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About Northern Rock Foundation

The primary objective of Northern Rock Foundation is to tackle disadvantage and to improve quality of life in our area. We support causes in Cumbria, Northumberland, Tyne and Wear, Durham and the Tees Valley.

Northern Rock Foundation is an independent grant-making organisation. We were formed in 1997, when Northern Rock Building Society converted to a plc. We receive, by covenant, 5% of Northern Rock plc's pre-tax profits each year. The Foundation is fully independent of Northern Rock plc and our own Board of Trustees determines our policies.

This review includes a summary of our accounts for 2004. A full set of our audited accounts is available from our office, or on the Foundation's website.

Information about our grant programmes is shown on page 52; further information is available on our website, or by contacting our office.

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Darlington YMCA's young carers' project – supported under Basics (page 14).
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Chairman's statement

Taking over any job from Richard Harbottle would be fraught with difficulty: he is a bright and funny man, and very knowledgeable about voluntary work and charitable organisations. So I followed in his footsteps as Chairman of Northern Rock Foundation with some trepidation. The task has been made easier however by the amiability and excellence of my fellow Trustees and the willing help of our Director, Fiona Ellis, and her loyal and able staff. Thank you all.



Leo Finn © Carol Bell

In 2004 we were sad to see John Ward retire as a Trustee and I thank him for his unflagging effort and wise counsel. It is a great pleasure to welcome two new Trustees in

Barbara Dennis and Lorna Moran. I have no doubt they will each make a major contribution to our work.

And how is that work going? The Director's review and the rest of this report will provide you with a real insight into another successful year. I want to highlight just a few points which have struck me in my first year as Chairman.

Our benefactor, Northern Rock plc, continues to perform well and its growth in turnover and profit has led to payments to the Foundation of almost £120 million since our establishment in 1997. The value of our 5% covenant in 2004 exceeded £21 million. The people of the North East and Cumbria are deriving real benefits from this support, but we also try to ensure that as far as possible our grants leverage other private or government cash so that the overall effect is yet greater.

Our main aim remains the support of disadvantaged people. Since we know that disadvantage is linked to the wider social and economic health of our region, we also use the plc's generosity to boost high-profile cultural activity. I was delighted to see the effects of our £1 million donation to The Sage, Gateshead and in particular the wondrous quality of the Northern Rock Foundation Hall. This area will be used for rehearsal, performance and education. Its glass front invites passers by to take an interest. Who knows what wonders they will see! Great music and great art close by at BALTIC are uplifting. Best of all perhaps they create more local jobs directly, and inspire yet more visitors to Newcastle/Gateshead with all the benefits that entails.

While the Foundation works primarily through making grants, the Trustees encourage the staff to assist in the development of the North East and Cumbria in any other way possible, and to articulate our views in debates and campaigns. For example, we were concerned to learn of the problems likely to surface in 2006 when various government and European funding streams cease. We asked our staff to take an active role in the campaign to get all funders across the region to make advance preparations to protect important services



and to help vital organisations find alternative means of survival. That work continues with our assistance in cash and in kind.

We also advocate the case for the North East and for the voluntary sector in general where there are public consultations and where the voices of the weak need a boost. We do this because as an independent grant-maker we can afford to speak out where others might fear to bite the proverbial hand. Of course we understand that colleagues in the public sector and others in grant-making trusts are limited in what they can do. However, we see much merit in trying to work together, and in this spirit we provide the secretariat for the North East Trust Secretaries group and are well represented on other groups seeking to influence the sector and those who have responsibility for it.

The Trustees have watched with interest the progress of the draft Charities Bill. We were delighted that, thanks to the efforts of the Association of Charitable Foundations and some of our London trust colleagues, the Government has recognised that trusts and foundations need a different regulatory regime within the modern legal framework promised for all charities.

*Henshaw's provide work training for visually impaired people at Newcastle Society for Blind People – supported under Regeneration (page 12).
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The Northern Rock Foundation Hall at The Sage, Gateshead. © Keith Pattison

Whatever funds we have available, we live with the certainty that they will not meet demand. This places a particular responsibility upon the Trustees to make the best possible decisions but also to take some risks. We are working with our staff to evaluate our decisions – not an easy task as it can take several years for grants to bear fruit. But it is something we must examine thoroughly and regularly. This year I have concentrated on ensuring that our operations continue to improve from a most impressive high base. I believe that as well as being an effective grant-maker we have a duty to be efficient, and I am very pleased we continue to have a low cost-income ratio. During 2005 we will reflect on our grant-making successes and failures thus far in the hope that we can improve yet further. It is a great privilege to be Chairman of this unique institution and to work with such dedicated colleagues.

Director's review of the year

Cyanobacteria are the oldest species on Earth. At 4 billion years they predate dinosaurs and make humans look really new. They seem to have weathered climactic upheaval pretty impressively because they are perfectly adapted to where they live. Do we envy them?



Fiona Ellis © *Judy Hume*

Well sometimes stillness might be a relief. But usually, no matter how much the voluntary and community sector complains about it, we all thrive on challenges and change.

Besides which, we have not yet reached that wonderful state of mutual agreement where we could call a halt to progress. But the Foundation is sensitive to the exhaustion that relentless change can bring. That is why in 2004 we kept our promise not to revamp our grant programmes as we had almost annually in our early days. Indeed we enter 2005 with the same priorities for the third year in a row. But in 2004 we did add special schemes, described elsewhere in the Annual Review, using reserves built up for that purpose, and without any ill effects on normal budgets.

Of course, we're not immune to internal changes. In 2004 we said goodbye to Karen Henderson and Lesley Parker. We gained Susan Young and Caroline Percy, and Lisa Coultas came to us on secondment from Northern Rock plc as PA to the grants team. We seconded Penny Vowles to Futurebuilders, and while we waited to replace her

Carol Meredith stepped in. We also had two additions to the grants team: Louise Telford and Pauline Johnson.

We have now completed seven full years' work, enough to demonstrate that we have adhered to other promises. We said we would fund some projects repeatedly to get the results we wanted; various grant-holders have had continuous support from us and, by agreement, can anticipate several more years of our investment. Others have had a series of grants with or without interruption for different parts of their work. We said we wanted to use money imaginatively, so some organisations have entered into other arrangements with us: loans, partnerships, contracts and other variants. We said we wanted to get beyond the restrictions of project grants; we have offered core support, development funding, training, capital investments, endowment contributions and any other interesting or useful permutation we – or our applicants – can think of.

Our goal has been to enable problem-solving actions to happen in such a way and over sufficient time that they have a fair chance of getting results. We are absolutely not in the business of dishing out money as a reward for well-written applications. Nor does it make sense to habitually fund applicants, even good



Speaking Up Groups' felt-making workshop with learning disabled people – supported under Basics (page 14).

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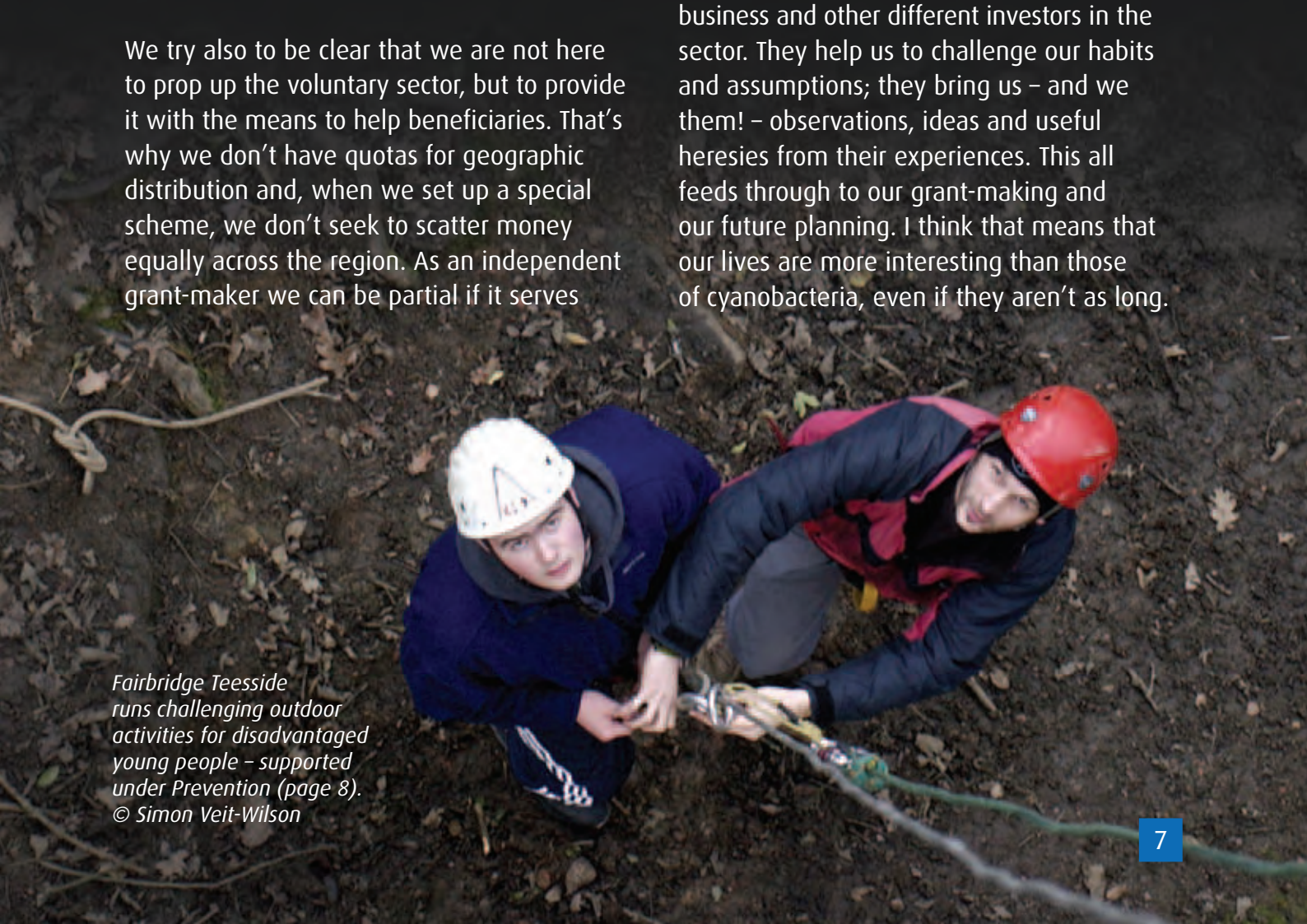
ones, outside our programmes: unless our investments add up to more than the sum of their parts

we're just a cash machine. So we drive a hard bargain with applicants, and we turn down perfectly good proposals that do not contribute to our overall goals. We look for learning and synergy; we're prepared to take risks. Like most grant-makers we aren't good enough at it, but we're improving. We make mistakes; we learn and move on. We want our applicants to do the same.

We try also to be clear that we are not here to prop up the voluntary sector, but to provide it with the means to help beneficiaries. That's why we don't have quotas for geographic distribution and, when we set up a special scheme, we don't seek to scatter money equally across the region. As an independent grant-maker we can be partial if it serves

a higher goal, and indeed we reckon it's an essential part of our job to behave differently from statutory and corporate donors. While it's lovely to be loved, we're not here to curry favour but to help change the lives of the disfavoured. Both we and the organisations who use our grants are just tools for change not ends in ourselves; forget that and we're all a waste of space.

In the last year particularly, we have taken the opportunity to broaden our contacts and to expand our policy and partnership work. We are part of the consortium running Futurebuilders, the Government's scheme to improve public services through investments in the voluntary sector. By February 2005 Futurebuilders will have announced its first investments. Through the scheme we're working with an enlivening group of new thinkers from Charity Bank, the City, social business and other different investors in the sector. They help us to challenge our habits and assumptions; they bring us – and we them! – observations, ideas and useful heresies from their experiences. This all feeds through to our grant-making and our future planning. I think that means that our lives are more interesting than those of cyanobacteria, even if they aren't as long.



Fairbridge Teesside runs challenging outdoor activities for disadvantaged young people – supported under Prevention (page 8).

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Prevention

Under the Prevention programme we help voluntary organisations tackle the legacies of social decline and under-investment in people and communities across the North East and Cumbria. The tools they employ may vary, but the aim is always the same: to stop social problems worsening and, where possible, to prevent them occurring in the first place.

115 grants – £4 million

For many urban and rural communities top of the shopping list are improvements to inadequate community buildings, or developing new activities within them. In 2004 we continued supporting applications from the

£1.4 million for disadvantaged young people

most needy or isolated areas, where an improvement to a building or an investment in paid staff

will make a real difference. Nicholforest Public Hall near Longtown in Cumbria, already home to many social and recreational activities,

gained funding from the Foundation, alongside a sizeable Community Fund grant, for major refurbishment. As a result it can now build its role in the community and expand the activities on offer.

The biggest portion of the Prevention programme in 2004 again went on tackling youth disaffection. Many youth projects address several of our priorities: supporting young parents, tackling substance abuse and reducing anti-social behaviour. Durham Young People's Project, based in the city centre, attracts young people from across the county to its free and confidential services. It deals

Duncan Barnett, Co-ordinator of Derwentside Rural Crime Initiative.





Durham Young People's Project.

with everything from sexual health to housing and careers advice, and provides a coffee bar and laundry facilities. Fairbridge Teesside works with young people that are excluded from school, are unemployed, have no family support, have addictions or are involved in criminal activity – those known in the jargon as 'hard to reach'. Its personal development programme based on challenging, usually outdoor, activities re-engages young people with education, training and employment, and prevents re-offending.

We also supported projects focused on specific problems. Derwentside Rural Crime Initiative in County Durham has developed a partnership that helps local people come up with their own solutions to crime and fear of crime. Parents in Need of Support in Hartlepool helps families when children become drug users or are involved in crime. The organisation helps parents address their own needs, but it also uses its experience to work with statutory agencies to ensure that effective drug treatment services are available. *continued overleaf*



Nicholforest Public Hall.



Parents in Need of Support.

Prevention continued



Blyth Valley Food Co-operative.



Kiran Minority Ethnic Women's Group.

In last year's review we reported disappointment at the lack of applications for work on health and well-being. We've increased our investment in this area in 2004. Blyth Valley Food Co-operative works in a part of Northumberland where health is particularly poor. It encourages people to purchase locally-grown fresh food at affordable prices. Getting people, particularly children, involved in physical

31 community buildings supported

activity is another route to preventing ill-health. Tyne and Wear Basketball Development Group uses a

two-pronged approach – part basketball playing, part education – with sessions on healthy living, substance abuse and sexual health.

We made twice as many grants in 2004 for tackling prejudice and discrimination as we did in 2003. As well as supporting strategic bodies like Racial Equality Councils, the Trustees want to target the continued problems faced by black and minority ethnic (BME) communities.

In doing so, as with all our grants, we're interested in putting money into the hands of those affected, so they can find their own solutions. The Kiran Minority Ethnic Women's Group is a good example. In Newcastle most services have grown around BME communities in the west end. But the city's demographics are changing, and Kiran offers women from Newcastle's east end an opportunity to mix with others in a safe environment, without having to travel across the city.

In 2005 the Trustees have decided to increase the Prevention programme to £5 million, far more on its own than many individual charitable trusts are able to invest. But as other funding sources that have been so crucial to social regeneration in our area decline or disappear, we, and other grant makers, face big challenges in finding ways to sustain the effective work undertaken by the voluntary sector.

**Sue Vaughan
Pauline Johnson**

Tyne and Wear Basketball Development Group runs an event for children and young people in South Shields.



Regeneration

There is a new word in policy circles: worklessness. 'Unemployment', it seems, has been conquered, banished to the pages of history – yet the UK still has a higher percentage of its working age

40 grants – £3 million

population not in work than any other country in western Europe. A recent article put it bluntly:

“In 1981, there were 570,000 men and women of working age who claimed long-term sickness-related benefit. Today, it is called incapacity benefit and the figure is five times higher.” New Statesman 10 January 2005

Easington in County Durham has the highest Incapacity Benefit claimant rate in the country: one fifth of the working-age population claim sickness-related benefits; over half have done so for more than five years. Reaching people who do not believe they will ever work, who may be suffering from depression and other illnesses, and giving them the self-confidence and skills to compete in a skilled labour market is a real challenge. Tackling the problem on the scale seen in Easington requires a special approach, and effective leadership.

Kate Welch used to manage Easington Action Team for Jobs, last year the most successful of its kind in the country. She recognised the need for an organisation that would link the local community to the myriad government initiatives in the area, and so ACUMEN Community Enterprise Development Trust was born. One of ACUMEN's most successful initiatives is the Aim High Network. Staffed by a small team of enthusiastic advisors, the Network operates from over 47 different community venues, coaxing people out of their homes and into the centres to access learning and employment opportunities.



David Shepherd, helped into work by People into Employment.

ACUMEN has also helped to create new small enterprises by piloting an innovative business-coaching model called 'Bizz Fizz' with the help of the Civic Trust and the New Economics Foundation. Recognising the scale of the problem in Easington, the value of ACUMEN as an instrument for change and the lessons for others, the Foundation committed £750,000 to support its development for the next three years.

Other organisations we fund bring their own expertise to bear on the problem of worklessness. People into Employment, working from Hendon in Sunderland, provides a tailored support service to help disabled people and ex-carers back into work. Henshaw's Society for Blind People organises employment training and



work experience for visually impaired people. Carlisle Housing Association and East Cleveland Youth Housing Trust provide construction training. This rich mix demonstrates the voluntary sector's strength in developing solutions that meet the needs of those most excluded from the labour market.

The Foundation continues to support a growing network of development trusts. Firmly rooted in Newcastle's Ouseburn Valley, the Ouseburn Trust is a vital part of the regeneration of this vibrant and fascinating area. Rich in industrial heritage, it is now home to artists' studios, an equestrian centre, an art gallery and the eagerly awaited Seven Stories Centre for Children's Books which opens in 2005. Our grant will help the Trust increase income from its various assets – a challenge of self-sufficiency with which many trusts are currently wrestling. Continuing support to the Development Trusts

Association's regional network also means that examples of good practice from the rest of the country can benefit the North East and Cumbria.

£1.9 million to help people into employment or training for work

The Regeneration programme has very specific aims: getting people into jobs and putting money in their pockets. I have described two broad areas of work that we have funded. There are many others, as the grants section shows. All of them illustrate the ability of local people to develop flexible, low-cost, imaginative solutions to hard economic problems. In 2005 we're changing the name of the programme to Money and Jobs to better reflect our aims and the activities of those we fund.

Richard Walton

Cakes 4 U, a new business supported by ACUMEN.

7 development trusts supported



Basics

Vulnerable people's need for day-to-day support and advice is constant. Through the Basics programme the Foundation invests in organisations so they can continue to deliver services and

71 grants – £3 million

assistance to our priority groups that are over and above what statutory authorities provide.

Unsurprisingly demand on the programme remains high. Organisations that received funding shared common characteristics: they provided the highest quality services that met their users' holistic needs, and they consulted and involved users in their delivery.

Speaking Up Groups in County Durham is a small organisation that promotes independence and improves the self-esteem of adults with

£0.6 million to help people live independently

learning disabilities through advocacy and training. People with learning disabilities are involved in the management and running of the organisation, and have their own arts project, organised a touring exhibition and offered training to other groups. Darlington YMCA received a grant to give young carers time out from their caring roles and provide them with much needed attention and support. The Hindu Cultural Society on Teesside is another organisation that goes the extra mile for the older people who use its day centre. It provides freshly cooked lunches, meals on wheels, a home shopping service, regular day trips and activities. The older people who use this day centre receive far

more than just their lunch: the comprehensive support package helps them maintain their independence and remain in their own homes.

As in 2003, we made the most awards in the year to organisations working with people experiencing mental ill-health. We supported information and advice giving, advocacy and befriending services, day care, and mutual support groups. Most of the organisations we supported work with older people and adult mental health users. Only one project worked specifically with young people – The Junction in Redcar. We would welcome more applications from organisations that work to address the needs of young people experiencing mental ill-health.



The Junction.



Bell View (Belford) Ltd.

Our grants also helped people claim benefits that they were entitled to,

assisted with debt problems and encouraged good financial management. Local advice agencies tell us that they are dealing with more people with debt problems every year. Citizens' Advice Bureaux in England and Wales have seen a 74% increase in consumer credit debt problems in the last seven years. The

Department of Trade and Industry states that 7% of all households now have levels of credit use associated with indebtedness and

13% are in arrears on either consumer credit or household bill commitments. We recognise that the work of the Legal Services Commission is changing the way all advice services work, and so we have developed our relationship

£0.9 million to support people with mental ill-health

with the Commission over the last year to improve understanding of each other's priorities and to explore ways we can work better in partnership.

Every year we develop new relationships with organisations we have not worked with in the past, but we also build relationships with some organisations over a number of years. One organisation that we have supported since 2001 is Bell View (Belford) Ltd. It was established when the local-authority-run older people's home closed down in Belford, Northumberland. A group of concerned residents formed a charity to support older people and enable them to live in the local community for the rest of their lives. This group of enthusiastic volunteers with a grand plan has evolved into a highly professional organisation. It is now pioneering new care delivery models for older people and their carers in rural areas from its £1.4 million state-of-the-art integrated resource centre.

Louise Telford

Hindu Cultural Society.



Exploration

Funders of charitable activity often demand ‘innovation’, and voluntary organisations have become adept at presenting ongoing work as new.

11 grants – £0.5 million

At Northern Rock Foundation we know that genuine innovation takes time, involves risks and has uncertain results.

These are the challenges we take up with the Exploration programme.

In 2003 the Trustees agreed to support DFW Adoption, which came with an idea to improve the lives of adopted children by bringing together birth and adoptive parents. As funders often do, we weighed in with some support, but thought it wise that the organisation also sought other funding. After a year of trying in vain, DFW came back to us. It had found that, ironically, a genuinely innovative project was too high risk for many funders, precisely because the organisation couldn’t assure them that the approach would work. The Trustees immediately offered more help, but were also delighted when having done so, that BBC Children in Need agreed to co-fund the project.

We emphasise to applicants that finding out an idea won’t work is as valuable as finding out it will. Church Action on Poverty came to us enthused about an approach to involving people in policy making called a ‘participatory poverty assessment’, which it had seen used to excellent effect in Africa. It wondered if such a scheme might work here. Rather than just

6 research schemes supported

setting something up, we’re helping the organisation explore the possibility further, with a clear view



Susanna Brown and Alison Hoare of DFW Adoption’s ‘connected for life’ project.

that ‘no, it won’t work’ is as useful an outcome as ‘yes it will’.

As a charitable funder, sometimes we need to use our flexibility to get something going, or to scale it up. Eye of the Fly is an aerosol art project that had demonstrated some success diverting young people from illegal graffiti by working with them on sites such as skate parks. We gave it the chance to prove its worth on a larger scale, and helped it set up a partnership



Eye of the Fly.

with Nexus, the passenger transport executive for Tyne and Wear. Nexus will supply test sites; the organisation will seek to show it can reduce graffiti vandalism. We hope it will be a win-win scenario.

One element of Exploration is of course finding out new things – research. The Trustees are careful that any research we fund genuinely adds to the body of knowledge in the relevant field. Grants have to be about more than learning just for the organisation concerned, which is why we reject applications for inward-looking feasibility studies. Formal research has to have a robust methodology, and a practical application. Its findings have to be widely disseminated. Following our long-standing

£0.2 million for innovative projects

relationship with Professor Marianne Hester, whom we commissioned to carry out research into domestic abuse, we've supported her new colleagues at the University of Bristol to examine the issue of forced marriages in black and minority ethnic communities. The work will feed into our wider interest in domestic abuse, and help practitioners and policy makers in our area, and nationally, tackle this difficult and often misunderstood problem.

Rob Williamson

Better Sector

Whilst the Government is now taking an unprecedented interest in the sector's development and its role in public service delivery through Futurebuilders and ChangeUp, many voluntary organisations struggle to benefit from such funds. The decline of money from Europe, the demise of the Single Regeneration

34 grants – £1.5 million

organisations face stark choices: go back to previous funders for more money; change what they do to appear 'innovative' or to meet the requirements of new funding regimes; or wind up their work. Ultimately their concern – and ours – is the effect on their beneficiaries.

Budget and the reduction in ticket sales affecting the Big Lottery Fund present further difficulties. Frequently

Infrastructure organisations like Councils for Voluntary Service (CVS) play a vital role in helping the sector find positive solutions to these challenges. Many CVS have used our grants to grow, develop or stabilise their services, often through new or continued posts: funding advisors, training officers and development workers.

At a regional level our grant to Voluntary Organisations Network North East will help ensure the sector plays a full and prominent role in regional matters. And our ongoing support to Funding Information North East led to the

formation of a North East Funders Forum, providing statutory and charitable funders with a platform for learning, sharing and gaining greater understanding of how to make effective investments in a climate of reduced resources and increasing demands.

As well as ensuring the provision of good quality infrastructure, we also support training that focuses on management and governance within the sector. Following very favourable feedback from past participants, the Trustees gave the Directory of Social Change (DSC) a further grant to run its excellent 10-day training course 'Managing Your Organisation' for medium to small groups. For more experienced organisations DSC provided





four weekend training courses on long-term sustainability called 'Planning Your Future'. We also brought other training agencies to our region: The Centre for Strategy and Communication ran media and public relations training; the Management Centre offered presentation skills. In the current funding climate the Trustees were especially keen to help organisations recover the true cost of their services when they entered into contracts or service level agreements. The first challenge for them is to be able to properly account for their costs, so we supported workshops on full cost recovery run by New Philanthropy Capital in partnership with the Association of Chief Executives of Voluntary Organisations.

£1.2 million to strengthen the sector's infrastructure

Through the Better Sector programme the Foundation also runs a small capacity building scheme where we help organisations tackle a management development problem, learn from each other, or attend conferences or training. On a much larger scale 2004 saw the roll out of our £1.8 million scheme with Project North East (PNE) to deliver training and capacity building, in partnership with others, throughout our area. Early developments include the extension of the website www.voluntaryskills.com to cover the region, and increasing access to paralegal courses. PNE has also worked with ACAS to develop employment law workshops and compiled resources on providers of management and finance training. Perhaps its biggest success has been using our grant to lever in additional funding from, among others, Government Office North East and the Neighbourhood Renewal Fund.

Left: Management training with the Directory of Social Change.

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Linda Whitfield, Manager of Funding Information North East.

The Government's Cross Cutting Review envisaged that by 2014 'the needs of frontline voluntary and community organisations will be met by support which is available nationwide, structured for maximum efficiency, offering excellent provision which is accessible to all while reflecting and promoting diversity and is sustainably funded.' Whilst welcome, achieving this vision is a long way off. Voluntary organisations still require support for their core functions. The Better Sector programme helps equip them with the tools to be competitive so they can keep meeting the needs of communities in the North East and Cumbria.

Anne Burleigh

One Voice Tees Valley, one of the infrastructure organisations we support.



Aspiration

Culture has a place at the heart of personal, social and economic progress. Talented people and vibrant organisations in the North East and Cumbrian arts,

41 grants – £2.7 million

heritage and sport sectors prove this every day through their innovative and inspiring projects that provide

enjoyment for people living in and visiting our area. The Aspiration programme is about supporting such ambition and providing a cultural legacy for the region.

The Foundation's investment is also based on our belief that significant cultural activities and initiatives help to raise our area's profile nationally and internationally, and make it more attractive to new businesses. We seek to support organisations covering a wide spectrum of arts, heritage and environment schemes, always looking for something that sets them apart. In 2004 the Trustees awarded £100,000 to the Barracudas – a Carnival Band – the only company in our region doing work of its kind. Another award, £115,000 to the Chillingham Wild Cattle Association towards the costs of securing ownership of Chillingham Park, helps safeguard a unique area of natural landscape untouched for hundreds of years.

The Foundation is a key partner in Culture10 – the 10-year programme of world-class projects and events in the North East. In 2003 the Trustees allocated £2 million towards Culture10 projects for the following three years. The theme for Culture10 in 2004 was Fashion and Gardens; major projects included English Heritage's *Fashion at Belsay*, which was featured in many national and international publications as well as being seen by tens of thousands people. *Trailer-Made* was the culmination of an idea by the group Designed and Made to re-design the interior of a domestic caravan and awning. Some of the region's best designer-makers were commissioned to re-furnish the caravan in its entirety. The resulting product has toured to key sites in the region, and it has gone on to tour nationally and internationally.

Tony Harrison, winner of the 2004 Northern Rock Foundation Writer's Award. © Saša Savić





Fashion at Belsay.
© Keith Paisley

2004 was the third year of the Foundation's Writer's Award, which we run in partnership with New Writing North. The Award – one of the largest for writing in the UK – is unique since it supports the creativity of the winner over three years, rather than being a retrospective prize for a particular work. The 2004 winner was Tony Harrison,

Britain's leading film and theatre poet. The Trustees have committed to a further three years of the scheme, and we look forward to our fourth winner in 2005.

For galleries maintaining and even building a nationally significant contemporary arts collection has been a major challenge ever since the Government of the time abolished

**1.6 million
for the arts**

the ring-fenced purchase grant over 20 years ago. To address this problem for two

northern galleries, the Trustees have agreed to set aside £300,000 to establish a five-year collection fund for the Shipley Arts Gallery in Gateshead and the Middlesbrough Institute for Modern Art (MIMA). The scheme will allow



'Trailer-Made'. © Carol Bell

4 high-quality heritage projects supported

the Shipley and MIMA to build collections of contemporary crafts (and in the case of MIMA contemporary drawing), developing their strengths, and resulting in collections that represent the best work being produced in Britain. The emphasis will be on innovative design and skilful use of materials, new developments in the relevant fields, and quality of craftsmanship. Our investment will place the two galleries in an unrivalled regional and national position, and create a permanent legacy for the North East.



Barracudas. © Carol Bell

This is the last year I will contribute to the Foundation's annual review as I am moving on to Newcastle Gateshead Initiative as head of programme development for Culture10. Looking back over the past four years, I think the Trustees should be proud of the decisions they've made; our support has helped many cultural organisations to realise their ambitions and achieve higher standards as never before.

Carol Bell

Culture capital scheme

The National Lottery has transformed our cultural landscape, allowing the creation of ambitious cultural buildings in areas that had previously seen little such investment. Transformational projects include BALTIC and The Sage, Gateshead, Middlesbrough Institute of Modern Art (MIMA), Alnwick Gardens and Woodhorn Colliery Museum in Northumberland. All have been backed by a powerful creative vision, and have kick-started wider regeneration. Quite simply, they have shown the capacity to shape landscapes, inspire communities and create local opportunities.

9 grants – £2.2 million

The Foundation's Trustees recognise the importance of contributing to and maintaining such investment in cultural regeneration. In 2004 for the second year running we had a dedicated programme to support large-scale capital projects. The Trustees made awards for new buildings or improvements to existing facilities or environments. They sought developments of architectural merit, but were just as interested in what they would be used for. All the projects we funded have the same ambition: providing the best experience for visitors within a high-quality setting.

£1.3 million for heritage and environment schemes

Environment and heritage schemes again featured highly. Durham Castle is one of the North East's key landmarks and, jointly with Durham Cathedral, a world heritage site. In 1832 its ownership transferred to the new University of Durham and the Castle became its founding college. The Castle is also a registered museum attracting around 30,000 visitors a year. The Foundation's grant provided a major contribution to the first phase of a

£5.6 million restoration intended to conserve the building and increase the level of public access. Rydal Hall is a late 17th-century listed building in Cumbria. Its gardens date back to the late 1600s, and were enhanced in 1909 by Thomas Mawson. The Rydal Hall Garden Restoration Committee received a grant towards restoring the garden and providing a new visitor centre in the grounds.

In 2003 the Trustees backed developments at Newcastle's Theatre Royal and Playhouse; in 2004 it was the turn of the city's Live Theatre. The North East Theatre Trust's £4 million redevelopment programme will extend the premises and refurbish the auditorium. Crafts were not forgotten: the Trustees made an award towards the fit-out of Northern Print Studio's new premises in North Shields. The Studio is a regional resource for the production



Gateshead Stadium (FaulknerBrowns architects)
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£0.9 million for buildings housing visual and performing arts

and promotion of contemporary printmaking. As well as state-of-the-art facilities, the new premises will offer gallery space, workshops, education facilities and offices.



Live Theatre. © Waring and Netts Architects

Two awards went to sport projects. Gateshead Council received a contribution towards developing new sports training and educational facilities at Gateshead Stadium. And the Percy

Hedley Foundation in Newcastle received a grant towards developing the country's first ever sports and fitness facility for severely disabled people.

Realising ambitious capital projects takes time, but at the end of 2004 all the schemes we funded were making good progress. 2004 also saw work advancing on capital projects the

Trustees have previously backed, including the new home for DanceCity, and Seven Stories, the Centre for Children's Books. And no reflection on our past investments would be complete without a word on the region's magnificent new home for music: The Sage, Gateshead, which opened its doors to universal acclaim in December 2004. The Sage was the Trustees' first large-scale capital grant for culture made back in 2000, recognised in the new building's Northern Rock Foundation Hall.

Funds for big projects from the Arts, Heritage, and Sports Lottery are now much more limited. There is, however, no shortage of ambitious plans, and the Trustees have agreed to continue the Foundation's Cultural Capital programme with a further £2 million available in 2005. Exciting proposals are already in the pipeline.

Carol Bell

Rydal Hall. © Carol Bell



Special initiatives

Early in the Foundation's life the Trustees decided that as well as running grant programmes where, within certain criteria, we responded to the sector's ideas and actions, we would also design or commission work targeting a single problem or backing a particular organisation's approach. The results were our programmes for the coalfields, penal reform, Foot and Mouth, and our £1 million investment in the Keyfund.

In 2003 the Trustees decided to go further, allocating an extra £10 million from their reserves for new 'big ideas': initiatives that built on our growing understanding of the causes of social and economic problems. Our first action was to establish a partnership with Project North East to deliver a £1.8-million training programme for the voluntary sector. And in 2004 the Trustees allocated a further £8.2 million for two schemes: tackling domestic abuse, and reducing re-offending.

The Foundation has a long-standing interest in domestic abuse. In June 2003 the University of Sunderland published research we commissioned into the causes of attrition (or 'drop-out') in domestic abuse cases entering the criminal justice system. The research highlighted the need for better partnerships between statutory and voluntary agencies and more comprehensive support for victims. In consultation with partners we designed a model intervention service that built on the research findings, and invited consortia of agencies to tender. Our plan was to fund two projects, one urban, one rural, alongside a longitudinal evaluation so that learning could inform services across the country.

We have already learnt a lot from our approach. Most bids were from domestic violence forums, and not all fitted with what we were trying to do. We wanted projects to run for five years, knowing that it would take at least that long to demonstrate real impact. Most bids, however, were for three years, a likely reflection of the prevailing short-term-funding culture. We also had to go a step further to find a rural project: there are very few successful rural models of domestic abuse work in the UK, and our first round produced no suitable project. So we re-issued the invitation to tender and held seminars with interested agencies to explain our ideas and give them an opportunity to ask questions. This resulted in much stronger bids.

- **1 in 4 women will experience domestic abuse.**
- **2 women are killed each week by a partner or ex-partner.**
- **There are 500,000 victims of domestic abuse each year, but only 250 imprisonments.**



The two successful consortia were Gateshead Domestic Violence Forum and Cumbria Domestic Violence Strategic Management Board. Each service will respond to victims within 24 hours of an incident taking place. They will also help children affected by domestic abuse, and work on perpetrators' behaviour. The International Centre for the Study of Violence and Abuse at Sunderland University will run the evaluation.

An early consequence of the initiative has been more applications to the Basics programme for domestic abuse work, something we expect to continue in 2005. We have also heard from agencies who, although unsuccessful in their bid to us, have secured alternative funding to realise at least part of their original proposal.

Our re-offending initiative was built on another long-standing interest: penal reform. Through their 2000 programme, the Trustees had funded the Inside Out Trust to provide prisoners with learning and training opportunities while they were in prison. Research carried out by another partner, the International Centre for Prison Studies (ICPS), demonstrated the positive contribution that prisoners could make to communities. In the regeneration of Albert Park in Middlesbrough and Saltwell Park in Gateshead, prisoners used their skills to refurbish rowing boats; restore furniture; make mosaics, information boards and bunting; and tend plants and saplings.

For many years, the Trustees have also been mindful of the reports coming from the Social Exclusion Unit and others about the causes of recidivism among young offenders. They wanted to support projects that if properly resourced could reduce the numbers returning to prison.

- **72% of male prisoners aged 18-20 re-offend within 2 years of release.**
- **82% of prisoners have literacy levels below that expected of an 11-year old.**
- **On average it costs £37,500 a year to keep someone in prison.**

Discussions with expert partners in the field led us to commission work worth £4.2 million over three years. NACRO, the Depaul Trust and the Prison Me No Way Trust will provide new services: resettlement, befriending, mentoring, training, accommodation and advice. New College Durham will review the impact of its education and training in the region's eight prisons on improving prisoners' potential as employees on release. Using a model from the United States, the ICPS will work with a sympathetic local authority as a test area to identify alternative ways of financing and delivering services to offenders and ex-offenders. The work of all the organisations will be monitored and evaluated by local universities. Findings will be fed to local, regional and national policy-making bodies that will influence the National Offender Management Service and its resettlement strategy.

Both initiatives are at a very early stage. As they develop we expect to play a hands-on role, facilitating partnerships, helping to resolve problems and ensuring that lessons learnt are shared widely.

**Anne Burleigh
Cullagh Warnock
Rob Williamson**

Staff matched giving

The Foundation's scheme, where we match every pound raised for charity by the staff of Northern Rock plc, reached an important milestone in 2004. In June Peter Beardsley, the former England and Newcastle United footballer, presented a cheque for £2,340 from Northern Rock Foundation to Wallsend Boys Club where he was once a player. The presentation marked a total of £2 million raised for charity through the efforts of Northern Rock plc staff.

Catherine Moon, a clerk in the plc's finance department, raised £780 for the Boys Club through bag packing at her local supermarket. Her effort marked the millionth pound raised by plc staff since the Foundation's launch, taking the total raised when matched by the Foundation to £2 million. To mark the occasion, the Foundation's Trustees quadrupled the amount raised by Catherine, meaning the Boys Club received £3,120.

Catherine's story shows that the staff matched scheme isn't about headline-grabbing statistics. It's about the everyday generosity of individuals wanting to give to their favourite charities, or get involved in raising money for them. All charities greatly appreciate these efforts, but in 2004 the Children's Wish Foundation (CWF) came out top, receiving nearly £214,000 including the Foundation's sum. CWF was Northern Rock plc's named corporate charity during the year, so credit must go to the organising team behind the company's fundraising who led several successful events.

Rob Williamson



*Peter Beardsley celebrates £2 million of staff matched giving at Wallsend Boys Club, with Foundation Chairman Leo Finn and Northern Rock plc's Catherine Moon.
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Top ten supported charities 2004

| Charity | Amount raised £ |
|---|-----------------|
| Children's Wish Foundation | 106,921 |
| NSPCC | 19,756 |
| St Oswald's Hospice | 17,957 |
| Cancer Research UK | 10,687 |
| Royal Grammar School | 5,000 |
| Charities Trust | 4,155 |
| Wallsend Boys Club | 3,676 |
| Cramlington Kids Club | 3,616 |
| North of England Children's Cancer Research | 3,582 |
| Y Care International | 3,308 |



2004 approved grants

*North of England Refugee Service
working with young people from
across communities in the west
end of Newcastle – supported
under Prevention (page 8).
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2004 approved grants

Prevention

| ORGANISATION | DESCRIPTION | YEARS | GRANT |
|--|--|-------|----------|
| Care In Durham | Towards core funding for this organisation working with young people in care in County Durham. | 3 | £135,492 |
| Age Concern Northumberland | Towards a co-ordinator for an intergenerational project using arts to improve community safety and prevent crime. | 3 | £122,750 |
| North East Centre for Diversity and Racial Equality | To employ an operations manager to work across Tyne and Wear. | 3 | £104,818 |
| Doxford Youth Project | For the continued employment of the project manager at the project in Cramlington, Northumberland. | 3 | £101,654 |
| Darlington and Durham County Racial Equality Council | Towards core costs and the salary of a youth worker to challenge racism involving young people. | 3 | £91,599 |
| Laurel Avenue Community Association | For the salary of a youth and community worker dealing with young people on the Sherburn Road Estate, Durham City. | 3 | £90,000 |
| North of England Refugee Service | Towards a scheme to bridge the gap between refugee and host communities in the North East. | 3 | £81,000 |
| Parents in Need of Support | Towards the salary of a project co-ordinator to offer support and training to the parents of young people involved in anti-social behaviour and substance abuse in Hartlepool. | 3 | £76,747 |
| Bolton Low House Social and Educational Centre | Towards a new village hall in Bolton Low Houses, Cumbria. | 1 | £75,000 |
| Inside Out Trust | Towards the running costs of the North East office of this organisation which supports prisoners. | 2 | £75,000 |
| North East Nightstop Agency | Towards the salary of a manager and the core costs of an organisation working with homeless young people. | 2 | £73,566 |
| Blyth Valley Food Co-op | Towards appointing a food development worker in Blyth, Northumberland. | 3 | £73,480 |
| Fenham Association of Residents | Towards the salary costs of a development worker for the organisation in Newcastle. | 3 | £70,757 |
| Derwentside Rural Crime Initiative | Towards the salary of a project co-ordinator in Derwentside, County Durham. | 2 | £66,834 |
| Sunderland North Families Zone | To employ a co-ordinator to manage a community health project in Hylton Castle, Sunderland. | 3 | £64,999 |
| South Bank Women's Centre | Towards core costs and to assist with the long-term security of this organisation in Redcar and Cleveland. | 1 | £64,775 |
| Blyth Young People's Centre | Towards a project providing advice, information and development opportunities for young people in Blyth, Northumberland. | 3 | £60,000 |
| Fenham Swimming Project | To support leisure facilities for the community in Fenham, Newcastle. | 1 | £60,000 |
| Mediation in North Tyneside – MINT | Towards the running costs of the mediation service in North Tyneside. | 3 | £60,000 |



| ORGANISATION | DESCRIPTION | YEARS | GRANT |
|--|--|-------|---------|
| Newcastle YMCA | Towards a mentoring project that trains volunteers to support vulnerable young people. | 3 | £60,000 |
| The Seaham Youth Initiative | Towards a detached youth work project in Seaham and Dawdon in County Durham. | 3 | £60,000 |
| Tyne and Wear Basketball Development Group | Towards a healthy living programme for children. | 3 | £60,000 |
| YMCA North Tyneside (Pyramid Project) | Towards providing constructive activities for ex-offenders and young people at risk of offending. | 3 | £60,000 |
| Fairbridge | Towards a crime prevention project, working with young people on Teesside. | 3 | £59,019 |
| Cowpen Quay Community Association | To employ a development manager for the Buffalo Centre in central Blyth, Northumberland. | 2 | £58,932 |
| Barnardo's | Towards the running costs of the Home Support Service in Maryport, Cumbria. | 3 | £58,349 |
| Victim Support Northumbria | To employ an outreach worker in Newcastle. | 2 | £57,395 |
| Rothbury and Coquetdale Youth Project | To employ a youth development worker in Rothbury, Northumberland. | 3 | £56,027 |
| University of Sunderland | Towards the running costs of a community development project in Sunderland. | 2 | £54,287 |
| Eden Youth Work Partnership | To employ a worker to develop services for young people in their local areas in Cumbria. | 2 | £54,000 |
| Northumbria Coalition Against Crime | Towards the core costs of a young people's mentoring project in Tyne and Wear. | 3 | £54,000 |
| Newcastle PROPS | To provide a support and information service helping Newcastle families overcome the problems of substance misuse. | 2 | £53,800 |
| Central Residents Association Ltd | To employ two part-time youth workers and support running costs of the Association in Hartlepool. | 2 | £53,588 |
| Supporting PARENTS Network (SPAN) | To develop work that will prevent breakdown in family life in Derwentside, County Durham. | 3 | £51,193 |
| Tynedale Sports Council | Towards working with sports clubs around the rural district of Tynedale, Northumberland, helping them to survive and become sustainable. | 2 | £50,606 |
| Depaul Trust | To prevent young people from re-offending by providing positive alternatives throughout the North East. | 1 | £50,000 |
| Mirehouse Community Care Association | Towards extending the community centre on an estate in Whitehaven, Cumbria. | 1 | £50,000 |
| Scotswood Natural Community Garden | To continue to employ the co-ordinator and finance administrator of the project in Newcastle. | 3 | £50,000 |
| Stonehaugh Community Hall Trust | Towards constructing a purpose-built community hall in the Tyne Valley, Northumberland. | 1 | £50,000 |

| ORGANISATION | DESCRIPTION | YEARS | GRANT |
|---|--|-------|----------------|
| Pennywell Community Centre | Towards the refurbishment of the Centre in Sunderland. | 1 | £49,334 |
| Kiran Minority Ethnic Women's Group | Towards the salary costs of a worker to encourage women from black and minority ethnic asylum seeker/refugee communities to access activities, information and support in the east end of Newcastle. | 3 | £48,365 |
| Darlington Bond Scheme | Towards core costs so that the organisation can continue to help homeless people. | 3 | £48,028 |
| D2 Youth Zone Ltd | Towards core funding for the organisation's work with young people in Newbiggin Hall, Newcastle. | 3 | £45,000 |
| Durham Young People's Centre | Towards running costs for project which allows young people to access a range of preventative services in County Durham. | 3 | £45,000 |
| Newbiggin by the Sea Sailing Club | Towards the development of watersports and employing a full-time development officer at the club in Northumberland. | 3 | £45,000 |
| Scotswood Area Strategy | To employ a youth worker to continue to work with young people in the west end of Newcastle while the area is undergoing change. | 2 | £44,208 |
| Greenhouse Music | Towards the running costs of a music project in Pennywell, Sunderland. | 2 | £44,000 |
| Grange Road Action for Youth | To provide core funding for this young people's drop-in in central Darlington. | 3 | £43,026 |
| Amble MACPI | To reduce crime and support vulnerable young people who have been or may be involved in criminal activities or substance misuse in Amble, Northumberland. | 2 | £42,700 |
| Delves Lane Community Association | Towards the salary of a co-ordinator for the village hall in Derwentside, County Durham. | 3 | £39,000 |
| Pennywell Youth Project | Towards the salary of a worker to engage young people in volunteering at a cycle workshop in Pennywell, Sunderland. | 2 | £38,948 |
| Longbenton Youth Project | To assist with the purchase of new premises in North Tyneside. | 1 | £30,000 |
| Shotley and Benfieldside Tennis Club | Towards a community multi-sport/activity centre in Derwentside, County Durham targeting minority and hard-to-reach groups. | 1 | £30,000 |
| The Square Route Group | Towards a Home Zone and a Doorstep Green in New Herrington, Sunderland. | 1 | £30,000 |
| Belmont Parish Hall Association | Towards the construction of a new parish hall for the village in County Durham. | 1 | £25,000 |
| Safe as Houses Nightstop | To employ a worker to establish and develop an emergency accommodation service in Northumberland. | 3 | £24,750 |
| Moor Park Community Group | Towards the running costs of the centre in North Shields, Tyne and Wear. | 3 | £24,500 |
| North Benwell Youth Project | To provide core funding for the organisation in Newcastle. | 1 | £24,333 |
| CA15 Arts Project | To fund an arts project involving disadvantaged communities in Maryport, Cumbria. | 2 | £22,000 |
| Lynemouth Youth Council | To employ three sessional youth workers in south east Northumberland. | 3 | £20,964 |



| ORGANISATION | DESCRIPTION | YEARS | GRANT |
|---|--|-------|----------------|
| The People's Kitchen | Towards a new IT facility at a centre for homeless and vulnerable people in Newcastle. | 1 | £20,000 |
| Finchale Training College | To enable the trialling of dyslexia screening and vocational rehabilitation for a group of offenders in County Durham, Tyne and Wear and on Teesside. | 1 | £20,000 |
| A Way Out | Towards the continuation of the drugs education and prevention project in Stockton-on-Tees. | 1 | £15,000 |
| Billingham South Residents Association | Towards funding the Bullgarth landscape improvements in Billingham South, Stockton-on-Tees. | 1 | £15,000 |
| BTCV | Towards a part-time worker for a project which supports young people leaving care in Cumbria. | 2 | £15,000 |
| Cowpen and Kitty Brewster Community Association | To employ a day centre manager for the Briardale Community and Training Centre in Blyth, Northumberland to release the existing manager to undertake new development work. | 1 | £15,000 |
| Coxhoe Community Partnership | Towards the costs of a skate park in Coxhoe, County Durham. | 1 | £15,000 |
| Distington Club for Young People | Towards the salary of a youth worker in the village in Cumbria. | 2 | £15,000 |
| Friends of the Earth | Towards supporting residents on Teesside to improve their local environment. | 1 | £15,000 |
| Frosterley Village Hall | To re-establish the hall as part of community life in the village in County Durham. | 2 | £15,000 |
| Hands on Cookery Workshop | To fund free cookery workshops for the unemployed, elderly, ex-offenders and young people in care in County Durham. | 1 | £15,000 |
| Longbenton Community Action Team | For the running costs of this community development project in North Tyneside. | 2 | £15,000 |
| Pendower Good Neighbour House Project | Towards core funding for the Good Neighbour Project in Benwell, Newcastle. | 3 | £15,000 |
| Peterlee Residents in the District of Edenhill | To employ a youth worker to develop work with girls and young women on the Eden Hill estate in Peterlee, County Durham. | 3 | £15,000 |
| Bridge and Tunnel Productions | Towards a series of workshops tackling issues of racism and asylum in schools and communities in Tyne and Wear. | 1 | £14,987 |
| Ravenswood Road Youth Club | To refurbish the kitchen and cafe areas of this youth centre, which serves the Heaton area of Newcastle. | 1 | £14,769 |
| Consett North Partnership | To employ a part-time project officer to deliver a programme of environmental awareness in Derwentside, County Durham. | 1 | £14,735 |
| Cumbria Alcohol and Drug Advisory Service | Towards recruiting and training 15 volunteer counsellors in Barrow and South Lakeland, Cumbria. | 1 | £14,400 |
| Federation of City Farms & Community Gardens | To research, produce and distribute a leaflet promoting community gardens, school farms and growing projects in the North East and Cumbria. | 1 | £14,148 |
| Heartstone | Towards production costs for the staging of the Festival of Flight, an event promoting anti-racism at the Newcastle Arena. | 1 | £14,000 |

| ORGANISATION | DESCRIPTION | YEARS | GRANT |
|--|--|-------|---------|
| Re-Solv | To run an awareness campaign in the North East on the dangers of solvent abuse. | 1 | £14,000 |
| Multi Cultural Information Centre | Towards salary costs of the organisation which promotes understanding between different communities and cultures across Tyne and Wear. | 1 | £13,895 |
| Clegwell Community Association | Towards funding a kitchen refurbishment and a healthy eating project in Hebburn, South Tyneside. | 1 | £13,500 |
| Wallsend Boys Club | Towards establishing an internet/training room for children, young people and adults at the club in Wallsend, Tyne and Wear. | 1 | £13,300 |
| Northumbria University (Sport Northumbria) | To develop a sports training and leadership programme for young people in Newcastle at risk of abandoning education. | 1 | £13,242 |
| East Durham Play and Community Network | Towards the core costs of the organisation based in Trimdon Grange, County Durham. | 1 | £13,140 |
| Easington Lane Community Access Point | To equip an office and reception area in a community resource in an ex-mining area in Sunderland. | 1 | £13,084 |
| Teesside Positive Action | Towards a part-time post to provide training for young people in Middlesbrough covering sexual health, HIV and STI prevention. | 1 | £12,450 |
| Allendale Village Hall | Towards the refurbishment of the village hall in Northumberland. | 1 | £12,444 |
| Middlesbrough Sportability Club | Towards the running costs of the organisation which provides healthy living activities for disabled young people. | 1 | £11,332 |
| Hartlepool Headland Amateur Boxing Club | For equipment and towards the running costs of this boxing club on the Headland in Hartlepool. | 3 | £11,320 |
| Dreamscheme – Askam and Ireleth | Towards funding the continuation of this youth project in west Cumbria. | 1 | £11,063 |
| Chillingham Road Sports and Arts Group | To purchase chairs, coat-racks and other equipment for this new community facility in Heaton, Newcastle. | 1 | £10,375 |
| Haven (Tyneside) Ltd | Towards the cost of redecorating and floor covering for this supported accommodation project in Newcastle. | 1 | £10,000 |
| Nicholforest Public Hall | Towards the cost of refurbishing the village hall near Longtown, Cumbria. | 1 | £10,000 |
| Skelton Memorial Hall | Towards the cost of refurbishing the village hall in Skelton, Cumbria. | 1 | £10,000 |
| Haverigg Cricket Club | To fund a healthy lifestyles fitness programme for children in Millom, Copeland, Cumbria. | 3 | £9,850 |
| Mainsforth Community Centre | Towards the upgrade of decoration, heating and electrical systems within Mainsford Community Centre, Ferryhill Station, County Durham. | 1 | £9,751 |
| Rockcliffe Bowling and Tennis Club | To provide capital funding for a tennis and bowling club in Whitley Bay, North Tyneside. | 1 | £9,411 |
| Durham Skate and Bike Partnership | Towards the capital cost of building a skate park in County Durham. | 1 | £9,000 |



| ORGANISATION | DESCRIPTION | YEARS | GRANT |
|--|--|-------|-------------------|
| Kendal Family Drop-in Centre | Towards the hire of premises for the project which supports families experiencing difficulties in Kendal, Cumbria. | 3 | £9,000 |
| Pendower Play Area Group | Towards restoring a play and multi-sports area in Pendower, Newcastle. | 1 | £7,322 |
| Broughton Rural Safety Group | Towards the running costs of this rural safety group in Cumbria. | 3 | £6,000 |
| West Walker Community Wing/Association | Towards the running costs of the community cafe in this community resource in west Walker, Newcastle. | 1 | £5,046 |
| Newbiggin-on-lune Public Hall | To refurbish a community hall in Cumbria. | 1 | £5,000 |
| Trimdon Village Hall Association | Towards replacing damaged asbestos panels on the outside of the hall in County Durham. | 1 | £5,000 |
| Open Clasp Theatre Company | Towards the costs of relocating to larger premises in Tyne and Wear. | 1 | £4,500 |
| Ushaw Moor Cricket Club | To provide coaching and development opportunities for young people in Ushaw Moor, County Durham. | 3 | £3,735 |
| Northbank Football Club | Towards the cost of hiring indoor and floodlit facilities for winter training sessions in Carlisle, Cumbria. | 1 | £3,700 |
| Dipton Community Partnership | Towards the running costs of this community organisation in County Durham. | 1 | £3,605 |
| Le Camer | To fund workshops on African history and culture for African people in Newcastle. | 1 | £3,200 |
| Longlands Area Residents' Association | To provide a community green area in Middlesbrough. | 1 | £2,000 |
| Seaton Delaval and Holywell Community Forum | To provide activities for young people, preventing anti-social behaviour, in south east Northumberland. | 1 | £1,488 |
| St Herbert's Church Darlington | To lay a non-slip surface in the kitchen in the village hall in Darlington. | 1 | £1,300 |
| Bootle Village Hall | To replace the flooring at the village hall in Cumbria. | 1 | £1,000 |
| Prevention Total | 115 grants | | £4,013,915 |

Regeneration

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|--|--|---|-----------------|
| Acumen Community Enterprise Development Trust Ltd | Towards core funding for a new community enterprise trust that helps people into work and training in Easington, County Durham. | 3 | £750,000 |
| Enterprise Insight | Towards a programme of activity to encourage young people in the North East to become more enterprising. | 1 | £285,650 |
| ETEC (Sunderland) Ltd | Towards the running costs of People into Enterprise, a project in Sunderland, which helps disabled people and carers to find employment. | 3 | £137,517 |
| University of Newcastle | To continue to fund the Centre for the Rural Economy's Northern Rural Network. | 3 | £121,899 |
| Carlisle Housing Association | Towards a training and employment programme in construction. | 3 | £116,923 |
| Young Enterprise North East | Towards a programme to encourage graduates into enterprise. | 3 | £116,500 |

| ORGANISATION | DESCRIPTION | YEARS | GRANT |
|---|---|-------|-----------------|
| The Future Regeneration of Grangetown | To employ the project co-ordinator at a community regeneration project in Middlesbrough. | 3 | £112,551 |
| Development Trusts Association | Towards the regional network in the North East. | 3 | £112,000 |
| Northumbria Churches Training Consortium | Towards the running costs of a project providing employment opportunities for refugees living in Tyne and Wear. | 1 | £103,411 |
| Southwick Neighbourhood Youth Project | Towards an employment initiative at a youth project in Sunderland. | 3 | £97,190 |
| St Chad's Community Project | Towards a programme of personal development training to enable an easier transition into work for women in Bensham and Saltwell, Gateshead. | 2 | £93,996 |
| Pennywell Community Business Ltd | Towards the running costs of a community learning and enterprise centre in Sunderland. | 3 | £90,000 |
| Glendale Gateway Trust | Towards the redevelopment of properties as part of a town centre regeneration project in Wooler, Northumberland. | 1 | £78,000 |
| Northumberland STARS Ltd | To employ a project manager to develop a 'small task and repair service' in Northumberland. | 3 | £75,000 |
| The Five Lamps Organisation | To provide information, advice, guidance and mentoring support to people in Thornaby, Stockton-on-Tees to help them into education or employment. | 3 | £75,000 |
| Henshaw's Society for Blind People | To fund a training programme to help unemployed visually impaired people in Newcastle into employment. | 3 | £71,491 |
| The Future Regeneration of Grangetown | For the salary of a worker to continue the development of a community learning and employment programme in Grangetown, Middlesbrough. | 2 | £69,160 |
| The Ouseburn Trust | Towards employing a manager to run a development trust in Newcastle. | 3 | £60,000 |
| Workbase | To provide core funding for the organisation supporting people with mental ill-health in a work setting in Kendal, Cumbria. | 2 | £60,000 |
| Haltwhistle Partnership Ltd | Towards the running costs of a community development trust in Northumberland. | 3 | £45,000 |
| Community Council of Northumberland | Towards the running costs of a Bizfizz pilot scheme to encourage enterprise in Alnwick, Northumberland. | 2 | £43,412 |
| Mental Health Care | Towards employing a business manager and supporting the running costs of a new social enterprise in County Durham. | 2 | £42,973 |
| St Simon's Community Project | Towards a support worker and training advisor at an employment project in South Tyneside. | 3 | £37,250 |
| St Chad's Community Project | Towards a personal development and employment programme for women living in the Bensham and Saltwell, Gateshead. | 1 | £30,746 |
| Cumbria Youth Alliance | Towards a programme of supported youth work training in Cumbria. | 2 | £30,000 |
| Middlesbrough Environment City Trust Ltd | Towards the costs of an employment training scheme at the Middlesbrough cycle centre. | 2 | £29,825 |



| ORGANISATION | DESCRIPTION | YEARS | GRANT |
|--|--|-------|-------------------|
| East Cleveland Youth Housing Trust | Towards the salary of a trainee supervisor for the organisation on Teesside. | 3 | £29,065 |
| Community Action Furness | Towards the refurbishment of kitchens to support a catering social enterprise. | 1 | £27,709 |
| Carlisle and District Credit Union | Towards the running costs for a new credit union. | 3 | £22,000 |
| Bensham Grove Community Association | To provide employment opportunities and NVQ level 2 training targeting unemployed volunteers in community projects in central Gateshead. | 1 | £15,000 |
| The Maren Nautical Trust Ltd | Towards an employment training project in South Tyneside. | 1 | £15,000 |
| North of England Angolan Community Association | To fund a feasibility study for a community business. | 1 | £14,750 |
| Royal Society for the Protection of Birds | Towards funding a conservation-based land management project in the North Pennines. | 3 | £14,556 |
| North Sunderland and Seahouses Development Trust | To contribute towards development plans for Berwick-upon-Tweed and Holy Island Community Development Trusts. | 1 | £14,500 |
| Development Trusts Association – NW | Towards two, two-day residential events for development trusts in the North East and Cumbria. | 1 | £10,830 |
| Northumbrian Soap Company | To employ a retail consultant, to recruit new board members and to cover six-months rental costs in support of the development of a new social firm in Northumberland. | 1 | £10,000 |
| Cumbria Deaf Association | Towards urgent roof repairs to a community building in Barrow-in-Furness. | 1 | £8,145 |
| Grangetown Events Group | To purchase equipment for community use and to operate a community hire scheme in Grangetown, Middlesbrough. | 1 | £6,665 |
| The Netherton Computer Association | To replace old computer equipment in an isolated village hall in Northumberland that will support local businesses. | 1 | £5,000 |
| Women's Training Centre – TWEP | To provide detailed research to support a programme of activities for women in Newcastle to develop entrepreneurship. | 1 | £5,000 |
| Regeneration Total | 40 grants | | £3,083,714 |

Basics

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| Mind Active | Towards the core costs of the organisation so it can continue to provide mind-stimulating activities for older people living in care homes in Wansbeck, Northumberland. | 3 | £116,790 |
| Dementia Care Partnership | Towards building an independent centre providing social, leisure and learning opportunities for people with dementia and their carers in Newcastle. | 1 | £100,000 |
| Shelter | Towards the running costs of a project providing housing advice to black and minority ethnic groups in Tyne and Wear. | 2 | £93,051 |

| ORGANISATION | DESCRIPTION | YEARS | GRANT |
|---|---|-------|----------------|
| Barrow Citizens' Advice Bureau | To employ an advice session supervisor at the Bureau in Cumbria. | 3 | £86,117 |
| Sedgefield and District Advice and Information Service | Towards the salary of a specialist debt advice counsellor in Sedgefield, County Durham. | 2 | £84,961 |
| Gateway into the Community | For the salary of the project co-ordinator and some core costs of this organisation working with learning disabled adults in Tynedale, Northumberland. | 3 | £82,038 |
| Carlisle and District Citizens' Advice Bureau | To improve access to advice for disadvantaged people. | 3 | £79,967 |
| Women's Support Network | Towards the manager's salary and associated core costs of the domestic abuse service in Middlesbrough. | 2 | £75,933 |
| Equal Arts | To provide core funding so Equal Arts can continue to develop projects with older people throughout the North East. | 3 | £75,000 |
| Newcastle Council for Voluntary Services | Towards the running costs of Newcastle Advocacy Centre. | 3 | £75,000 |
| Alzheimer's Society | To maintain core branch activities in order to provide information, advice and support to people with dementia and their carers in South Lakeland, Cumbria. | 3 | £73,100 |
| CSV Training and Enterprise N.E. | To provide daycare services to older people living in high rise flats in Newcastle. | 2 | £71,497 |
| Tyneside Women's Health Project | Towards the core costs of the organisation based in Gateshead. | 3 | £69,844 |
| The Botanic Centre Middlesbrough Limited | Towards providing personalised support and basic skills training for people with mental ill-health and learning disabilities in Middlesbrough. | 3 | £69,000 |
| New Directions | For the salary of the co-ordinator of a mental health project in Stockton-on-Tees. | 3 | £68,208 |
| Headway Theatre | Towards the salary of a worker to support Seven Stars, a learning disabled people's theatre group in Blyth, Northumberland. | 3 | £64,902 |
| Redcar and Cleveland Women's Aid | Towards the provision of a sexual abuse counselling service to women and girls. | 2 | £64,633 |
| The Junction | Towards staff salaries to provide information and support services for young people in Redcar and Cleveland. | 3 | £64,526 |
| Middlesbrough Domestic Violence Forum | For the salary of a domestic violence co-ordinator in Middlesbrough. | 2 | £64,137 |
| North Northumberland Carer Link Project | For the salary of a part-time co-ordinator and to support volunteer costs for a new project based in Alnwick, Northumberland. | 2 | £61,797 |
| Alzheimer's Society Derwentside | Towards the salary of the manager and to support the running costs of the organisation in County Durham. | 3 | £60,000 |
| Disability Association Carlisle and Eden | Towards core costs and the salaries of two welfare benefits advice staff to advise disabled people across Carlisle, Eden and Penrith in Cumbria. | 2 | £59,170 |



| ORGANISATION | DESCRIPTION | YEARS | GRANT |
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| South Tees Advocacy in Mental Health Project | To provide continuation funding for the manager's post. | 2 | £58,678 |
| Tyneside Rape Crisis Centre | For a part-time volunteer support worker to recruit, train, manage and support volunteers who will help the organisation expand its services. | 3 | £58,453 |
| Alzheimer's Society | Towards a community outreach project for people with dementia, their families and carers across north Northumberland. | 2 | £57,009 |
| Hartlepool Citizens' Advice Bureau | To support and extend the telephone advice service. | 3 | £56,239 |
| Cheviot Supported Housing | For a child support worker in a refuge for women fleeing domestic violence in Wansbeck, Northumberland. | 2 | £54,465 |
| Search Project | For a part-time development worker and to contribute towards the running costs of this project for older people in Newcastle. | 2 | £52,130 |
| Hartlepool MIND | Towards financial management, administration support and general running costs. | 2 | £50,994 |
| Craft Works! Community Association | Towards an existing programme of workshops, training and support for adults with mental ill-health and learning disabilities in south Durham. | 3 | £48,753 |
| Alnwick and District Citizens' Advice Bureau | For an advice session supervisor at the Bureau in Northumberland. | 3 | £44,761 |
| Teesdale Day Clubs | To provide core funding for an organisation supporting older people to continue to live independently in County Durham. | 3 | £44,100 |
| Hindu Cultural Society | For two part-time drivers and to contribute towards minibus running costs to bring Hindu older people to the organisation's day centre in Middlesbrough. | 3 | £43,830 |
| Newcastle Toy and Leisure Library | To develop existing resources and identify gaps in provision in Newcastle. | 2 | £39,917 |
| Derwentside Citizens' Advice Bureau | To provide a money advice and welfare benefits service to residents of Derwentside, County Durham, suffering from mental ill-health. | 2 | £39,511 |
| Carlisle Mencap | Towards a leisure and befriending project for learning disabled people. | 3 | £37,926 |
| Kendal & South Lakes Shopmobility | To continue to employ the full-time development worker for the project in Cumbria. | 2 | £36,500 |
| Bell View (Belford) Ltd | For the project manager's salary at a resource centre for older people in Belford, Northumberland. | 1 | £36,364 |
| Rowlands Gill & District Live at Home Scheme | To provide core funding for an organisation supporting older people in Gateshead. | 3 | £36,000 |
| North Tyneside Carers' Centre | To provide practical and emotional support for carers. | 1 | £34,953 |
| Derwentside Carers' Centre | Towards the costs of managing the service, in County Durham, together with a training grant for staff and committee members. | 2 | £34,590 |

| ORGANISATION | DESCRIPTION | YEARS | GRANT |
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| Chrysalis | Towards the development of community activities for adults with learning disabilities in north Allerdale, Cumbria. | 2 | £34,300 |
| Daisy Chain Project (Teesside) | For the salary of the project manager at a centre for autistic children in Norton, Stockton-on-Tees. | 1 | £30,000 |
| Byker Bridge Housing Association | Towards the running costs of a skills training day centre for homeless and vulnerable people in Newcastle. | 2 | £28,500 |
| Bliss=Ability | To employ a manager to develop the capacity of the information service for disabled people in South Tyneside. | 1 | £25,115 |
| Waddington Street Centre Ltd | To employ a development worker at an organisation supporting people with mental ill-health in Durham City. | 1 | £20,019 |
| The Grange Day Centre | Towards an arts project helping elderly people with mental ill-health in Throckley, Newcastle. | 1 | £19,780 |
| Age Concern Eden | Towards the salary of the Shopmobility co-ordinator in Eden, Cumbria. | 3 | £15,000 |
| Chopwell and Blackhall Mill Live at Home Scheme | Towards the assistant co-ordinator's salary at this Gateshead older people's project. | 3 | £15,000 |
| Gateshead Crossroads | To employ a community assistance project manager to develop services supporting carers. | 2 | £15,000 |
| Gateway into the Community | Towards the co-ordinator's salary at the project for learning disabled people in Tynedale, Northumberland. | 1 | £15,000 |
| ME North East | Towards the core costs of the organisation supporting people with ME across the North East. | 1 | £15,000 |
| Self-Injury Support in North Cumbria | Towards the co-ordinator's and administrator's salaries at the project in Carlisle, Cumbria. | 1 | £15,000 |
| South Shields Shopmobility | Towards the extension of premises in South Shields, Tyne and Wear. | 1 | £15,000 |
| Washington Citizens' Advice Bureau | Towards appointing a tutor to manage and support the implementation of the CASE IT project within the bureau in Tyne and Wear. | 1 | £15,000 |
| West House | To refurbish a kitchen in a community gardening project for learning disabled people in Allerby, Cumbria. | 1 | £15,000 |
| The Lingla Centre | For a subsidised lunch service for older people in the Frizington area of Copeland, Cumbria. | 1 | £14,964 |
| Live Music Now! North East | Towards eight concert tours for adults with learning disabilities and older people across the North East. | 1 | £14,862 |
| Redcar and Cleveland Disability Access Group | For a part-time outreach worker to recruit and train volunteers to increase leisure opportunities for older and disabled people. | 2 | £14,800 |
| Darlington YMCA Foyer | For a part-time school liaison worker to raise awareness of young carers and identify those who are not receiving support. | 3 | £12,000 |
| South Lakeland Kingfisher Club | Towards core funding of the organisation supporting people with mental ill-health in Kendal, Cumbria. | 3 | £12,000 |



| ORGANISATION | DESCRIPTION | YEARS | GRANT |
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| Women's Health in South Tyneside | Towards the costs of an extension to premises in South Shields, Tyne and Wear. | 1 | £11,000 |
| South Shields Shopmobility | To replace six three-wheel scooters to enable people with mobility problems to enjoy shopping, market, parks and the sea front in South Shields, Tyne and Wear. | 1 | £9,835 |
| Earthbeat Theatre Company | To hire a rehearsal venue for a theatre group, whose members have learning disabilities, based in Redcar and Cleveland. | 2 | £9,288 |
| Mind in Gateshead | Towards core costs. | 3 | £7,880 |
| Iranian Centre North East | For a part-time project worker and the running costs of the organisation based in Newcastle. | 1 | £7,500 |
| Eating Disorders Association | Towards the extension of the current Eating Disorders Association programme into the North East and Cumbria. | 1 | £6,500 |
| ADDER (Action for Dystonia) | Towards supporting dystonia sufferers, their families and carers in the North East and Cumbria. | 2 | £6,000 |
| Friday Craft Club | For tutors and material costs at a craft club for older people in Longbenton, Newcastle. | 2 | £6,000 |
| Emmanuel Community Church | Towards training and materials to raise awareness of domestic violence in Cumbria. | 1 | £5,002 |
| Age Concern Northumberland | To provide training to 550 volunteers working with older people. | 1 | £5,000 |
| Basics Total | 71 grants | | £2,960,189 |

Exploration

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| DFW Adoption | To explore whether a working foundation can be established between birth and adoptive parents for the benefit of the adopted child. | 2 | £112,523 |
| Action To Regenerate Community Trust | To employ a director to develop in the North East the organisation's 'Listening Matters' model for supporting community action. | 2 | £85,136 |
| Eye of the Fly | To develop work with young people to reduce levels of graffiti vandalism in Gateshead and South Tyneside. | 2 | £78,150 |
| University of Bristol/University of Newcastle upon Tyne | For a study of forced marriages and domestic violence in the South Asian community in the North East. | 2 | £51,108 |
| Northern Fells Rural Community Development Group | To research employment and economic opportunities for young people in the Northern Fells area of Cumbria. | 2 | £35,132 |
| University of Newcastle | To complete the establishment of a database of children with autism spectrum disorder in the North East. | 1 | £31,324 |
| Church Action on Poverty | Towards a feasibility study into conducting a participatory poverty assessment in the North East. | 1 | £20,280 |

| ORGANISATION | DESCRIPTION | YEARS | GRANT |
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| University of Sunderland | For a feasibility study in Northumberland to assess the viability of a professionally validated apprenticeship/foundation degree course in community and youth work. | 1 | £14,991 |
| Trinity Youth Association | Towards research into the need for lesbian, gay and bisexual youth work in Northumberland. | 1 | £13,600 |
| Depaul Trust | For a feasibility study and business plan for a social enterprise company providing employment opportunities for ex-offenders in the North East. | 1 | £12,820 |
| Social Futures Institute | Towards a conference bringing together practitioners, academics and policy makers to debate how best to achieve social regeneration in the North East. | 1 | £2,500 |
| Exploration Total | 11 grants | | £457,564 |

Better Sector

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| One Voice Tees Valley | Towards an information and advice officer to meet the needs of voluntary and community organisations working across the Tees Valley. | 3 | £129,343 |
| Darlington Council for Voluntary Service and Volunteer Bureau | Towards the salary of a funding advice officer and a volunteer bureau co-ordinator. | 2 | £99,044 |
| Council of Voluntary Service for Easington District | For a full-time development officer and an administrator to set up a volunteer bureau in Easington, County Durham. | 2 | £97,011 |
| Mental Health Care | For a co-ordinator to build up a North East mental health voluntary/community sector network. | 3 | £96,000 |
| Chester-le-Street & District Council for Voluntary Service & Volunteer Bureau | To provide core costs for the Volunteer Bureau. | 3 | £84,096 |
| Gateshead Voluntary Organisations Council | Towards the core costs of Funding Information North East. | 3 | £84,000 |
| 2D | For two new posts to support the networking of 2D, a local development agency, in Teesdale and the Wear Valley, County Durham. | 2 | £75,605 |
| North Tyneside Voluntary Organisations Development Agency | To employ a funding advice worker. | 2 | £73,315 |
| Hartlepool Voluntary Development Agency | To employ a coaching and mentoring officer to support volunteers. | 2 | £70,372 |
| Barrow & District Council for Voluntary Service | To build the capacity of voluntary and community organisations in Barrow-in-Furness, Cumbria. | 2 | £69,344 |
| Young Cumbria | Towards developing capacity and quality throughout the voluntary sector youth service in Cumbria. | 2 | £67,067 |



| ORGANISATION | DESCRIPTION | YEARS | GRANT |
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| Durham Rural Community Council (One Voice Network) | To employ a worker to support the strategic development and implementation of the County Durham Compact. | 2 | £62,172 |
| Northern Disability Arts Forum | Towards the salary of a training and professional development worker. | 2 | £60,000 |
| Older Peoples Forum North Tyneside | To employ a forum development worker. | 2 | £60,000 |
| Time Banks UK | Towards the establishment of additional Time Banks throughout the North East. | 3 | £60,000 |
| Together We Can Manage Partnership | To provide additional support to community groups, volunteers and local representatives in the outer west wards of Newcastle. | 2 | £50,000 |
| Community Action on Health | To employ a part-time worker developing services and communication within the network and with other agencies in the Newcastle area. | 2 | £46,833 |
| Business in the Community | Towards the core costs of the organisation's work in Cumbria. | 3 | £45,000 |
| Owton Fens Community Association | To establish a community enterprise legal service in Hartlepool. | 2 | £21,600 |
| 12 Villages Community Network | Towards providing creative learning opportunities in community venues for village residents in County Durham. | 1 | £15,000 |
| Northumberland County Council | To complete and launch a website for voluntary and community organisations in Northumberland. | 2 | £15,000 |
| New Philanthropy Capital | To enable smaller charities in the North East and Cumbria to attend training sessions on the full cost recovery model. | 1 | £14,332 |
| Darlington Residents Panel | Towards the core costs of this umbrella group for tenants' and residents' associations. | 3 | £13,804 |
| South Bank Women's Centre | To assist with the sustainability of this organisation in Redcar and Cleveland. | 1 | £8,000 |
| Blyth Valley CVS | Towards a feasibility study to assess the need for a volunteer support service in Blyth Valley, Northumberland. | 1 | £6,000 |
| Stanley Parenting Network | To hire a consultant to run consultation events, and to provide training for the management committee of this organisation in Stanley, County Durham. | 1 | £5,575 |
| Policy, Ethics and Life Sciences Research Institute | To redesign the Annual Report and cover layout costs for four years, providing a more professional document for this North East body. | 4 | £5,303 |
| The Cedarwood Trust | For a consultant to prepare a development and fundraising plan to address the financial problems of the organisation working in North Shields, Tyne and Wear. | 1 | £5,250 |
| Streetwise | To work with a consultant to design a financial system for this young people's project in Newcastle. | 1 | £5,050 |
| Alnwick and District Citizens' Advice Bureau | Towards joint training and team-building activities for staff, volunteers and trustees of the CAB in Northumberland. | 1 | £5,000 |
| Carers Do Support | To hire a consultant to evaluate a project supporting carers in the east end of Newcastle. | 1 | £5,000 |

| ORGANISATION | DESCRIPTION | YEARS | GRANT |
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| Lynemouth Day Centre | Towards forming a partnership between the Care Trust and other public sector agencies in Lynemouth, Northumberland. | 1 | £4,000 |
| Durham Street Studio | To provide training for the organisation's trustees and staff in Hartlepool. | 1 | £1,880 |
| Carlisle People First | To attend a workshop on advocacy in action in Swanick. | 1 | £1,260 |
| Better Sector Total | 34 grants | | £1,461,256 |

Aspiration

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| Newcastle Gateshead Initiative | Towards establishing and maintaining the Culture10 unit at Newcastle Gateshead Initiative. | 3 | £195,000 |
| New Writing North | For the Northern Rock Foundation Writer's Awards. | 3 | £180,000 |
| Newcastle Gateshead Initiative | Towards the cost of the Culture10 programme. | 1 | £175,500 |
| Brinkburn Music | Towards the costs of Brinkburn Music Festival in Northumberland. | 3 | £150,000 |
| Avison Charitable Trust | Towards the core costs of the Avison Ensemble, a North East baroque orchestra promoting the life and work of Charles Avison. | 3 | £135,000 |
| Northern Lights Film Festival Ltd | Towards a digital film festival in the North East. | 3 | £120,000 |
| Tyne and Wear Museums | To extend the current programme so that more people in the North East can easily access national collections. | 3 | £120,000 |
| Grizedale Arts | Towards a three-year programme of work in Cumbria. | 3 | £118,000 |
| Chillingham Wild Cattle Association | Towards purchasing the Chillingham park, to secure the future of the Chillingham wild cattle in Northumberland. | 1 | £115,000 |
| BALTIC Centre for Contemporary Art | Towards supporting the core work of BALTIC, the Centre for Contemporary Art in Gateshead. | 1 | £100,000 |
| BALTIC Centre for Contemporary Art | Towards the core costs of BALTIC, the Centre for Contemporary Art in Gateshead. | 1 | £100,000 |
| Barracudas Ltd | Towards the core costs of a carnival band based in Barrow, Cumbria. | 3 | £100,000 |
| Gateshead Council | Towards the artistic programme to celebrate the refurbishment of Saltwell Park in Gateshead. | 1 | £100,000 |
| Kielder Partnership | Towards the construction of two sculptures for Kielder, Northumberland. | 2 | £100,000 |
| The Comedy Foundation Ltd | Towards the 2004 Newcastle Comedy Festival. | 1 | £100,000 |
| Royal National Lifeboat Institution | Towards restoring and extending the building in Bamburgh, Northumberland which houses the Grace Darling collection. | 1 | £99,377 |
| People's Theatre Arts Group | Towards upgrading the main auditorium of the theatre in Newcastle. | 1 | £71,300 |
| Monster Productions | Towards researching, developing and performing theatre for children under four in the North East. | 3 | £68,000 |
| Words By The Water Ltd | Towards a literature festival in Cumbria. | 3 | £60,000 |



| ORGANISATION | DESCRIPTION | YEARS | GRANT |
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| Tyneside Cinema | Towards supporting and promoting film-making in the North East. | 3 | £51,000 |
| Sakoba Dance Theatre | Towards the core costs and artistic development of the organisation in Newcastle. | 1 | £50,000 |
| Saltburn Artists Projects | Towards running an artists' residency programme at the Saltburn Artists Project in Redcar and Cleveland. | 3 | £48,900 |
| Heugh Battery Trust Limited | Towards the costs of restoring a First World War Battery in Hartlepool. | 1 | £45,000 |
| The Chapter of Durham Cathedral | To purchase an original painting of St Margaret of Scotland by the artist Paula Rego. | 1 | £30,000 |
| Chinese Festivity Group | To hold a Chinese New Year festival in Newcastle. | 3 | £15,000 |
| Designed and Made | Towards a touring caravan exhibition furnished with commissions by designers from the North East. | 1 | £15,000 |
| English Heritage | Towards the increased costs of <i>Fashion at Belsay</i> , Northumberland. | 1 | £15,000 |
| English Touring Opera | Towards staging Jonathan Dove's community opera <i>Tobias and the Angel</i> in Ulverston, Cumbria. | 1 | £15,000 |
| L'Afrique en Angleterre | Towards a two-day African culture and music event in Newcastle. | 1 | £15,000 |
| Newcastle City Council | Towards an artists-in-residence programme in six parks in Newcastle. | 1 | £15,000 |
| Pakistan Cultural Society | To host a series of events to promote South Asian arts in the North East. | 1 | £15,000 |
| ProudWords | Towards ProudWords, a lesbian and gay literature festival in Newcastle. | 2 | £15,000 |
| Tyneside Cinema | Towards the development of the 2005 AV Festival. | 1 | £15,000 |
| VANE | Towards presenting a program of nine exhibitions in a dedicated gallery space in Newcastle. | 1 | £15,000 |
| Billingham International Folklore Festival Ltd | To provide core funding for the international festival held on Teesside. | 1 | £14,750 |
| Sunderland Museums and Winter Gardens | Towards an exhibition of plants to celebrate the 200th anniversary of the Royal Horticultural Society. | 1 | £14,500 |
| Tyne and Wear Heritage Open Days Steering Group (T&W HODs) | Towards marketing heritage open days in Tyne and Wear. | 3 | £13,500 |
| Carnegie Theatre and Arts Centre | Towards a visit by the 'Walk the Plank' theatre ship to Maryport, Cumbria. | 1 | £10,000 |
| Cloud Nine Theatre Productions | Towards visual arts, writing and drama workshops and the performance of a play in communities along Hadrian's Wall. | 1 | £10,000 |
| Gateshead Visible Ethnic Minority Support Group | Towards a concert in Newcastle to celebrate and profile artists from Asian and African-Caribbean backgrounds. | 1 | £8,000 |
| 4 Corners Music Network | Towards the 'Giant Maker' phase of the 4 Corners Carnival project across the North East. | 1 | £5,000 |
| Aspiration Total | 41 grants | | £2,657,827 |

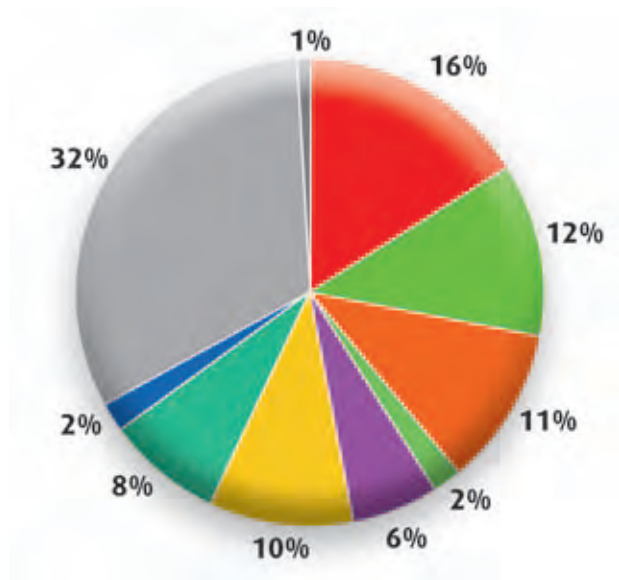
| ORGANISATION | DESCRIPTION | YEARS | GRANT |
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| Capital | | | |
| University of Durham | Towards major restoration of Durham Castle. | 1 | £450,000 |
| North East Theatre Trust Ltd | To extend and refurbish Live Theatre's premises in Newcastle. | 2 | £350,000 |
| North Sunderland and Seahouses Development Trust | Towards the design, construction and fitting-out of the Northumberland Coast Centre in Seahouses Harbour. | 1 | £350,000 |
| Darlington Borough Council | Towards refurbishing Darlington Arts Centre. | 1 | £250,000 |
| Gateshead Council | Towards new sports training and educational facilities at Gateshead Stadium. | 1 | £250,000 |
| Northern Print Studio | Towards the fit-out of Northern Print Studio's new premises in North Shields, Tyne and Wear. | 1 | £150,000 |
| The Percy Hedley Foundation | Towards a regional sports and fitness academy for disabled young people in North Tyneside. | 1 | £150,000 |
| Northern Stage | Towards the redevelopment of Newcastle Playhouse. | 1 | £100,000 |
| Rydal Hall Garden Restoration Committee | Towards restoring a historic garden and providing a visitor/community centre in Rydal, Cumbria. | 1 | £100,000 |
| Capital Total | 9 grants | | £2,150,000 |
| Exceptional | | | |
| University of Newcastle | Towards a new building to house a Magnetic Resonance Imaging Scanner. | 1 | £500,000 |
| Voluntary Organisations Network North East | Towards a campaign seeking solutions to the problems caused in the region by the ending of major funding schemes that have supported voluntary sector activity. | 1 | £20,000 |
| Exceptional Total | 2 grants | | £520,000 |
| Total Grants | 323 | | £17,304,465 |



| ORGANISATION | DESCRIPTION | YEARS | GRANT |
|--------------------------------------|---|-------|--------------------|
| Special Initiatives | | | |
| Aquila Housing Association | To establish a domestic abuse rapid response service for Gateshead. | 5 | £1,867,435 |
| The Depaul Trust | To provide resettlement support to offenders in the North East whilst in prisons, and leading up to and following their release. | 3 | £1,806,744 |
| Impact Housing Association | To fund a comprehensive intervention around domestic abuse in Eden and rural Carlisle. | 5 | £1,633,250 |
| NACRO Crime Reduction Charity | To support the resettlement of offenders in the North East whilst in prison and leading up to and following their release. | 3 | £1,325,931 |
| The No Way Trust North East | Towards activities in North East young offenders institutes designed to challenge offending behaviour. | 3 | £706,220 |
| University of Sunderland | To conduct a seven-year evaluation of the Foundation's domestic abuse intervention scheme. | 7 | £499,420 |
| Kings College London | Towards research into alternative models of funding and delivering services to offenders and ex-offenders within communities in the North East. | 3 | £311,500 |
| New College Durham | Towards researching education and employment opportunities for offenders and ex-offenders in the North East. | 1 | £22,500 |
| Special Initiatives Total | 8 | | £8,173,000 |
| Loans | | | |
| Weardale Railways Limited | To provide working capital to enable works to begin to reinstate the Wear Valley Railway in County Durham. | 5 | £418,000 |
| St Mary's Parish Centre Trust | Towards the costs of building a community centre in Ambleside, Cumbria. | 1 | £365,000 |
| Age Concern South Lakeland | Towards buying a freehold property in Kendal, Cumbria. | 5 | £175,000 |
| St Simon's Community Project | To assist the cashflow of this organisation in South Tyneside whilst waiting for European funding to be paid. | 1 | £10,000 |
| Loans Total | 4 loans | | £968,000 |
| Grand Total | 335 grants and loans | | £26,445,465 |

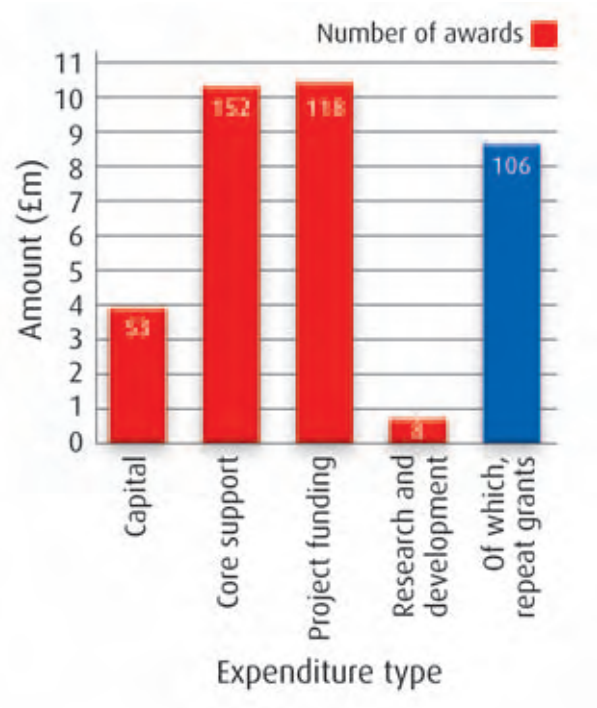
Grant analysis

2004 approved amounts by grant programme



| | Amount awarded (£'000) |
|--------------------------------|------------------------|
| Prevention | 4,014 |
| Regeneration | 3,084 |
| Basics | 2,960 |
| Exploration | 458 |
| Better Sector | 1,461 |
| Aspiration | 2,558 |
| Capital | 2,249 |
| Exceptional | 520 |
| Main Grant Giving Total | 17,304 |
| Special Initiatives | 8,173 |
| Other | 385 |
| GRAND TOTAL | 25,862 |

2004 type of support



2004 length of grants

| Years | Amount (£'000) | Number of awards |
|-------|----------------|------------------|
| 1 | 5,753 | 146 |
| 2 | 4,027 | 72 |
| 3 | 11,693 | 109 |
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| 5 | 3,501 | 2 |
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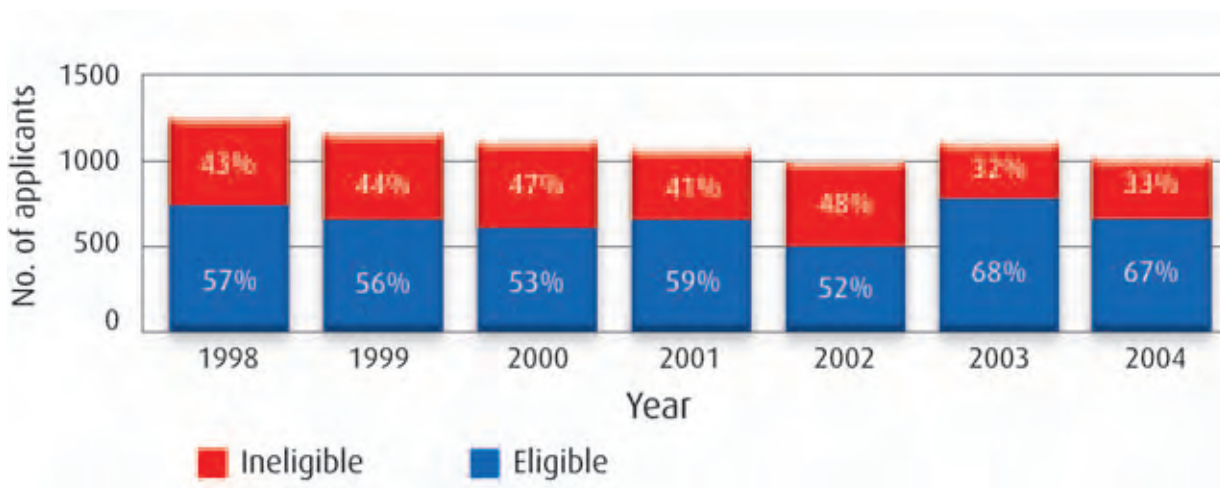


2004 grants approved by region and per capita

During 2004 £17.3 million was awarded under the Foundation's main grant programmes. ('North East and Cumbria' refers to grants which benefit more than one county in our area.)

| Geographical Area | Amount approved (£'000) | Number of grants | % of amount approved (%) | Population (from 2002 census) | Amount approved per capita |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------|------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Cumbria | 1,739 | 47 | 10 | 487,607 | 3.57 |
| Durham | 2,845 | 41 | 16 | 493,470 | 5.77 |
| <i>North East and Cumbria</i> | 1,662 | 28 | 10 | 3,003,049 | 0.55 |
| Northumberland | 2,432 | 44 | 14 | 307,190 | 7.92 |
| Tees Valley | 2,136 | 45 | 12 | 638,844 | 3.34 |
| Tyne and Wear | 6,490 | 118 | 38 | 1,075,938 | 6.03 |
| Grand Total | 17,304 | 323 | 100 | 3,003,049 | 5.76 |

Summary of the number of applications received



Summary financial statements

Statement of Financial Activities

(incorporating an Income and Expenditure Account) for the year ended 31 December 2004

| | Income Funds 2004 £'000 | Designated Funds 2004 £'000 | Total Funds 2004 £'000 | Total Funds 2003 £'000 |
|---|----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Incoming Resources | | | | |
| Covenant from Northern Rock plc | 21,559 | – | 21,559 | 19,340 |
| Investment Income | 1,070 | – | 1,070 | 747 |
| Other Income | 39 | – | 39 | 2,303 |
| Grant Received | – | – | – | 4 |
| Total Incoming Resources | 22,668 | – | 22,668 | 22,394 |
| Resources Expended | | | | |
| <i>Cost of generating funds:</i> | | | | |
| Investment management fees | 47 | – | 47 | 134 |
| <i>Charitable expenditure:</i> | | | | |
| Grants payable | 25,010 | 200 | 25,210 | 18,976 |
| Support costs | 507 | – | 507 | 291 |
| Management and administration | 552 | – | 552 | 730 |
| | 26,069 | 200 | 26,269 | 19,997 |
| Total Resources Expended | 26,116 | 200 | 26,316 | 20,031 |
| Net Incoming Resources | (3,448) | (200) | (3,648) | 2,363 |
| Other Recognised Gains and Losses | | | | |
| Realised gain on Investments | 97 | – | 97 | 312 |
| Unrealised gain/(loss) on Investments | 1,036 | – | 1,036 | 659 |
| | 1,133 | – | 1,133 | 971 |
| Net Movements in Funds | (2,315) | (200) | (2,515) | 3,234 |
| Balances brought forward 1 January | 27,436 | 100 | 27,536 | 24,302 |
| Transfer between Funds | (100) | 100 | – | – |
| Balances carried forward 31 December | 25,021 | – | 25,021 | 27,536 |

All of the above results are derived from continuing activities.

The Trustees consider that all of the Foundation's funds are unrestricted.



Balance Sheet

at 31 December 2004

| | 2004 £'000 | 2003 £'000 |
|--|---------------|---------------|
| Fixed Assets | | |
| Investment in Northern Rock plc | – | – |
| Tangible Fixed Assets | 1,066 | 1,055 |
| Investments under fund management | 15,758 | 13,884 |
| Other Investments | 2,824 | 2,030 |
| | 19,648 | 16,969 |
| Current Assets | | |
| Debtors | 11,697 | 10,178 |
| Short-term deposits | 20,399 | 18,148 |
| Investments | 4 | 4 |
| Cash at bank and in hand | 179 | 221 |
| | 32,279 | 28,551 |
| Creditors: amounts falling due within one year | (17,967) | (11,979) |
| Net Current Assets | 14,312 | 16,572 |
| Total Assets less Current Liabilities | 33,960 | 33,541 |
| Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year | | |
| Grants authorised and not yet paid | (8,939) | (6,005) |
| Net Assets | 25,021 | 27,536 |
| Unrestricted Funds | | |
| Income | 25,021 | 27,436 |
| Designated | – | 100 |
| | 25,021 | 27,536 |

The above information is a summary of the financial transactions of the Foundation for the year ended 31 December 2004 and does not purport to be full or audited accounts. Our auditors PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP have given an unqualified audit report to the accounts, which can be obtained from either Alison Graham at the Foundation or our website www.nr-foundation.org.uk

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 8 March 2005.

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From left: David Faulkner, Dorothy Russell, Charles Howick, Julie Shipley, Tony Henfrey, Leo Finn, Christopher Jobe. © Simon Veit-Wilson



*From left: Joan Woolley, Richard Walton, Sarah Gibson, Rob Williamson, Anne Burleigh (front), Lesley Parker, Susan Leonard, Fiona Ellis (front), Louise Telford, Carol Bell, Carole Rock, Steph Hutchinson, Sue Vaughan (front), Caroline Percy, Susan Young, Cullagh Warnock, Pauline Johnson (front), Lisa Coultas, Alison Graham.
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Grant programmes and other initiatives

Prevention

Preventing local and regional social decline – actions that stop social problems from developing or worsening – concentrating on crime, discrimination, teenage pregnancy, parenting, substance abuse, environmental decay, youth disaffection, poor community facilities and healthy living.

Money and Jobs

Helping disadvantaged people and communities to increase their assets, income and economic activity. Our interests include job creation, training for work, development trusts, debt and welfare advice and expansion of credit unions.

Basics

Basic day-to-day services over and above what statutory bodies offer. Our priorities are: mental health and learning disability; independent living and advocacy; carers; victims of domestic violence; money, debt and welfare advice; refugees and asylum seekers.

Exploration

Exploration and experiment – practical research, trying out, thinking, finding new ideas or ways to address disadvantage, with an emphasis on learning from what works and what does not.

Better Sector

A better, stronger voluntary sector – making the sector more capable of helping itself and others, articulating its needs and fighting its corner – through umbrella bodies, and by improving the quality of individual organisations' work.

Aspiration

Assistance to arts, environmental, heritage and sporting organisations seeking to provide enjoyable and stimulating activities of the highest quality that raise the profile of our area and make it a better place in which to live and enjoy life.

Culture capital scheme

Supporting significant, ambitious and high-quality proposals for new or refurbished buildings for arts, environmental, heritage or sporting organisations. We are interested in both the activities inside the building, and the quality of its design.

Loans

Loans can be for capital expenditure, bridging funds, working capital, the costs of developing new activities or to pay for regular commitments.

Training and capacity building

The Foundation runs courses in partnership with a number of training providers. We also offer a small capacity building scheme to help organisations grow and develop, and to help with costs of visiting similar organisations to learn from them.

More information about all the grant programmes and initiatives detailed above is available on our website – www.nr-foundation.org.uk or by contacting our office (details on page 3).

*Business Development Manager Peter Kay, and Centre Administrator Kirsten Luckins of the Ouseburn Trust – supported under Regeneration (page 12).
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