



**Cornwall
Community
Foundation**



Business Club Fund Impact report 2025

CCF Business Club Fund

Two funding rounds: May 2025 and October 2025

In 2025, the CCF Business Club Fund awarded grants across two rounds — May 2025 and October 2025 — supporting 19 organisations delivering vital work across Cornwall.

Projects ranged from outdoor learning and youth mental health services to community resilience, accessible sport and sustainable infrastructure. Together, these grants are reaching thousands of people in some of Cornwall's most rural and deprived communities.

The fund has supported a wide breadth of beneficiaries, from children experiencing trauma and young carers in need of respite, to people with disabilities seeking accessible activities, older residents living with dementia, and communities working to keep local services alive.

Many of the organisations funded are small and volunteer-led, and for several this grant represented a significant proportion of their annual budget — making the difference between a project going ahead or not.

Across both rounds, the fund has helped to strengthen the social fabric of Cornwall, building connections between people, organisations and the natural environment. The stories and outcomes shared by grantees reflect the breadth and depth of impact that well-targeted community investment can achieve.

Thank you

Cornwall Community Foundation is grateful to all 19 funded organisations and their staff, volunteers and participants for their commitment to delivering these projects. Their work reflects the remarkable strength and resilience of Cornwall's voluntary and community sector.

Special thanks are due to the Business Club members whose generous support makes this programme possible, and whose investment in Cornwall's communities creates a legacy of connection, wellbeing and opportunity across the county.



£46,944
distributed



5,000+
beneficiaries



19
community projects

Grant distribution overview

May round

Grantee	Award	Project description – summary	Project area
Commonmoor Community Funding Ltd	£5,000	Solar panels and battery storage to reduce operational costs and improve sustainability of the village meeting place.	Parish of St Cleer, Liskeard
Cornwall Bicycle Project	£1,500	Increased capacity to extend access to adaptive cycling for people with physical or mental disabilities and long-term health conditions.	St Austell
Out of the Woods Play & Creative Arts Therapy CIC	£2,000	Subsidised play, music, creative and drama therapy sessions for children who have experienced adverse childhood experiences.	Cornwall
Georgia's Voice	£2,000	Free weekly peer support groups, walk-in crisis hub, 1-2-1 therapy and volunteer training to prevent suicide in young women aged 18–25.	Cornwall-wide
Cornwall Guide Association Carwynnan Campsite	£2,800	Tents for unit camping and bunk beds for shepherd's hut, enabling more girls to experience outdoor residential activities.	Camborne and Redruth
Saltash Guides	£3,000	Cladding for a newly extended, accessible kitchen enabling disabled and able-bodied members to develop cooking skills.	Saltash
Whole Again Communities CIC	£5,000	Recipe box ingredients and delivery for three six-week programmes supporting 60 households to improve nutrition and reduce food poverty.	Penzance
The Edward Hain Centre Ltd	£1,000	Comprehensive printed and digital guide to community health and wellbeing services, with digital volunteer training, to reach isolated residents.	St Ives and surrounding communities
Barnardos	£3,000	Five-day residential camping experience for 24 young carers, including bushcraft, Cornish heritage workshops and musical theatre activities.	Cornwall-wide
Cornwall Kingfisher Award Scheme / FWAG South West	£2,600	Outdoor farm learning for primary school children, covering transport, volunteer expenses, school vouchers and books.	Camborne, Redruth, Truro, Falmouth
Young People Cornwall	£2,600	Weekly REACH groups and mentoring for marginalised young people who may be out of school, at risk of exploitation or have complex needs.	Truro
St Martin's Church	£2,000	Battery storage installation to complement new solar panels, reducing energy costs and supporting the sustainability of the church centre.	Liskeard and surrounding villages

Grant distribution overview

October round

Grantee	Award	Project description – summary	Project area
Crafthole Community Shop CIC	£1,300	New signage and display fittings for relocation to improved premises with easier pedestrian access and parking.	Crafthole, parish of Sheviock
St Stephen AFC	£3,000	Security lighting, alarms, padlock bollards and security gates to protect equipment and deter anti-social behaviour.	The Clays area
Rooted	£2,500	Ten woodland skills sessions for people with disabilities including autism, visual impairment and long-term depression.	East Cornwall, Rame Peninsula
Sensory Trust	£1,000	Six sessions of the Walk and Laugh group for people with dementia and their carers, covering travel, materials and volunteer expenses.	Launceston area
Polruan Women's Institute	£2,690	Replacement windows and entrance door to create a welcoming venue for women of Polruan and encourage new members.	Polruan and Lanteglos by Fowey parish
Gentle Yoga Rebellion	£1,510	Twelve-week chair yoga programme with social tea and chat sessions for physically inactive or mobility-impaired residents.	Delabole and surrounding villages
Global Jamming	£1,444	Three workshops with Launceston Primary School to compose nature-inspired music, including site visits to a new community woodland.	Launceston

Impact highlights

Areas include

Mental health and wellbeing

Eight grants directly addressed mental health, including therapy for children who have experienced trauma, peer support and suicide prevention for young women, subsidised counselling, yoga, dementia-friendly walking groups and mentoring for young people at risk.

Community resilience

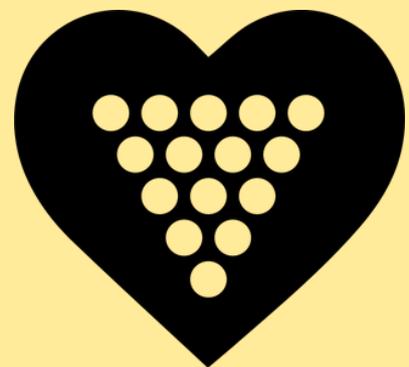
Five grants strengthened community infrastructure — from solar panels and battery storage for village halls and churches to the relocation and refurbishment of a community shop serving a rural parish.

Children and young people

Nine grants focused specifically on children and young people, including young carers, Girlguiding members, primary school pupils and marginalised young people facing complex challenges.

Rural access

Grants reached communities across Cornwall including isolated moorland villages, the Rame Peninsula, North Cornwall and West Cornwall, ensuring funding reached those furthest from services.



Carwynnan Campsite — Cornwall Guide Association

Grant amount: £2,800

A grant of £2,800 funded tents and bunk beds for the shepherd's hut at Carwynnan Campsite, enabling more Guides and Brownies to experience the outdoors regardless of whether their unit owns its own equipment.

Before the grant, some units were unable to take part in camping experiences simply because they lacked the kit to do so. The new facilities supported 200 young people, delivered 480 hours of community activity, and were used by four different groups — exceeding the original target of three.

The improved facilities have also created opportunities to share the space with other local youth groups and schools, helping to broaden access to outdoor learning across the community. Leaders reported that girls who might previously have missed out on residential experiences are now able to take part, building friendships, confidence and a connection with the natural environment.



The grant made a real difference for individual young people. One 13-year-old with SEN, who rarely leaves home, made a campfire independently during his stay — an achievement that gave him the confidence to go fishing with his family just days later.



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200

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Cornwall Kingfisher Award Scheme — FWAG South West

Grant amount: £2,600

A grant of £2,600 funded transport, volunteer expenses, books and vouchers for the Kingfisher Award Scheme, an outdoor learning project bringing primary school children onto working farms in West Cornwall.

Children from Stithians, Falmouth, Constantine, Redruth and Camborne took part in hands-on activities exploring the relationship between food, farming and wildlife. In total, 279 children and their teachers benefitted, supported by 22 enthusiastic volunteers.

Teachers reported gaining valuable knowledge and confidence to deliver this area of the curriculum, whilst children — particularly those from urban areas with limited access to the countryside — were fully engaged with the practical, hands-on nature of the day.

The project also proved particularly impactful for children with learning difficulties, for whom outdoor, experiential learning can be genuinely life-changing.



The host farmer and his wife reflected that the experience was an eye-opener, deepening their appreciation for their role in both food production and environmental stewardship.

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22

Volunteers



Looking forward

The Business Club Fund continues to demonstrate the power of local business investment in local communities. The breadth and quality of the projects funded in 2025–26 reflects the strength of the partnership between Cornwall Community Foundation and its Business Club members, and as we look ahead we are committed to building on this momentum — reaching more organisations, supporting more people, and deepening our impact across Cornwall.

Looking ahead, we hope to grow this fund further, ensuring that even more communities across Cornwall can benefit from targeted, flexible grant support. If you would like to find out more about how your support is making a difference, or how others can get involved, we warmly invite businesses who share our commitment to Cornwall to join us — please do get in touch.



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