



The Community Foundation  
for Wiltshire & Swindon

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Wiltshire Police Authority, working with the Community Foundation for Wiltshire and Swindon, has established a fund to help local groups address crime and anti-social behaviour, and improve personal and community security.



The funds arise from the proceeds of the disposal of unclaimed property, which is usually around £25,000 per annum. The Trustees are particularly keen to support projects which seek to bring communities together to tackle local issues improving trust and understanding, and welcomes projects which offer a new or innovative approach. We would expect that applications would focus on one or more of the following areas.

- Anti-social behaviour
- Crime in local neighbourhoods
- Drug and alcohol related crime
- Reducing re-offending
- Violence against women and girls
- Youth crime

“This fund gives an exceptional opportunity for groups to ‘make a difference’ in their communities making them a better place to live for everyone,” said Angus Macpherson, Trustee of The Community Foundation. Applications of up to £3,000 are being invited from groups to enable a project in their community. The closing date for applications is Friday 16th February.

For further information please visit The Community Foundation website at [www.wscf.org.uk](http://www.wscf.org.uk) or telephone the grant team on 01380 729284.



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**The Community Foundation for Wiltshire and Swindon** supports voluntary groups and charitable organisations across Wiltshire and Swindon, raising funds locally from individuals, companies, trusts. The Community Foundation for Wiltshire and Swindon gave out £662,000 in grants in 2010/2011 to 297 charitable and voluntary groups. All applications are assessed and monitored to ensure the grants are effective and benefit their community. The Community Foundation for Wiltshire and Swindon has an endowment fund of £8m and manages funds on behalf of the Big Lottery and Fair Share.

**Community Foundations** are experts in revitalising local communities through effective charitable giving. Over the last 16 years well over 12,000 private sector donors have used the services of a community foundation to make sure that their giving has been invested to make the lasting difference that they wanted to see. Community foundations now manage close to £200m of committed endowed giving and it is estimated that most people in the UK will live or work within 20 miles of a charitable project that a community foundation has supported.