbria Community Foundation 20/21

**£8,760\***

average  
group  
grant



**84** funds  
awarded  
grants

**£5,212,472**

awarded in total of  
which

**£3,038,132**

was in response to  
COVID-19



**586**

group  
applications  
funded



The largest grant was

**£100,000**

and the  
smallest **£100**



**774**

total applications  
received

**42** applications received  
multi-year funding



**685**  
successful  
applications



**99**  
people  
received  
individual  
grants



**£801**  
average  
individual  
grant



**89%**  
application  
success  
rate

\*this includes larger grants awarded via the Pappagallino Fund and Transforming West Cumbria Fund.

# United Nations Sustainable Development Goals

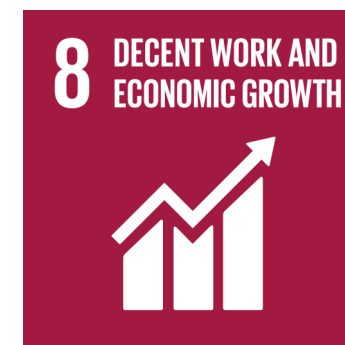
Cumbria Community Foundation is committed to supporting the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

Developed in 2015, the 17 SDGs tackle root causes of poverty and unite us together to make a positive difference to both people and planet.

Through our grant making and your donations, we have been able to help address these global challenges at a local community level.

Projects funded during 20/21 have contributed to these nine SDGs.

To find out more, visit:  
[www.sdg.un.org/goals](http://www.sdg.un.org/goals)





## Dowker Bindloss Fund — Grant Making

This report illustrates impact the fund has made to support your philanthropic giving through Cumbria Community Foundation. The aim of the Dowker Bindloss Fund is to support voluntary and community organisations benefiting residents of Kendal.

The Dowker Bindloss Fund awarded one grant to the following applicant between April 2020 and March 2021:

APPLICANT	AMOUNT	PROJECT
Space2Create	£1,179	Running costs

## SPACE2CREATE

Space2Create was founded in 2012 to help people suffering with mood difficulties caused by mental or physical health problems. The charity encourages people to take part in creative activities on the path to wellbeing. It runs drop in sessions, courses and works in GP surgeries and on wards.

It is based at Unit 31 on Aynham Road in Kendal and as well as supporting other groups and providing arts and wellbeing projects, it rents out room space to help with financial sustainability.

The charity took over the running of two groups: the Hub Club (formerly creative arts hub), which provides opportunities for 50 people with mental and physical disabilities, after Westmorland Shopping Centre changed ownership, and a well-established Dementia group, previously hosted by Lakeland Arts.

Funding helped the charity ensure these two groups continued running. Mark Butler, Manager, said: "We are unique in that our session leaders and volunteers have nearly all had mental health issues themselves. We understand what our service users are going through and in turn provide valuable role models and achievable examples of goals to work towards.

"The funding is part of a wider plan to build capacity within the organisation and establish long-term, sustainable revenue. By contributing towards core costs such as staffing and rent, it will free up more staff time which would have been spent on low level fundraising, to be able to focus on long term business planning."



## Fund Overview

The table shows the number and value of grants made since the fund was established.

Projects supported	10
Total grants awarded	£6,313
Largest grant	£1,179
Smallest grant	£150
Average grant	£631

## Financial Information

The Dowker Bindloss Trust was formed in 1987 from the merger of two long-established charities: Miss Dowker's Spinsters Hospital established in 1831 and the will of Agnes Sarah Bindloss set up in 1895. Trusteeship of the charity was transferred from Kendal Town Council to Cumbria Community Foundation in April 2012.

### Investment Performance

The stock market picked up during the year with endowment values nearly recovering to their pre Covid levels by the end of June 2020. The funds held by CCLA Investment Management have seen an increase in market value of 18.5% (2019/20 decrease by 3.0%) and a dividend return of 3.8% (2019/20–3.7%).

## Fund Statement

### Funds at 31 March 2021

	Endowment £	Grants £
Balance B/Fwd	21,806	1,179
Investment income	-	823
Grants paid in the year	-	(1,179)
Fund management costs	-	(236)
Change in market value of investments	4,026	-
Balance C/Fwd	25,832	587

Funds available for grant making in 2021/22 are £587

# Cumbria Community Foundation

We are one of 46 community foundations across the UK, and over 1,700 similar foundations around the world. We work with fundholders to provide a permanent, flexible and growing source of local charitable funding that will directly address the needs of Cumbria's most vulnerable.

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