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**PRESS RELEASE**

### **FUNDING BOOST FOR HEALTH TRUST**

The Isle of Wight Natural Therapies Trust has received £2,500 in funding, securing its future for another year.

The Trust offers complementary therapies such as Acupuncture, Homeopathy and Reflexology and has treated over 1,000 people since it was set up ten years ago. The grant from the Isle of Wight Community Fund will allow the Trust to continue to offer subsidised sessions to disadvantaged Islanders. “Despite the statistical evidence of need, there is little access to complementary therapy through the local NHS service” says Hugh Harrison, Hon Secretary of the Trust. “The treatments we offer can often provide more appropriate ways of tackling health problems where conventional medicine has been unable to help.”

In total 3 groups received a share of £6,087 at the latest Grassroots Grant panel, a government backed grant programme managed on the Island by the Isle of Wight Community Fund.

The Girls Venture Corps Air Cadets in Ryde were awarded £1,500 to provide archery equipment and training while the Newchurch Male Voice Choir will be looking smart at their next fundraising concert, thanks to a grant of £2,000 towards the cost of new uniforms.

Take a look at the Isle of Wight Community Fund website for more information on the Grassroots Grant programme [www.hantscf.org.uk/iwcf](http://www.hantscf.org.uk/iwcf). The site also contains



details to several other grant programmes managed by the IWCF. Or email IWCF at [info@hantscf.org.uk](mailto:info@hantscf.org.uk).

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### **Notes to Editor**

#### **IWCF Info**

The Isle of Wight Community Fund has been established by the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Community Foundation and the Isle of Wight Charitable Trust. 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”.

HIWCF is the Local Funder for the Grassroots Grants programme which is funded by the office of the Third Sector and delivered by the Community Development Foundation. The maximum grant available to enable small, local community groups to continue or expand their work for local people is £5,000.