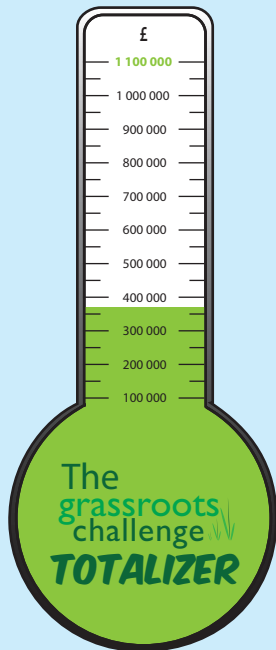


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Thank you to everyone who supported the Volunteer of the Year event which raised £4,500.

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BISHOP HONOURS VOLUNTEERS WITH AWARDS

Volunteers from across Devon were honoured by the Rt Revd Michael Langrish, Bishop of Exeter when he presented our recent Volunteer of the Year Awards 2009.

Over 170 guests gathered at the Bishop's Palace gardens to celebrate the achievements of volunteers from the county and to find out more about how the Foundation supports them and their groups.

The evening was hosted by BBC Radio Devon's David Fitzgerald and the award ceremony included DVDs of the winners in action, made by the Twofour Group.

The winning volunteers were: Jan Halifax who runs the All Stars Theatre Group for adults with learning disabilities in Plymouth; Jose Shepherd who, as part of the Exeter Nightstop, project provides



"It is humbling and inspiring to see how much these volunteers give back to their local communities – they are ordinary people doing extraordinary things to make Devon a better place for everyone."

Rt Revd Michael Langrish

overnight accommodation in her own home for homeless young people; Carrie Lacey Donahue who won the Young Volunteer of the Year award and Pat and John Kinsman who help to run a lunch club for isolated elderly people.

Marlene Schuster, Rose Abbot and Brian Sauwerbutts were also recognised for their work helping

refugees, older people and mentoring young people.

All the volunteers who received awards work with groups supported with grants from the Foundation.

To see a DVD of the winning volunteers visit www.devoncf.com or email info@devoncf.com to receive a copy in the post.

Western Morning News 150TH ANNIVERSARY FUND

The Western Morning News has teamed up with the Foundation to set up its own 150th Anniversary Grassroots Challenge Fund.

The WMN Fund will support groups helping elderly people in need as part of the paper's 'Think Local' campaign. There will be a series of community fundraising challenges beginning this month and throughout 2010.



Editor, Alan Qualtrough

All funds raised by the Western Morning News will be matched £1 for £1 by the Grassroots Challenge.

Editor, Alan Qualtrough comments, "**The Western Morning News has a long tradition of championing our communities and helping those who cannot help themselves. Backing the Foundation and the Grassroots Challenge seemed the obvious way to make a lasting difference to local people.**"

For more information visit www.wmnthinklocal.co.uk

CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

It is with great pleasure that I introduce this newsletter as the new Chairman of Devon Community Foundation. I also take this opportunity to welcome our new Chief Executive, Martha Wilkinson.



As a former Chief Executive of a not-for-profit regeneration project in East London and with a background in strategic development for private, public and charitable sector organisations, Martha brings with her a wealth of experience.

With Martha's help, we'll be building on the great start already made to the Grassroots Challenge and aiming to secure the full £1 million extra available from the government for Devon's local communities by raising the matching £1 million.

Martha's professionalism and talents will help to consolidate the Foundation as a truly expert organisation in the field of local philanthropy and strategic grant-making. Our ultimate goal is to improve the lives of local people and create better, more inclusive communities for everyone.



Our recent Awards ceremony made me realise just how important our grants are to local groups and the impact they have on helping local people.

I'd like to thank the Foundation team and everyone who has supported our Grassroots Challenge to date - you have already helped us to secure an extra £363,000.

With Christmas soon upon us, I hope you will remember the Grassroots Challenge in your festive fundraising and help charity to begin at home in Devon.

Thank you
Mike Bull
Chairman
Devon Community Foundation

TORBAY TARGETS CREDIT CRUNCH

Local charities, community and voluntary groups on the frontline in helping families and individuals in Torbay to cope with the credit crunch have received £165,905 from the Government's Real Help for Communities; Targeted Support Fund.

The Foundation worked in partnership with Torbay Voluntary Service to make grants to seven groups helping people through the recession.

The groups will provide services like debt advice, counselling, training and skills development courses. The STEPS group received a grant



Members of STEPS learn how to adapt toys for children with disabilities.

to provide work and training for adults with learning difficulties and mental health problems. These adults find it particularly hard to find work in a recession.

COMIC RELIEF SIGNS UP

For the third time, Comic Relief has called on the local expertise of the Foundation to help target its funds to local projects.

Two grants have already been awarded. £9,631 went to Magic Carpet in Exeter, a dance movement project for people with learning disabilities and

£6,000 to the Voluntary Support Scheme in Mid Devon, which will use physical activities to help people gain in confidence and self-esteem.

The Foundation will also manage a £74,000 Comic Relief grant making programme over the next two years.



NEW FACES

John Sunderland, Trustee

Former Chief Executive of North Devon District Council, John is also a Chartered Public Finance accountant. Originally from Nottinghamshire, John has lived in Devon for the last 22 years.



"I'm particularly looking forward to helping people in North Devon through our Grassroots Challenge."

Nigel Arnold, Trustee.

Nigel is from a long standing Devon farming family and now lives in East Devon. As the former acting Chief Constable of Devon & Cornwall Constabulary, a former trustee of Connexions Devon & Cornwall and governor of Blundells school, he has extensive experience in the voluntary, public and private sector.



"Devon is close to my heart and there are many issues which affect local people. Working with the Foundation will help to make a difference."

Visit our Making a Difference section at www.devoncf.com to see a full list of People and Projects we have supported to date.

COACHING CUTS CRIME - Plymouth



Anti-social behaviour has been cut by 50% after a Grassroots grant of £1,056 helped to set up a new football coaching group for youngsters in Plymouth.

Coaches from Plymouth Argyle FC now run youth football sessions every Tuesday at Freedom Fields Park, which attract up to 40-50 young people.

- **Plymouth: 49 grants**
- **Value: £144,980**

Tracey Baring, Local Police Community Support Officer, says: **“Anti-social behaviour in the area has reduced by 50% compared to the same three month period last year. It really is the most successful youth project we have run in the area.”**

Terry Leech of the Onward Community Group comments, **“Without the grant, the scheme wouldn’t have started”**

GRASSROOTS AROUND DEVON

Special Needs Playscheme

Children with special needs in Crediton will now be able to go on outings as part of their holiday playschemes, thanks to a grant of £5,000.

Mid Devon

Grants: 20 • Value: £35,720

Community Choir Gets Boost

Teignmouth Community Choir has received a grant of £840 to give people free ‘taster’ sessions.

Teignbridge

Grants: 30 • Value: £54,100

Kingsbridge Gateway Club

People with learning disabilities and their carers can now get out and about, thanks to a grant of £1,600 towards transports costs.

South Hams

Grants: 23 • Value: £46,195

On Your Bike!

Young People from the Forches Estate in Barnstaple are learning how to repair, rebuild and ride bikes, thanks to a grant of £4,575 to Cycle Coaching South West.

North Devon

Grants: 32 • Value: £79,286

Tavistock Carers Support

A grant of £1,600 will help to provide respite, help and support for carers in West Devon, including transport to regular meetings.

West Devon

Grants: 26 • Value: £49,965

Drama on the Move

Appledore Maritime Players can now take their plays out into the community, thanks to a grant of £1,000 to fund a mobile curtain and stage.

Torridge

Grants: 20 • Value: £48,132

Sidmouth Stroke Club

Having a stroke can leave you vulnerable and isolated. A grant of £400 will help this group to meet on a regular basis.

East Devon

Grants: 43 • Value: £92,642

ST DAVIDS DIG IT! - Exeter

St David’s Neighbourhood Partnership in Exeter joined forces with the St Thomas Allotment Association recently to put on a ‘Grow Your Own’ family day.

The 200 plot holders opened up the allotments to the public for the first time in 50 years, giving local children and families a chance to learn new gardening skills.

Activities included planting beans, harvesting potatoes, milling flour and cooking pizzas in an outdoor

- **Exeter: 25 grants**
- **Value: £54,963**



oven, as well as learning about composting and saving water.

Christine Fraser, who was the driving force behind the day comments, **“It was fantastic to bring all ages together to enjoy the simple pleasure of growing your own food!”**

A Grassroots Grant of £900 helped to support the day.

FIGHTING FIT - Torbay

The Fighting Fit club in Brixham can now offer local people with physical disabilities a whole range of sporting activities, thanks to a Grassroots Grant of £2,330.

The club provides a unique way for those with disabilities to stay fit.

Norman Marler, a Fitness instructor who runs the Club comments,

- **Torbay Grants: 32**
- **Value: £80,314**



Claire James on target at Paignton Archery Club

“Limited mobility can lead to all sorts of other complications, so it’s important to keep active. The grant means we can now afford the equipment our members need to keep fighting fit!”

TWOFOUR GROUP SIGN UP

Plymouth based production and media company, the Twofour Group has set up its own Grassroots fund to support sports projects and young people with disabilities.

All funds raised by the 200 strong workforce will be matched by Twofour and then again by the Grassroots Challenge, helping to create a Named Fund by March 2011.



Twofour has already organised a BarBQ and boat trip and staff have also signed up for payroll giving.

HR officer, Vicky Lea explains, **"We wanted to find a way to bring the staff together and give them a common goal. Raising money for our own Grassroots Fund for local people in need was the ideal solution."**

GROWING YOUR GIVING



MARATHON MAN

Novice marathon runner, Inspector Adrian Leisk raised £250 on behalf of the Torbay Grassroots Challenge by completing the Torbay Half Marathon. He said, **"It's great how the Challenge is helping local volunteers tackle problems and build community spirits in the bay, I was determined to set myself my own challenge to run the race."**



DINE & DONATE

Twenty restaurants across Plymouth (including the Tanner brothers above) have signed up to take part in a Dine and Donate scheme, devised by local charity, the Drake Foundation.

LAW SOCIETY CHOOSE FOUNDATION

James Cross, President of Devon and Somerset Law Society (DASLS) has chosen Devon Community Foundation and Somerset Community Foundation as his charities of the year.

DASLS will help to raise the profile of Community Foundations as a cost-effective and personal way for individuals and organisations to invest in local community projects and make more of local giving.



The society's 1,080 members will also help to fundraise on behalf of the Grassroots Challenge, beginning with their 'Solicitors Make a Difference Walk' which takes place on 24th - 25th October.

The DASLS team will be joined by members of the Foundation on their gruelling, two day, 50 mile walk across Exmoor and Dartmoor. PLEASE SUPPORT US by sponsoring them on-line at www.thebiggive.org.uk/dasls

COUNTESS OF ARRAN BACKS CHALLENGE

The Countess of Arran joined with the Lord Lieutenant of Devon, Eric Dancer and 50 guests at Castle Hill earlier this summer to officially launch the North Devon Grassroots Challenge.

Guests took part in the North Devon Taste Challenge sampling local food and wine and got a chance to hear from some of the 250 groups already helped by the Foundation in North Devon. Prizes were supplied



by Northcote Manor, The Big Sheep, Milky Way and Delta Force.

The event raised £3,200, which was then doubled by the Challenge.

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Call Heidi on 01884 235887 email heidi@devoncf.com or apply on-line at www.devoncf.com

GET INVOLVED

Join in one of our fundraising events or hold your own. Fundraising packs and Ideas are now available to download at www.devoncf.com

Dart Vale 10K Run

Date: 18th October
Download a sponsor form from our website and run on our behalf. Visit www.dmvmarathon.org.uk for race details

Grandparents Weekend.

Drawing Competition,

Crealy Park, Nr Exeter
Date: 19/20th September
Take the grandchildren to Crealy Park, enter the drawing competition for £1 and enjoy a free cup of tea and cake. All competition fees to WMN 150th Anniversary Grassroots Fund. Visit www.crealy.co.uk



South Devon Walking Festival

Sharkham Point to Man Sands
Date: 2nd October
Place: Meet Sharkham Point Car Park. Time.10 am – 1 pm
Cost: £4 adults, £2 children.
Booking essential.
Join Martin Hesp from the Western Morning News on this 4 mile walk. 50% walk cost to WMN 150th Anniversary Grassroots Fund. Visit www.southdevonwalkingfestival.co.uk for more details.

