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Newcastle Building Society announces record charity support

Grant funding of over £90,000 has been awarded to 27 charities across the North of England by Newcastle Building Society, making it the largest ever single allocation of small grant funding from its Community Fund.

Charities helping hundreds of people across the North East and Cumbria have received a major funding boost this spring after the Society announced details of the [latest round of grants](#) through the Newcastle Building Society Community Fund at the Community Foundation Tyne & Wear and Northumberland.

Twenty-seven organisations have received a total of £91,931 to support projects relating to debt management, employability, food poverty, and the environment. The fund provides grants to charities and community groups located in or around the communities served by the Society's branch network.

Charities benefitting from grants of between £2,000 and £5,000 include the Tullie House Museum in Carlisle, the Berwick Community Development Trust, Newcastle-based West End Women and Girls, Grace House in Sunderland, and Community Campus 87, which is located in Middlesbrough.

The full list of organisations receiving funding, and information on how to nominate a charity is on the Society's website www.newcastle.co.uk/poweringcommunities

Donna Stubbs, community manager at Newcastle Building Society, said: "We received a record number of applications for funding to the Newcastle Building Society Community Fund, and our latest round of grants is the largest single donation of small grants we've made in one go.

"Key issues faced by communities in our region around debt management, employability, food poverty and the environment are all important to our members, so targeting financial support towards organisations focussed on these themes has been a priority.

“As a Society we’re proud to be able to make such a substantial contribution to these vital local organisations that work tirelessly to improve the lives of those facing hardship in our region, however this record number of applications is a sobering reflection of the struggles people in our communities are facing on a daily basis.”

Since its launch in 2016, Newcastle Building Society’s Community Fund has contributed over £2.3m in grants and partnerships to a wide variety of charities and projects across the region, including support for Newcastle United Foundation, the Sir Bobby Robson Foundation and the Prince’s Trust. In 2022 total community contributions made up of grants, match funding, and ongoing partnership donations, was more than £544,000.

For the full list of grant recipients, visit: <https://www.newcastle.co.uk/powering-communities/community-grants/successful-grant-recipients>

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Organisation	Location	Amount
Grace House	Sunderland	£4,997
Women’s Health in South Tyneside	South Tyneside	£4,391
West View Advice & Resource Centre Ltd	Teesside	£3,000
Fiscus North Limited	Sunderland	£3,000
Clean Slate Solutions	Teesside	£5,000
Percy Hedley Foundation	North Tyneside	£3,000
TEN	South Tyneside	£2,500
Patchwork Project	Newcastle Upon Tyne	£3,000
North of England Refugee Service	Region-wide	£3,000
Kids Kabin	Newcastle Upon Tyne	£2,925
The Children’s Foundation Ltd	Newcastle Upon Tyne	£4,788
Tyne Rivers Trust	South Tyneside	£2,500
Family Gateway	North Tyneside	£4,100
Walking with the Wounded North Tyneside	North Tyneside	£5,000
YMCA Newcastle upon Tyne	Newcastle Upon Tyne	£4,798
Boldon Community Centre	South Tyneside	£4,500

The Community @ NE66 Charitable Trust	Northumberland	£4,732
Streetwise Young People's Project	Newcastle Upon Tyne	£3,000
West End Women and Girls Centre	Newcastle Upon Tyne	£3,000
Hartlepool Foodbank	Teesside	£3,000
Hartlepower	Teesside	£3,000
Foundation Furniture and Gardening Project	Gateshead	£2,000
Community Campus 87	Teesside	£4,000
Fighting all Cancers Together	Gateshead	£2,700
Tullie House Museum and Art Gallery Trust	Carlisle	£2,000
RT Community Projects	Durham	£2,000
Berwick Community Development Trust	Northumberland	£2,000
		£91,931

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About Newcastle Building Society

Newcastle Building Society is the biggest building society in the North East, with a network of 31 branches and assets of more than £5.3bn. We've been here for our members for over 160 years.

As a leading local employer, we're committed to growing our region's talent and being a great place to work where people can realise their potential. We hold Platinum IIP and won the Excellence and Positive Impact Award at the 2022 CIPD North East of England HR&D Awards. We were named Company of the Year in the Northumberland and Tyneside category of the North East Business Awards 2022.

We help people to own their home, to save and to plan their finances through our range of products and services. We believe in the role of the high street at the heart of our communities and, as our branch network grows, are increasingly proactive in making financial information and financial advice accessible across our region.

Our Financial Advice is provided through our Newcastle Financial Advisers Limited division.

We're dedicated to helping our North East communities make positive changes; since 2016 the financial support through grants and donations from the Newcastle Building Society Community Fund at the Community Foundation to benefit local causes has surpassed £2.3m. Our total community contributions in 2022, made up of grants, match funding, and our ongoing partnership donations, was more than £544,000.

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