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**PRESS RELEASE**

### ISLE OF WIGHT COMMUNITY FUND OPEN FOR GRANTMAKING

Island groups are being invited to apply for funds after the Isle of Wight Community Fund opened for its first round of grantmaking.

Applications are encouraged from voluntary and community groups, or non-profit making organisations, for schemes that will benefit disadvantaged and vulnerable people living on the Isle of Wight for example children and young people, education, community enhancement or relief of poverty.

IWCF awards grants to charities and community groups whose work benefits people on the Isle of Wight. It is particularly interested in supporting smaller groups where a small grant can make a big difference.

Chairman of the IWCF Jim Iles says “Local giving for local needs is at the heart of the IWCF and there are many deserving community groups on the Island who could really benefit from this money especially at a time when fundraising is proving challenging and difficult.”

IWCF has a simple and straightforward application process and welcomes applications from established organisations as well as new groups and projects.

**The deadline to get applications in is Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December.**



More information about the scheme along with application forms can be found at our website [www.hantscf.org.uk/iwcf](http://www.hantscf.org.uk/iwcf) or email us at [info@hantscf.org.uk](mailto:info@hantscf.org.uk) or call our grants team on 01256 776101.

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### **Notes to Editor**

#### **IWCF Info**

The Isle of Wight Community Fund has been established by the Isle of Wight Charitable Trust and the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Community Foundation and the. IWCF raise funds and distribute grants across the Island for the benefit of local communities and works to encourage local giving for local needs.

#### **HIWCF Info**

Hampshire and Isle of Wight Community Foundation (HIWCF) is an independent charitable trust that manages charitable giving on behalf of individuals, businesses and other trusts; distributes small grants to voluntary and community groups and organisations across Hampshire and the Isle of Wight and promotes the benefits of “Investing in our local Community”.