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Helping everyone
to feel part of the
Island community

Foreword

Island Roads is part of a wider network of companies within the world's leading construction and concession company – VINCI. VINCI established the first VINCI Foundation in May 2002 as part of its determination to form lasting partnerships with the local community and support those who live and work in areas where the company operates. To date there are ten VINCI trusts/foundations all over Europe which have collectively supported over 1,200 projects and helped make social cohesion a reality in its local communities.

In August 2014, the partners in Island Roads launched the Isle of Wight Foundation, a charitable trust, committed to supporting projects on the Island that tackle social exclusion, supporting people to play an active part in their local community and helping them access employment and housing.

The Foundation is jointly funded by partners Ringway Island Roads, Meridiam, Island Roads and VINCI Concessions. Meridiam is a leading global, long-term investor specialising in public infrastructure (transport and social infrastructure eg schools, public buildings, utility networks and services eg water and waste management). The company has a long track record in corporate social responsibility, sustainability and community involvement.

Whilst Island Roads' focus as a company will always be on the work we have been tasked with – improving the Island's roads - we recognise, through the work we do and the people we employ, that as an Island company we will be a prominent part of Island life for a 25-year period. As such, we want to be able to help the community in other ways, by enabling our staff to take time to volunteer and to fund projects that benefit the Island community.

We're delighted to bring you this, our annual report for 2016-17, which outlines the achievements of those projects during the third year of our Foundation. We're proud to have played a part in their success and to have made a difference to the community in which we live and work.

Philip Horton

Chairman
Isle of Wight Foundation Board



Island Games competitors



About the Isle of Wight Foundation

A massive investment in the Island's infrastructure

Island Roads is undertaking the biggest highway improvement programme ever seen on the Isle of Wight. In partnership with the Isle of Wight Council, as part of the Highways PFI, Island Roads is responsible for upgrading and maintaining the Isle of Wight's infrastructure, including some 804 kilometres of roads, 756 kilometres or footways (pavements), 12,000 streetlights and a wide range of other highway assets.

The majority of the upgrade is being completed over a seven-year period from 2013, but the company will then maintain the highway network at that standard for a further 18 years – meaning that it will be part of community life on the Island for 25 years in total. As such, Island Roads and the companies behind the partnership; VINCI Concessions, Meridiam Infrastructure and Ringway, are keen to play a wider role in supporting the community.

The formation of the Isle of Wight Foundation

In April 2014, the companies established the Isle of Wight Foundation – a charitable trust. Its aim – to help tackle social exclusion on the Isle of Wight through an annual grant giving programme.

The Isle of Wight is a beautiful place to live and work, but behind the vast expanses of stunning countryside and coastal scenery there are pockets of deprivation. Unemployment statistics are high, particularly amongst young people and the rural nature of the Island and difficulties with transportation

links leaves some communities and individuals isolated.

Having worked with community representatives and having reviewed local data, the partners formed the Isle of Wight Foundation to help address these issues through community funding. Specifically, the Foundation seeks to help build better communities that encourage social integration and create opportunities for people to access training and development to improve their life skills and opportunity for employment.

Providing opportunities through funding

Each year, the Isle of Wight Foundation launches a grant call, offering up to £80,000 of funding to local community projects that met its criteria for supporting projects that help tackle social exclusion, whether through access to training and qualifications or building stronger communities. The total sum is usually allocated in amounts of between £3,000-£16,000 to not-for-profit, community or charity organisations. So far, as we reach our third year of the IW Foundation, we have supported projects on the Island with just under a quarter of a million pounds worth of support.

In addition to the financial help on offer, Island Roads employees are also linked up to the selected projects to provide additional support and expertise as part of the company's volunteering scheme.

The opportunity to apply for funding is promoted widely in local media and through voluntary and community networks. A selection committee, formed at the outset, chooses the final projects to receive support following an initial review of applications and potential project visits carried out by the Isle of Wight Foundation support officer. The board then meets to finalise the approvals.

Funding is awarded for use within one year of the allocation to ensure a swift and marked measurable improvement in tackling social exclusion on the Isle of Wight. In its third year, the Isle of Wight Foundation supported nine projects, each of which are profiled in this report.



Our Six Key Areas of Support

The Isle of Wight Foundation was formed to help tackle social exclusion through access to employment and building better communities. Applications were sought from charity, not for profit and community interest organisations within six key areas of support:

Integration through work

Projects which support those currently excluded from the job market to adapt to the working world, while also receiving the training and support they need.

Training and qualification

Projects that offer basic training and guidance to enable individuals with no qualifications to enter the working world.

Social integration

Projects to support people who are excluded from society, to help them regain self-confidence, recover a decent standard of living, accomplish day-to-day activities and integrate with society.

Access to housing

Projects that facilitate access to housing for the most underprivileged individuals to provide them with more stability.

Road back to employment

Initiatives that help people to reduce the factors restricting their mobility and improve the mobility of people deprived of a means of transportation, thereby allowing them easier access to employment, health care and education.

Youth and citizenship

Initiatives aimed at promoting citizenship and responsibility among young people.



The Links Trust: Betty's Bus



Our Key Criteria For Funding

Projects applying for funding also have to meet key criteria in order to qualify for support. These are focused around the following principles:

Lasting commitment

The Isle of Wight Foundation supports projects which are sustainable and can provide permanent employment or activities that benefit the Island community.

Social innovation

It also supports projects or initiatives which seek innovative solutions to tackle social exclusion.

Impact

Projects and initiatives are sought that can make a measurable impact on the community within the specified 12-month period.

Employee engagement

The Isle of Wight Foundation also funds projects with which it can link support from its employees - whether providing advice, contacts, expertise, skills, training and practical, physical support and which can help develop those individuals involved.

Compliance

Any projects submitted are required to be compliant with relevant legislation and are able to evidence their constitution as charity, community or not-for-profit groups and their ability to manage any grant funding effectively. Certain funding criteria must also be met and restrictions apply.

Community Projects Supported

During 2016-17 the Isle of Wight Foundation awarded funding to nine community projects. You can read more about these projects in the case studies section at the end of this report.

The Links Trust: Betty's Bus

Awarded funding to provide a new wheelchair accessible minibus to enable the Links Trust to provide their services to those who are wheelchair reliant/wheelchair bound. The Links Trust help provide days out for those people aged 50+ years who do not have the physical ability to leave home without help, helping them to meet others and integrate with their local community. See page 24.



Storeroom2010

Awarded funding to further improve their training programme and introduce certified training in Horticulture to help increase the employability of unemployed younger people and those who are long-term unemployed. See page 26.



Hampshire and Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust: Woodland Apprentice Scheme

Awarded funding to help support the recruitment of three apprentices over a four-year period, aged between 18-24 years, to learn new skills and gain experience in environmental conservation to prepare them for future employment in this sector. See page 28.



**Hampshire &
Isle of Wight**

Break the Cycle: Mind the Gap

Awarded funding to assist all survivors of homelessness and those that are currently homeless, to ensure that they get the help and support they need to build confidence and self-esteem to enable them to move forward with their lives. See page 30.



Ability Dogs for Young People

Awarded funding to help transform their training centre into an environment that is fully accessible for the disabled young people coming to classes, as they prepare to work with their new ability dogs. See page 32.



Shanklin Football Club

Awarded funding to train volunteers to extend the club's first aid provision and equip volunteers with FA Level 1 qualifications.



YMCA Young Carers: Me Time Project

Awarded funding to support young carers under the age of 18 with personal grants to support their individual educational, social and wellbeing needs. See page 36.



IOW Island Games

Awarded funding to provide match funded grants to talented young sports people living in poor and/or deprived social situations to enable them to take part in the Gotland 2017 NatWest Island Games. See page 38.







Building Better Communities

The Island community has a population of just under 140,000, living across an area of 146.8 square miles with just over a half living in the seven major towns across the Island. A quarter of all residents (26.1%) are aged 65 and over and this proportion is increasing. Just under 15% are aged 0-14 years old.

For young and old alike, there are challenges as well as benefits to living on the Isle of Wight. The Island has several areas that are classed among the 20% most deprived areas in England, transportation is limited and a challenge particularly for those living in the rural areas of the Island. Social exclusion is a very real issue for people of all ages living on the Island and this in turn can be detrimental to physical and mental health, day-to-day living and economic wellbeing.

We hope to help minimise social exclusion for the Island community by funding projects that can help build stronger communities, with more active citizens working together and supporting those who are most vulnerable.



Access to Employment

Unemployment can affect so much of people's lives and wellbeing. From the obvious economic wellbeing; financial stability, access to housing, to the less obvious physical and mental wellbeing, the stigma and exclusion from society.

Through the work of the Isle of Wight Foundation we hope to improve social integration by funding projects that help support people to get into employment.

We help to fund projects that work with people who, for a variety of reasons, may have found themselves excluded from the world of work, whether they are long-term unemployed, on minimum social benefits, have physical or mental health issues, or are young people without any work experience, skills or qualifications.

Through these projects we can help provide access to develop new skills, training and qualifications as well as developing confidence, self-esteem and life skills, helping people to rebuild their personal and professional lives.

Sponsorship: Involving Our Employees

The Isle of Wight Foundation offers Island Roads employees the opportunity to make a personal commitment by sponsoring tangible, and often very innovative projects, which benefit the local community.

These sponsors form a crucial element in the work of the Isle of Wight Foundation. They supplement the financial support provided by contributing their skills to the non-profit organisations supported.

Sponsors are carefully selected to marry their specific skills with those that will benefit the

project and organisation involved as well as providing the employee with an opportunity for their own personal development.

Their role can include general assistance and advice or more specialist support (eg management, communication, IT, accounting, commercial strategy, administration) or on technical aspects (eg safety, legal considerations, works, etc.) as well as getting involved directly in aspects of the projects where appropriate.



Being a project sponsor

Mark Elliott *Senior Quantity Surveyor (Isle of Wight Games)*

"It was great to be part of supporting Island sports people to be the best that they can be by providing help with costs to enable the most talented to represent the Island on the International Stage.

The participants were so enthusiastic and dedicated, to see them all proud and geared up to go, watching their progress online and meeting the medal winners on their return knowing we had helped to give them their chance of a lifetime."



Madeline Clewett *Geotechnical Engineer (Woodland Apprenticeship Scheme)*

"The Woodland Apprentice Scheme was a great way to indulge my own interests whilst completing the task of project sponsor for the Isle of Wight Foundation.

I very much enjoyed volunteering on the annual goat herding day through the Island Roads Corporate Social Responsibility scheme.

It was gratifying to see each apprentice progress well through their course and on to worthwhile employment armed with the skills gained during their apprenticeship."



Tracy Gordon *Contact Centre Advisor (Betty's Bus)*

"The new bus has given people over the age of 50 with mobility issues a lifeline into the community, allowing them to leave their homes to visit the shops or take part in activities organised by The Links Trust.

I was really proud to be a part of this project, seeing first-hand the difference it made to people's lives."

Ben Meakin *Lead Operative (Shanklin FC)*

"I used to play at Shanklin and saw first-hand what a community minded club it was both on and off the field.

I really wanted to help give something back to the club and help them continue the fantastic work they do."

Ian Saunders
Island Roads
Project Manager
(Storeroom2010)

"Being involved in Storeroom2010's latest project which involved developing a horticultural training course was very rewarding.

The foundation's support enabled them to purchase learning materials as well as two large poly tunnels - which doubled up as a dry space for trade training (such a brick laying and plastering).

Through my project sponsor role, I was able to arrange additional support for poly tunnel construction aspect of the project with AutoCAD design services, a mini-digger and the provision of safety barriers through a separate Island Roads CSR event."

Denise Scott
Construction – CIP
Programmer (Young Carers, Me Time)

"It has been a pleasure seeing how much the young carers have benefitted from the IW Foundation money and how it really has made a difference to their lives.

These young people have to deal with issues on a day to day basis, that most of us will never experience. They are amazing, selfless young people who have deserved all of the pleasures this project has given to them."

Iain Thornton
Streetworks
Manager (Break the Cycle: Mind the Gap)

"It was very rewarding to see people start to turn their lives around thanks to The Break the Cycle: Mind the Gap project, which was specifically aimed at supporting those who had found themselves homeless.

The project helping them to come to terms with the difficulties they had experienced, and look forward to a life



off the streets with better accommodation and the chance of attaining work.

The Community Interest Company does an incredible job supporting vulnerable people within our community and it was great to work with them on this project."



Our Foundation Structure

The Isle of Wight Foundation is supported by a Board of directors and a selection committee representing all of the partner organisations. It is also supported by the crucial role of the Isle of Wight Foundation coordinator who oversees the day-to-day implementation of the charitable trust's activities on the Island.

Board of Trustees

The Board of Trustees is responsible for the general administration of the Foundation, including the approval of its annual budget and decisions on the use of funding.

The Board comprises the following members:

Philip Horton

Chairman Isle of Wight Foundation Board

Rob Gillespie

Regional Director, Ringway Infrastructure Services

Clive Pitt

CEO Fulcrum Group

Herve le Caignec

Managing Director UK, Vinci Concessions

Selection Committee

The Selection Committee is responsible for reviewing the applications for funding and making recommendations to the board for future funding requests.

Paul Herbert

Chairman (Island Roads)

Michael Bulpitt

External Expert (Community Action Isle of Wight)

Roger Kimpton

(Island Roads Services)

Alan White

(Island Roads)

Alan Ransom

(Island Roads)

Nicola Vaughan

Isle of Wight Foundation Coordinator

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The Isle of Wight Foundation Coordinator is responsible for promoting the grant funding available from the Foundation and for encouraging applications each year from community, charity and not-for-profit groups across the Island.

Nicola's role is also to oversee the initial short listing and presentation of applications to the selection committee. The coordinator is also responsible for facilitating the development of partnership projects in conjunction with their individual sponsors.

Right: Philip Horton, Nicola Vaughan, Paul Herbert



Island Roads

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The Isle of Wight Foundation

Bringing
communities
together
and
people at
employment

Looking Ahead to 2017-18

We have already allocated funding to these five community projects on the Isle of Wight for our 2017-18 grant year. More information on the projects and their achievements will be available in our next annual report. For up to date information visit www.islandroads.com/137-iw-foundation.html

Age UK, Isle of Wight

Awarded funding for its 'Rally Round' project to help tackle exclusion by giving computer access and training to the over 50s.



The Wave Project

An award-winning charity provided with funding for much needed equipment to help vulnerable children and young people experience a better life through surfing at Compton.



IW Beach Soccer Association

Awarded funding to encourage participation in a sport that also encourages healthy, active and responsible living.



Porchfield and Newtown Village Hall

Awarded funding to improve infrastructure that will make the facility more accessible to a range of groups creating a community hub to help tackle social exclusion.



Wight Horse Equine Assisted Learning

Awarded funding to support a new independent riding school providing riding tuition, stable management, horse-care, training and equine-assisted learning for children and adults with physical and learning difficulties.



Case studies

The Links Trust: Betty's Bus

Status: Charity

Area: Islandwide

The Links Trust works with isolated people aged 50+ who have been identified as needing support by Isle of Wight primary care partners. They use a minibus to collect people from their homes and take them to activities and events across the Island to reduce social isolation and help them integrate within their local community.

The project supports people who don't have the physical ability to leave their home without help, so the door-to-door service Betty's Bus provides offers a real lifeline to people across the Isle of Wight.

The service is extremely popular, however the Links Trust identified that they were unable to support a number of disabled people due to their minibus not having wheelchair access. They applied to the foundation for funding to enable them to purchase a new minibus with wheelchair access lift, space to store equipment and also accommodate passengers.

The new, fully accessible minibus has enabled the Links Trust to expand their support on the Island to include wheelchair users and those with mobility issues. Since the new minibus has been in operation, wheelchair users now regularly use the service – giving them access to social activities, enabling them to meet new people and visit new places.

ISLE OF WIGHT FOUNDATION SUPPORT

Grant

£14,475 to help fund a new wheelchair accessible minibus.

Project lead

Netty Parsons

Co-founder

The Links Trust

"The grant we received had a huge impact on the range of services we could offer to the over 50's living in the Island's Bay area. By purchasing a fully accessible minibus, it meant we could include older people with mobility problems as well as those dependent on a wheelchair, enabling people to retain their independence."





Building Better Communities

Social
Integration

Storeroom2010: Skill Gap Training

Status: Community Interest Company

Area: Islandwide

Storeroom2010 is a furniture re-use charity where items are donated by the general public and local businesses, then supplied at affordable prices to people in need; with the aim of alleviating poverty for those who simply can't afford full priced items of furniture. There is also a referral service for agencies to bring disadvantaged people to Storeroom's attention and offer them an additional discount.

In 2013 Storeroom2010 identified skills gaps on the Island that could make a difference to employability, so in the following years with the help of the Isle of Wight Foundation, Storeroom Education ran accredited courses in NOCN Level 1 Carpentry and Joinery in Construction, Level 1 NOCN Health and Safety in Construction, plus various 'taster days' in tiling and plumbing.

The charity later identified a further skills gap in the area of horticulture and secured further funding from the Foundation to run a NOCN Level 1 in Horticulture and purchased the equipment required to deliver the course. The funding also enabled Storeroom2010 to prepare a concrete base needed for the installation of two polytunnels – providing an area available for training in wet trades during winter months.

Thanks to the support from the Foundation and other funders both on and off the Isle of Wight, over a period of four years (Storeroom Education's Skills Gap Training project ran from January 2014 until April 2018) they provided free or low-cost training for specific employment openings for 678 learners. In addition to being a registered NOCN college, Storeroom Education also ran activities such as metal creations, mood boards, stencil arts, plumbing and tiling tasters and employability.

During the life of the education project, 152 people attended an activity, whilst 526 learners took an accredited course and gained a certificate. Around 20% of the learners went into employment, self-employment or further education after attending.

ISLE OF WIGHT FOUNDATION SUPPORT

Grant

£10,000 to fund Level 1 Certificates in Horticulture to approximately 50 unemployed people aged 18 and over.

Project lead

Nick Miller

Manager/CEO of Storeroom2010

"Thanks to the Isle of Wight Foundation, Storeroom Education were able to plan a totally new course, which greatly benefited local people and enabled them to add a skill and a qualification to their CVs, assisting them in their future search for employment."





Access to Employment

Training and Qualifications

Hampshire and Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust: Woodland Apprentice Scheme

Status: Charity

Area: Islandwide

Hampshire and the Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust is the leading conservation charity in the two counties. For more than 50 years, the Trust has worked to protect wildlife and inspire people to love nature. With 28,000 members and over 900 volunteers they believe that nature is important and that we can all do something to help protect wildlife on our doorstep.

The charity recognises that youth unemployment on the Isle of Wight is an issue and from experience knows that it can be difficult to find staff or contractors on the Island that are experienced in woodland management work.

In response the charity created a Woodland Apprenticeship Scheme designed to provide young people with practical experience and training while gaining a Level 2 Diploma in Environmental Conservation as well as certification in tractor driving, chainsaw and brush cutter use and first aid training.

The charity took on four apprentices in the first of the four-year project, funded in the main by the Heritage Lottery Fund. The support from the Foundation enabled the charity to purchase safety equipment for the apprentices and also paid for chainsaw and tractor driving certification.

During the apprenticeship, students worked on neglected and unmanaged areas of woodland on the Isle of Wight to help provide a network of important habitats for a range of species, such as dormouse, Bechstein's bat, red squirrel and the pearl bordered fritillary butterfly.

All four apprentices completed the course and gained their Level 2 Diplomas in Environmental Conservation. All four have gone on to secure employment, with two working as grounds maintenance contractors on the Island, and the others working as assistant rangers in Hampshire.

ISLE OF WIGHT FOUNDATION SUPPORT

Grant

£5,916 to help the charity purchase safety equipment for apprentices and pay for certification.

Project lead

Jamie Marsh

*Project Lead, Woodland
Apprentice Scheme*

"Funding from the Isle of Wight Foundation allowed us to purchase equipment and deliver key training as part of the wider apprentice project. Through this the apprentices gained vital skills and experience which has led to them all successfully passing their apprenticeships and gaining employment. A fantastic achievement all round."



**Hampshire &
Isle of Wight**



**Access to
Employment**

**Training and
Qualifications**

Break the Cycle: Mind The Gap

Status: Community Interest Company

Area: Islandwide

Break the Cycle is a Community Interest Company based on the Isle of Wight which delivers a range of courses to people who have been affected by issues such as domestic abuse, homelessness, workplace bullying and anxiety. The courses aim to build people's confidence and self-esteem to help them positively move forwards with their lives.

The Mind the Gap course is specifically designed to rebuild feelings of self-worth and confidence so people can begin to believe in themselves and how much they can achieve.

Break the Cycle delivered the course to a group of homeless people thanks to funding from the Isle of Wight Foundation. Each was supported to create a future vision for themselves using a vision board, setting out how they saw themselves a little further along in their lives. The course received good feedback from participants, with comments including 'I have realised that I am stronger than I thought' and 'it has helped me to see the person I really am and not the person I thought I was'.

This project was designed to fill the gap between agency provision and social care. While external agencies support people to build external aspects of their recovery, 'Mind the Gap' works with internal aspects of recovery, supporting participants to not only come to terms with their experience but live a fulfilled life past the experience too.

ISLE OF WIGHT FOUNDATION SUPPORT

Grant

£5,000 to deliver the Mind the Gap course to 20-30 homeless people on the Isle of Wight.

Project lead

Maggie Currie

Founder of Break the Cycle

"The people who attended are all homeless and had very little feeling of self-worth. The course helped them to realise they are human beings who deserve more and encouraged them to seek employment with their heads held high. The changes in them over the weeks of the course were visible and it is so rewarding to see the progress they have made."



Access to Employment

Training and Qualifications



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Contact

Ability Dogs for Young People: Training Centre Accessibility Improvements

Status: Charity

Area: Islandwide

Ability Dogs 4 Young People is a unique Isle of Wight charity training assistance dogs (Ability Dogs) to help young people and children with physical or mental disabilities (or both) including cerebral palsy, autism and epilepsy. It provides dedicated support to cover the broad-ranging needs of the Island's 700+ disabled children and young people, aged up to 26 years old.

The charity works to provide the young people and children with dedicated highly trained Ability Dogs which live with them permanently. Each dog is specifically trained over a period of two years to meet the particular needs of the individual young person or child, to enhance their independence and increase their wellbeing.

The charity has a training centre, an old aircraft hangar, which they use for training the puppies and the disabled young people and their families, prior to, during and after the placement of their Ability Dog. The centre had all the space needed for growth, but there was a lot of work required to bring it up to scratch and make it useable, particularly for the volunteers and the disabled young people and children who visit the centre.

The project funded by the Isle of Wight Foundation helped transform the training centre into a fully accessible premises including a fully wheelchair accessible toilet and a kitchenette and to also provide an area to wash the dogs and their equipment making it safe and useable for the volunteers and visitors using the centre.

ISLE OF WIGHT FOUNDATION SUPPORT

Grant

£16,000 to help transform the Training Centre into fully accessible premises for disabled children and young people.

Project lead

Carol Court

Founder and CEO

Ability Dogs 4 Young People

"The grant from the Isle of Wight Foundation enabled all of this vital work to take place. We are now able to offer our volunteers and disabled recipients clean and useable facilities, such as accessible WC and kitchen with hot and cold running water. The whole area has been transformed and has become a welcoming space for all of our visitors."





**Building Better
Communities**

Social
Integration

Shanklin Football Club: Qualifications and training

Status: Charity

Area: South East Wight/Islandwide

Shanklin Football Club has been at the heart of the community since its inception in 1988.

The club is used by 150 players spread across the youth, women's and men's teams, with approximately 20 coaches and managers throughout the club's structure. It is also supported by more than 40 regular volunteers.

The Foundation's support has enabled ten volunteers to gain FA Level 1 qualifications and a further ten achieved a First Aid for Sport qualification. The training has helped the club to be more accessible all year round, enable it to hold more tournaments and training sessions and increase youth development and coaching opportunities.

ISLE OF WIGHT FOUNDATION SUPPORT

Grant

£1,500 for FA Level 1 qualifications for ten people and First Aid for Sport training for ten people.

Project lead

Richard Priest
Club Chairman

"The Isle of Wight Foundation does so much for grassroots on the Island, and the difference they have made to Shanklin FC can be seen on match days at the County Grounds, as well as the increasing numbers of those taking part."

**SHANKLIN
FOOTBALL CLUB**

Access to Employment

Training and Qualifications



YMCA Young Carers: Me Time

Status: Community Interest Group

Area: Islandwide

There are 341 registered young carers on Isle of Wight and estimates from the Children's Society indicate there are more than 400. Young carers are young people on the island aged 5-18 who provide significant care for a family member, usually a parent, who is ill, disabled, has poor mental health, or an alcohol/drug misuse problem. Often these challenges come in combination and it has a considerable impact on their lives and their ability to take part in 'normal' activities for people of their age. Young carers have less opportunities to socialise, travel, experience new things or learn new skills. This ultimately impacts on their mental and physical well-being.

YMCA Young Carers is a service which provides one-one support for the most vulnerable young carers, working with external agencies and the child's school to help reduce the negative impact of caring. The service also raises funds via donations for respite activities and trips for groups of young carers and their families.

The 'Me Time' Project was funded to give our young carers the chance to make a positive improvement to their lives. It was agreed that each young carer could apply for up to a maximum of £80 each to support them with the objective of increasing self-esteem, low confidence and reducing social isolation. Grants could be used for a wide range of activities whether learning a new skill, joining a club or supporting other positive experiences and were overseen by a funding panel. Around 53 young carers were supported with glowing testimonials from those who had been able to take part in funded activities or to learn new skills.

ISLE OF WIGHT FOUNDATION SUPPORT

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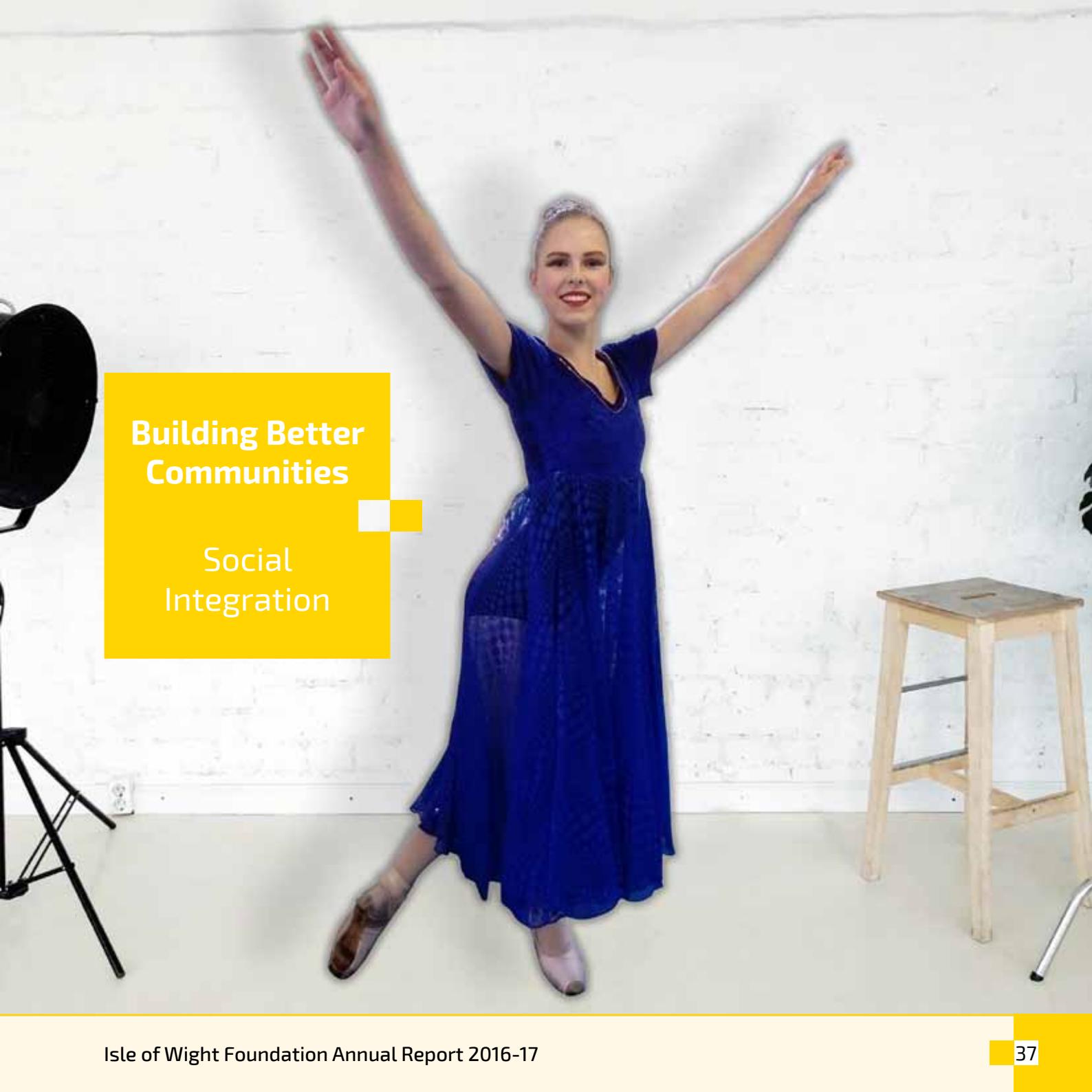
£6,000 to help fund individual grants for up to 351 registered young carers on the Isle of Wight.

Project lead

Trudie Augustus-Harris
Administrator
YMCA Young Carers

"The 'Me Time' project benefitted the Young Carers in a diverse amount of positive ways. It was great to be able to give them the opportunity to do something just for themselves ranging from learning a new instrument to being able to buy equipment for a new hobby that they'd always had a passion for. It really has made a positive difference to their lives. Thank you Isle of Wight Foundation!"



A photograph of a young woman in a blue velvet dress and a silver headband, dancing in a studio. She has her arms raised and is smiling. In the background, there's a white brick wall, a wooden stool, and a black tripod stand. A yellow graphic overlay on the left side contains text.

Building Better Communities

Social
Integration

IOW Island Games Association: Gotland 2017

Status: Charity

Area: Islandwide

The Isle of Wight Island Games Association aims and objectives are to foster and encourage friendship through sporting activities between Island communities and to provide opportunities for sportsmen and sportswomen of the Isle of Wight to participate in International sport.

The NatWest International Island Games takes place every two years on small islands around the UK, Europe and the Atlantic. The games in Gotland, Sweden in June 2017 were the only multi-sport international event at which the Isle of Wight participated in its own right. About 180 sportspeople aged from 13-70, from all over the Island took part in 14 different sports at the games. Each individual taking part had to fund their own participation with costs of around £1,000 each. A total of around 3,000 competitors from 24 Islands took part in the games.

With the Isle of Wight Foundation funding, match funded grants were provided to 33 talented young sports people who would have otherwise been unable to attend the games. The funding also provided community support to young people living in poor and/or deprived social situations by providing them with opportunities to develop themselves as part of a team.

ISLE OF WIGHT FOUNDATION SUPPORT

Grant

£10,000 to help match fund individual grants for young people to take part in the games who might otherwise have been unable to take part.

Project lead

Martin Goodall

Chair of the Isle of Wight Island Games Association

"The funding supported 33 young competitors to attend the Natwest International Island Games. This gave them a huge opportunity to experience international sporting competition and has inspired them to continue upwards in their sporting ambitions. The foundation's support ensured that everyone had an equal chance to represent their Island."





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