

# Newsletter

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Charitable Foundation



Photo: Chanctonbury Community Playscheme



Hello and a very warm welcome to the 2023 edition of the Wellesley Charitable Foundation newsletter, with a look back at some of the wonderful local charities and causes we've supported this year.

I'm delighted to announce that we donated over £44,000

to many worthy causes during the year, which you can read more about in this newsletter.

It's brilliant to see the breadth of charitable and community causes supported – from education to health, social, music and sports. As well as events we've funded that have made a difference to many, I find it heartwarming to read about how our funding has made a difference to individuals' lives. Make sure you read about Harry and Chip – two very inspiring young men!

The team here at Wellesley like to play their part in raising funds for the Foundation through activities like dress-down days, golf days and sweepstakes – this year for the Rugby World Cup and the FIFA Women's World Cup. We also continued raising funds through our monthly adviser contributions and the £250 contributions paid for each client referral, raising over £30,000. We're proud of our fundraising this year and we already have several things planned to raise more in 2024. Watch this space!

I hope this has given you an idea of how we try and give back to our local community. If you would like to suggest a charity that meets the criteria of the Foundation, then please let us know.

Wishing you a Merry Christmas, good health and prosperity for 2024.

Tony Hannigan  
Chairman, Wellesley Charitable Foundation

# Charities we've supported in 2023

– and a few already agreed for 2024

## Adur Special Needs Project

We were delighted to be one of the headline sponsors at this year's Shoreham Star Trail. This wonderful annual event includes a fun character hunt and raises vital funds for Adur Special Needs Project, which runs play schemes for local children with special educational needs and disabilities.



## Baby2baby

This lovely charity provides children and baby clothing to families in East Sussex. Our donation supported their Santa Baby campaign, providing 250 toys and gifts for local children who may otherwise go without.

## Brighton Pebbles

This amazing charity is run by parent carers for children with any disability – with a focus on children who find it difficult to access mainstream activities. Once again, our funding helped enable families to have a well-deserved holiday at the Kench Hill Activity Centre.

## Chanctonbury Community Playscheme

Every summer for the last 46 years, Worthing-based CCPS has offered a fun-packed programme of activities and trips for children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND). This summer, the charity supported over 90 families across West Sussex with a range of in-house activities – from arts and crafts and a sensory zone to go-karting and the annual CCPS water fight.



## Children With Cancer Fund

This wonderful charity aims to grant wishes and hold exciting events for families in East Sussex, Brighton and Hove with children who have/have had cancer. We continue to proudly provide funding for the many activities and treats they offer.



## Christmas Wishes

We're pleased to be donating Christmas gifts to this community-run scheme, which has been supporting vulnerable, sick and disadvantaged children and their families in Burgess Hill, Hassocks, Hurstpierpoint and Haywards Heath since 2013. The gifts will be given to the children supported by this wonderful charity.



## Extratime

We supported a Family Fun Day to celebrate 20 incredible years of Extratime. They've brought joy to countless children and families, which is why we were saddened to hear about their upcoming closure. But although this chapter is closing, the incredible legacy and memories the team have created will continue to resonate.

## Family Support Work

Family Support Work assist families struggling with issues such as poverty, ill health, learning difficulties, bereavement and break-ups. We're pleased to be providing funding for sporting projects in 2024 – helping relieve family stress and improve relationships.

### Farney Close School

We're proud supporters of Farney Close School, a local independent residential special needs school in Sussex. This year, we funded a whiteboard for a new classroom and continued to contribute to their fundraising efforts, helping to support them through a period of ever-increasing costs.

### Harry Ragless

We funded a new trike for 9-year-old Harry from Lancing, who has spina bifida. Harry and his family describe the trike as a release from his wheelchair, allowing him greater freedom to join in with activities and manoeuvre independently.



Harry Ragless

### Hypo Hounds

We're delighted to support this diabetic alert assistance dog charity. The dogs are assigned to children with type 1 diabetes and are trained to help prevent potentially life-threatening hypoglycaemic attacks by alerting them when their blood sugars are getting too low. Our donation helped fund an event celebrating what the children have been up to with their dogs, enabling all volunteers and vulnerable clients to be able to attend free of charge.



Hypo Hounds

### Momentum

Momentum help families of seriously ill children. We've provided funding for various projects across Sussex, including providing Christmas gift sacks for supported children and their siblings.

### PACSO

PACSO support children and young people with learning and physical disabilities through afterschool and holiday play opportunities. We have visited this wonderful charity a few times to see their brilliant support system first-hand and are proud to be funding a term of afterschool clubs in 2024.

### Whoopsadaisy

This lovely small Sussex charity are dedicated to helping children with physical disabilities live as independently as possible. We funded some new equipment to help the children continue building their independence, including some interlocking therapy steps.

It was also heartwarming to read about how Whoopsadaisy helped Chip (pictured below – left and centre), an eight-year-old boy with quadriplegic cerebral palsy, who defied the odds to run the Mini Mile race during the Brighton Marathon weekend in April. Chip started weekly sessions with them when he was six months old and is still using the service today.



Whoopsadaisy

### Woodlands Meed School

We were delighted to fund a dedicated sports kit for the children at Woodlands Meed School to attend sports festivals and events – including the 'Play on the Pitch Event' at the Amex Stadium.



Woodlands Meed School

### Wellspring West Sussex

Wellspring are a very useful information resource for families with young children with special needs and disabilities. They run a variety of workshops through their Creative Arts Programme, and our support has enabled them to provide music and drama workshops and family fun days.



## Are you thinking about leaving a charitable legacy?

'Tis the season for giving – and if you often donate to charity at Christmas, why not look at leaving a charitable legacy in your Will? After taking care of your loved ones, you could use your Will to provide valuable support to future generations by helping charities continue their amazing work for many years to come.

Pledging to charities in your Will is a brilliant way of leaving a positive legacy for the future. What's more, it can even reduce and, in some cases, eliminate your Inheritance Tax liability. If you're interested in finding out more, contact your adviser today. We can assist you in planning tax-efficient charitable gifts and help you and your family get the most out of your estate.

## Applying for funding

We're always interested in hearing from organisations or groups who are working to support challenged young people in Sussex and the surrounding area. If you know a group that fits these criteria, please advise them to contact us for a grant application form. All applications for funding will be considered by the trustees on a quarterly basis.

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