

# Newsletter



Charitable Foundation

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Photo: Shoreham Star Trail, ASNP.



As we come to the end of 2025, it's a pleasure to share this year's edition of the Wellesley Charitable Foundation newsletter with you.

Looking back over the past 12 months, we continue to feel immense pride in the

local charities and community initiatives that the Wellesley team, advisers and our clients have helped support through their generosity and engagement.

Thanks to the support and involvement of everyone connected with Wellesley, we've donated over £72,000 to causes spanning education, health and well-being, and vital community services. Each contribution

reflects our ongoing commitment to making a meaningful, lasting difference in the lives of children and families across Sussex and the surrounding counties.

Your generosity has made a real difference, and we look forward to continuing this impact in 2026. Meanwhile, if you know of a charity whose work aligns with our mission, we'd be delighted to hear from you.

Wishing you and your loved ones a joyful festive season and a healthy and prosperous 2026.

Tony Hannigan  
Chairman, Wellesley Charitable Foundation

# 2025 funding highlights -

## Making a difference across Sussex

### **Adur Special Needs Project**

Sponsored a superhero character in their annual Shoreham Star Trail fundraising event and contributed proceeds from our joint Charity Golf Day to support children with additional needs.

### **Autism Support**

Provided a general donation to support their vital services for children and families.

### **Brighton Pebbles**

Funded a holiday break for 15 families, giving parents and children treasured time together.

### **Children with Cancer**

Supported events and provided treats for children with cancer and their siblings, bringing joy during challenging times.

### **Children's Respite**

Contributed to a fundraising event, helping to sustain essential respite services.

### **Christmas Wishes**

Funded presents for local children living in deprived conditions.

### **Disabled Sailors**

Enabled 20 young people to experience a day of sailing, building confidence and adventure skills.

### **Down Syndrome Development**

Provided sports equipment to help children enjoy active play and develop teamwork.

### **Family Support**

Funded equine courses for 25 children, offering therapeutic and confidence-building time with horses.

### **Family2Family**

Supplied Christmas gifts and school essentials for 700 children in financially vulnerable households.

### **Giggle Doctors**

Funded visits to the Royal Alexandra Hospital, bringing music, magic and laughter to young patients.

### **Golden Lion Children's Trust**

Supported a festive Bluebell Railway trip with Santa, creating magical holiday memories.

### **Goodwood Trust**

Enabled weekly nature sessions, allowing children to explore and connect with the outdoors.

### **Happy Days**

Sponsored a residential break for 25 children and 13 carers, providing adventure, teamwork and lasting memories.

### **Hérons Dale School**

Funded four adaptive disability trikes, giving pupils the opportunity to participate in cycling events.

### **Hope in the Valley**

Supported four riders on a once-in-a-lifetime holiday to the Clywd Special Riding Centre, offering unforgettable experiences for children.

### **Littlehampton Child Contact Centre**

Provided books, games and a laptop, creating a safe and welcoming space for children spending time with separated parents.

### **Pippa's Group**

Funded minibus trips for beach mornings, including playtime, picnics and ice cream for children to enjoy outdoor fun.

### **SASBAH**

Supported a residential activity break for children and young people with spina bifida and hydrocephalus, encouraging adventure and social connection.

### **Whoopsadaisy**

Contributed to support one place, helping provide ongoing care and services for a child with complex needs.

### **WOLO**

Funded bushcraft courses for five children affected by cancer, combining learning, resilience and outdoor adventure.

### **Young carers**

Sponsored a theatre trip for 30 young carers, giving them a fun and memorable day out.

# About us

The Wellesley Charitable Foundation was established in September 2012 to enable Wellesley to take a more active role in the local community. Its principal aim is to raise funds for organisations across Sussex and the surrounding counties that support children, young people and their families facing challenges.

Through donations, events and fundraising initiatives, the Foundation helps make a meaningful difference in the lives of those who need it most.

## Spotlight on - Brighton Pebbles

Another very successful Pebbles group family holiday took place in August 2025 at the Kench Hill Centre near Tenterden in Kent.

The break was offered to 15 families – a total of 55 people altogether. Some came for the weekend, some from Monday to Friday and some all week.

With the help of the funding from the Wellesley Foundation, seven carers were able to join the trip to help the families that needed extra support. This is an important aspect of the holiday as it truly enables families to have a break from their normal routine. An additional pair of hands to help support them with activities, someone to entertain their child with additional needs – giving them opportunities to spend quality time with other siblings and even some respite for themselves – makes this a truly special experience.

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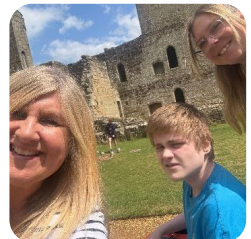
The Wellesley Charitable Foundation has helped Adur Special Needs Project for many years. They have helped us buy toys for the playscheme, organised golf day fundraisers and also supported our other fundraising events such as Shoreham Star Trail and our Annual Quiz Night.

**We value our relationship with Wellesley very highly and can't thank them enough for helping to provide much needed support to our children and families.**

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**Without this, these families wouldn't have been able to come and enjoy the lovely holiday – thank you!** ”



## Leave a lasting charitable legacy

This festive season, consider supporting the causes you care about for years to come. After looking after your loved ones, a gift in your Will can help charities continue their vital work while potentially reducing your Inheritance Tax. Speak to your adviser today to explore tax-efficient ways to leave a positive legacy for the future.

## Applying for funding

The Wellesley Charitable Foundation welcomes applications from groups supporting children and young people facing challenges in Sussex and nearby counties. Grants are considered by the trustees quarterly.

Please contact the trustees of Wellesley Charitable Foundation at:  
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## Support the Wellesley Charitable Foundation

If you'd like to help make a difference for children and young people in Sussex and the surrounding counties, you can donate in a few simple ways:

### BACS

Wellesley Charitable Foundation  
Sort code: 60-19-17  
Account number: 27104141

### JustGiving

[www.justgiving.com/charity/wellesleycharitablefdn](http://www.justgiving.com/charity/wellesleycharitablefdn)  
Donating via JustGiving is quick, secure and easy.

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