



Press Release

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Police Team Up with Community Foundations to Help Local Communities

Devon & Cornwall Police Authority has teamed up with charities Devon Community Foundation and Cornwall Community Foundation to help it work even more closely with local communities.

The Foundations have been chosen to manage the Police Property Fund, which has been set up with money raised from selling goods recovered by the Police which can't be returned to their owners.

Money from the Fund will be used by the Foundations to make small grants to local community groups helping the Police to tackle local community issues like making local areas safer and reducing anti-social behaviour and the fear of crime.

Chief Superintendent Steve Swani of Devon & Cornwall Police said " As part of our Community policing policy and our PACT initiative (Partners and Communities Together) we aim to work with people in the local community to identify issues which affect their area and work together to resolve them.

"The availability of grants from the Police Property Fund means that local people will be able to take on these initiatives and play an active and positive role in making their communities better and safer places to live.

"Working with the Foundations and using their knowledge of local community groups and issues will really help in ensuring that this available money is spent in the best possible way."

The Police Property Fund includes £10,000 and £5,000 for immediate grant making in Devon and Cornwall respectively and further annual grants will be made from income generated from the Fund.

Martha Wilkinson, Chief Executive of Devon Community Foundation comments, "We're delighted that Devon & Cornwall Police have chosen to work with us in this way."

Any groups interested in applying for a grant should visit the websites www.devoncf.com or www.cornwallfoundation.com

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