



# Hampton Fund

## Annual Review

1st July 2019 to 30th June 2020

**Tackling need,  
building stronger  
communities**



### The impact of the COVID-19 pandemic

In the early months of 2020, the global economic impact of the COVID-19 pandemic started to have a significant effect on the operating environment of Hampton Fund and the potential risks to which it was exposed. In view of the exceptional circumstances, our office was closed to the public in March until further notice. The use of Zoom and other information technology infrastructure has enabled Trustee and Team meetings to take place and for operations to continue running smoothly.

Fortunately, the changes have not affected the support given to those eligible for a fuel grant and the individual grants team has worked proactively to support those who are vulnerable and known to us, accepting telephone applications and helping others to complete their applications.

At the outset, we recognised that many of the organisations we fund would have to adapt their service delivery to meet existing and new demands. We immediately notified them that we would be reasonable, supportive and flexible in the use of our grants and any delay or changes to agreed outcomes. However, we were unable to fund new initiatives that would not be able to operate due to COVID-19.

### COMMUNITY GRANTS

**73 grants to the value of £1,130,550**

As mentioned, the coronavirus had an impact on the number of grants awarded and the overall spend. During the year, the Trustees awarded 73 grants to the value of £1,130,550, tackling disadvantage and giving help and opportunities to people living in our area of benefit.



**Spear** provides a range of services to support homeless people back into independent living. Our £40,000 grant will contribute to staff salaries to support *Skills Development Training* for homeless people with routes into education and employment; and also the work of volunteers. An additional grant of £9,800 pays for the staff and costs of running the home, owned by Hampton Fund and leased to Spear, to support four people in transition who have been homeless.

Based at the Crossway Centre, Twickenham, **Sky-larks** addresses the needs of children and young people with disabilities/additional needs (0-25 years) and their families.



The charity offers a Legal Advocacy Service; counselling; and a range of activities including karate, drama groups, yoga, kids cookery, pedal project, weekly hydrotherapy sessions and a music club provided by OK Music Trust. The charity received £25,000 towards the salary of the Development Manager and associated costs.



## CHAIRMAN'S REPORT (*abridged version*)

Not the year I had in mind! I'm sure you've said that yourself. It is certainly true in this, my first year as Chair of Hampton Fund. As it is my first year, I record here my thanks and praise for my predecessor, Richard Montgomery.

Richard has been a Trustee for nearly ten years now and in that time the fund has given over £17.5 million to those in need locally. He was in fact the first Chair of the Hampton Fund as our new name was introduced on his watch. More recently he has ushered in "placed based giving" (more on this later) and overseen the provision of a new property, managed by Spear, to help alleviate homelessness in the area. As one member of our professional team said to me: "He will be a tough act to follow". Thank you Richard.

### It's what we do

Hampton Fund provides fuel grants and other forms of financial help to low income families and individuals, primarily helping them with the costs of their electricity and gas, core furnishing and white goods and a contribution to school uniforms and school trips. We also continue to make grants to other local charities that support local people and provide a range of services within the community.

Not surprisingly our stock market invested endowment fund was hit by the effects of the Covid-19 lockdown, as all were, and great credit goes to our fund managers, Hampton Fund Director, David White and our Chair of Finance and Investment, Dr Martin Duffy, for steering us through with a steady hand. At the end of the financial year reported here we had already recovered near half the losses and look set fair to recover the rest soon enough.

### Our unique Borough

There is a perception that this is an affluent Borough, but this brings with it particular challenges for those in real need:

- less infrastructure to meet their requirements
- organisations from outside the Borough have little interest in providing help to those within it
- the gap between rich and poor leads to isolation and mental health issues
- property prices exacerbate homelessness



### Placed based giving

One way in which we have started to prepare for any longer-term impact from Covid-19 is by utilising our placed based giving scheme – **oneRichmond** - jointly with Richmond Parish Lands Charity. This is a collaborative venture between our two charities and ultimately other community stakeholders, which we hope will unlock additional resources in terms of funds, people and other resources.

We agreed last year that children and young people would be our first theme and instigated initial research including consultation with young people on what interventions might be effective. This research had reached a fairly advanced stage when the virus struck and interviews and meetings were halted. This will resume when it is safe to do so and in the meantime the focus of **oneRichmond** has become support for charities and community groups in our Borough suffering loss of income under the prevailing once-in-a-generation conditions. Our thanks go to the Local Council and others for helping to promote this and to Hampton Fund's David White, Jan Webb, Geraldine Lock and my Deputy Chair, David Meggitt and to the RPLC team for getting the ball rolling.

### Charity governance

Governance continues to be an important duty of the Board of Trustees and we execute a programme of regular review of all our policies. Staff turnover is another important risk to manage. I am glad to say that we have strengthened the team with the recruitment of Sheila Pryde, Administrator, who has a background in IT. I add my thanks to our team of professionals who have kept the operation fully functional throughout lockdown. Of course, we would have found life far more difficult without Zoom!

### Our Trustees

Ultimately governance sits with the Trustees. Our Trustees are permitted to serve a maximum of two five-year terms, and we can have up to 12 Trustees. We believe this offers a healthy balance of stability and turnover, with usually one or two new Trustees each year. In my first year as Chairman, I deeply appreciated the way that our newest Board member Kim Loxton, stepped into her responsibilities with poise and enthusiasm. We are fortunate to gain her experience and local knowledge. I also want to recognise

the contributions made by Victoria Reid and Paula Williams who ended their Board service in October 2019.

Our HR committee, chaired by Geraldine Lock, has initiated excellent work on devising a skills register of current Trustees and skills requirements for present and future Trustees in order to help us improve as a board. Though we are proactive in seeking to recruit new Trustees, we always welcome enquiries from those who might be interested in serving.

### Keep in touch

Finally, look out for our continued presence on social media and our new website in the coming months, put together by our Communications Team, Chaired by Dr James Brockbank and supported by our technical guru Sheila Pryde. Meanwhile if you would like to know more about the Charity, please look at our current website [www.hamptonfund.co.uk](http://www.hamptonfund.co.uk) or call our office at 020 8941 7866.



So perhaps not the year I had planned but still Hampton Fund has been busy on your behalf.

Whatever comes our way, we will be here for you. With thanks.

**Martin Seymour**  
Chairman



A range of community activities takes place at **Linden Hall Community Centre**, Hampton, including a regular lunch group for older people, a parent/carer toddler group, health and wellbeing classes, a drama group and weekend birthday party bookings. Our £22,500 grant contributes towards the salary and associated costs of the Service Development Manager.

**Richmond Furniture Scheme** recycles furniture, collecting donated items from residents across the borough to sell to the general public, with a reduced cost for those on benefits/low income. There is also upcycling, furniture restoration and repairs.

The charity is keen to improve and strengthen the support given to volunteers, who gain a range of skills and work experience. Our grant of £28,000 will pay for the full-time Volunteer Co-ordinator and associated costs.



## CAPITAL GRANTS AND SUPPORT FOR BUILDING DEVELOPMENTS

### East Twickenham Neighbourhood Association (ETNA) Community Centre

We are keen to build stronger communities through investment in infrastructure. ETNA is a vibrant community centre offering a range of activities, including a nursery and office space for several charities. As part of a major refurbishment, our £29,500 grant paid towards the new kitchen extension, ramp for full access to the front of the building and a decked terrace area to the rear of the property.

**Twickenham Sea Cadets** received £5,000 towards the rebuilding of the slipway to enable greater participation in activities for young people in the Hampton Fund area of benefit. In addition to the regular grant towards a staff salary, we were pleased to award **Linden Hall Community Centre** a further £4,000 for 40 new chairs.

## SUMMARY OF COMMUNITY GRANTS AWARDED

Category	Grants awarded 2019/20		Grants Awarded 2018/19	
	Number	£	Number	£
Advice, Advocacy & Outreach	1	30,000	1	60,000
Arts, Sports & Recreation	3	42,000	4	28,400
Carers	6	111,200	8	190,700
Children & Young People	11	153,300	11	158,600
Community Activities	8	124,850	9	231,500
Disability	17	256,800	18	252,850
Education	4	42,500	4	61,500
Health & Wellbeing	10	136,900	11	162,300
Housing & Homelessness	2	49,800	3	55,500
Older People	10	155,200	10	137,600
Other	1	28,000		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>1,130,550</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>1,338,950</b>

## SUMMARY OF FINANCIAL INFORMATION

*The table below provides some of the key information relating to our financial activities for the year ended 30 June 2020. The information is taken from our Annual Report and audited Statement of Financial Activities 30 June 2020, approved by the Trustees on 4 November 2020. A full copy of the report can be viewed on our website at [www.hamptonfund.co.uk](http://www.hamptonfund.co.uk)*

	30 June 2020	30 June 2019
<b>Income</b>	1,945,918	2,373,586
<b>Expenditure</b>		
Grant making	1,997,619	2,176,886
Staff costs	179,393	158,886
Other	149,110	128,317
Investment Management Costs	90,289	114,704
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	2,416,411	2,578,793
Net gains on investments	(4,407,556)	(312,741)
<b>Net (Expenditure)/Income</b>	(4,878,049)	(517,948)
<b>The Funds of the Charity</b>		
Permanent Endowment Fund	47,506,429	47,200,218
Unapplied Total Return Fund	558,094	5,308,428
<b>Unrestricted Income Funds</b>		
General Fund	8,637,735	9,071,661
<b>Total Charity Funds</b>	<b>56,702,258</b>	<b>61,580,307</b>

## INDIVIDUAL GRANTS

Our charity helps families and individuals on low income with the cost of their electricity and gas. We also help with essential household items. In addition, we can help families with the cost of the school journey and the first school uniform where children are moving from primary into secondary school.

Individuals may qualify for help with their energy bills if any of these are applicable:

- You are on a low wage
- You receive state benefits
- You receive help with rent or council tax
- You live on a pension

and live within our area of benefit:

- Hampton
- Teddington
- Twickenham
- Hampton Hill
- Hampton Wick
- Whitton

If you know anyone who may be eligible for a Hampton Fund individual grant, tell them to contact us! Applications can be made via our website, by post or by email.

## SUMMARY OF INDIVIDUAL GRANTS AWARDED

Despite having to close our office to visitors due to the lockdown, the Individual Grants team continued to receive enquiries and process grant applications, resulting in an increase in fuel grants awarded compared to the previous year.

***1,591 fuel grants to the value of £770,650***

Many of our elderly and vulnerable applicants were contacted by phone so that they did not miss their fuel grant.

Type of Grant	Grants awarded 2019/20		Grants awarded 2018/19	
	Number	£	Number	£
Fuel grants	1,591	770,650	1,510	729,740
Less: Fuel grant refunds		(9,672)		(4,362)
Essential items and furniture		53,325		23,472
Careline units	41	2,248	44	3,822
School journey grants	9	1,298	26	4,364
School uniform grants	10	1,000	8	800
Children's Disability Fund	2	1,220	2	1,000
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>820,069</b>		<b>758,836</b>

***This is some of the feedback we have received over the past year:***

*“Thanks for helping me with my gas and electricity. You guys have helped me from being homeless to get my independence back”*

*“Thank you so much for the electricity grant. You have no idea what a difference this makes. I can face the winter now without a worry and knowing I can have the heating on even in the bathroom and be really comfortable.”*

*“Thank you and all the Trustees. I am so very grateful. Plus making my old age and lockdown more tolerable”*

## THE TEAM

**David White**

*Director*

**Carole Swinburne**

*Individual Grants Manager*

**Jan Webb**

*Community Grants Manager*

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