



One Community is a non-profit organisation that provides independent funding for voluntary community action throughout Kirklees by inspiring organisations and individuals to make donations. We connect people who care with causes that matter.

In 2009 a steering group led by Sir John Harman was formed to look into whether a Community Foundation would be good for Kirklees. The group concluded that a Community Foundation would be a great opportunity to raise and distribute funds to local charities and groups, but were keen that it should be complimentary to existing charities and therefore set the primary objectives of:

- Increase (as opposed to redirecting) the flow of giving
- To make a measurable and sustainable improvement in local communities

One Community Foundation was incorporated as a limited company in 2009 and registered as a charity in 2010. The aims of the charity are broad so as to allow for things to change over the years, but the initial objective of the foundation was and still is to raise funds that would be distributed to local charitable organisations, particularly smaller groups that may not be registered charities to build stronger communities.

### **AGM**

The Foundation has an Annual General Meeting. This is the meeting of Members where the Annual Report and Accounts are approved by the Members.

The Annual Report and Accounts are prepared by the staff and Trustees and will already have been approved by the Trustees, the accounts are professionally and independently audited.

### **Trustees**

The Trustees are volunteers who have a dual role of being directors of the limited company and trustees of the charity.

There are about 10 trustees who meet about 6 times a year. The objective is to have a broad range of trustees; from across the whole of Kirklees, with different skills (community knowledge, finance, marketing etc) and diverse backgrounds.

Please see this link to current trustees. [Our Local Charity Supporters | One Community Kirklees \(one-community.org.uk\)](https://www.one-community.org.uk/our-local-charity-supporters)

The Trustees are ultimately responsible for how the charity is operated, but on a day-to-day basis the charity is run by paid staff and volunteers (some of these volunteers are also Trustees).

The Trustees have the ability to appoint new Trustees, but those appointments must be approved at the Annual General Meeting or Trustees can be appointed directly at a meeting of Members. Trustees have a three-year term after which, if they wish to continue, they have to be re-appointed at the AGM.

Members of One Community (the equivalent of shareholders in a business) have the right to vote at the AGM and are therefore responsible for who becomes Trustees. Members may be individual or organisations. Their appointment is by application to and approval of the Trustees.

### **Becoming involved with One Community**

The paid staff of One Community are the bed rock on which the Foundation operates, however there are ample opportunities for volunteers to help with finding new donors, the grant application reviewing, grant panels, grant evaluation, marketing, finance etc. We are always looking for people to help One Community so please get in touch with One Community CEO [Emma@one-community.org.uk](mailto:Emma@one-community.org.uk) if you would like to find out more.

### **Grant panels**

The normal process for distributing grants is for them to be considered by a Grants Panel. Groups apply via the website. The applications are checked and due diligence check are made and then considered by a Grants Panel. Grants Panels are chaired by a Trustee along with at least two members. Other panel members may be donors or donor representative and there will also be a member of staff at the panel. Panel decisions are reviewed by the Trustees who can question panel decisions.

### **Members**

Individuals or organisations can apply to be Members of One Community. Applications are subject to approval by the Board of Trustees.