



Annual summary 2019–20

Oxfordshire Community Foundation is the starting point for anyone who wants to do good in the county.

We want to create a better, fairer future for everyone in Oxfordshire, so we bring together the whole community to make it happen – charities, local government, philanthropists, businesses and local communities. That way we make sure all citizens of Oxfordshire have a voice.



An update from OCF's leadership

2020 was always going to be an important year for OCF. We celebrate our **25th birthday** this year, and with the help of the current High Sheriff, were eagerly anticipating looking back at our achievements – but also looking forward with ambition about how to make Oxfordshire a better place.

Just as we completed the financial year reported here, the **COVID-19 crisis** turned all of our lives upside down. Instead of raising a glass to our birthday, we found ourselves working hard to set up a new Resilience Fund to provide emergency funding to our precious local community and voluntary sector. Our donors and national funding partners really stepped up, enabling the OCF team to quickly get over half a million pounds out to help charitable organisations respond better in just 14 weeks.

Thinking about **the future** now presents new challenges. While we are aware of the grief and damage caused by the crisis, we also believe that there is much potential for positive change. We know that our work has never been more needed; and so our focus now is to help communities to recover stronger, and to ensure that we are well placed to support those in the most need over the long term.

This is why **our priorities** remain the same as in previous years – ensuring that everyone has a place to call home, an opportunity to thrive, and a sense of belonging to their community. With the community spirit and neighbourliness fostered by COVID-19, we believe that there has never been a better time to put this into action.

Nick Case, Chair and Adrian Sell, Interim CEO



Achievements and performance 2019–20

- **We pooled philanthropic funds to do good in Oxfordshire**, achieving our second-highest level of voluntary income at £2.05m. This included the single largest unrestricted donation in OCF history of £500,000 from the Indigo Trust for the relief of suffering caused by COVID-19.
- **We invested over £1 million in tackling disadvantage**, exceeding this milestone for a fourth consecutive year, with £1,225,576 given to charities and community organisations at the coalface of social need in Oxfordshire and beyond.
- **We helped more people find a place to call home**, officially launching Oxford Homeless Movement with our partners on World Homeless Day, 10th October 2019. This was followed by our second successful Christmas match fund appeal, which more than doubled the total amount raised to £150,000. These funds are now being used to help people move from emergency COVID-19 accommodation into long-term housing.
- **We focused on giving more children an opportunity to thrive** by initiating OCF's strategic programme Growing Minds in January 2020. The project aims to reduce educational disadvantage by focusing on the home learning environment, working in partnership with Home-Start, Peeples and The Imagination Library.
- **We fostered a greater sense of belonging for older people in Banbury**, investing in a dedicated coordinator for the Age Friendly Banbury partnership. She has supported the partnership to deliver a 'Big Lunch' in 2019 that brought together older people with their communities, and more recently to respond more effectively to COVID-19.
- **We enabled more data-driven community investment** by creating a new online Knowledge Hub. This provides needs analysis data, and reports focusing on specific geographies and themes, which are used to ensure that OCF's distribution of charitable funds is closely aligned with the areas of greatest need.

OXFORD
**HOMELESS
MOVEMENT**

GROWING MINDS
The School Readiness Project


**age friendly
BANBURY**



More information about all of these initiatives can be found on our website [oxfordshire.org](https://www.oxfordshire.org).

Key numbers at a glance

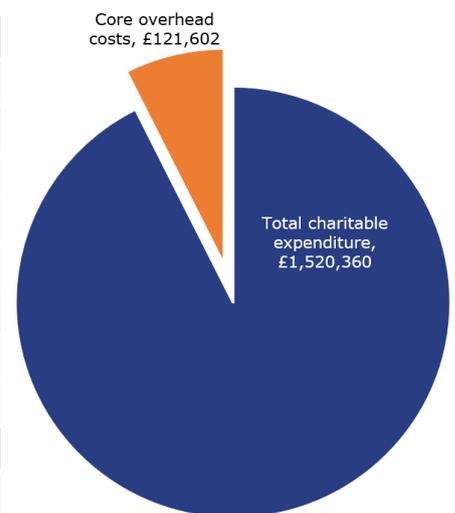
		2019–20	2018–19
FUNDS HELD	Unrestricted	£190,744	£227,936
	Restricted	£2,209,222	£1,479,140
	Endowment	£5,508,906	£5,921,690
	Total	£7,908,872	£7,628,766
FUND MOVEMENTS	Grants awarded*	£1,225,576 (148 grants)	£1,033,506 (175 grants)
	Voluntary income	£2,059,297	£2,627,734
	Investment income	£196,662	£194,947

* Our grant-making includes funds awarded at OCF's discretion and according to our strategic priorities, as well as grants made through our donor-advised funds. A list of OCF's donor-advised funds can be found at oxfordshire.org/donors-fundholders. We publish details of every grant we make as open data on 360 Giving – find the list at grantnav.threesixtygiving.org/funder/GB-CHC-1151621. To read and watch stories of the impact of our grants, visit oxfordshire.org/impact.

Cost–benefit analysis 2019–20

OCF's staff, premises and other core costs came to £416,386 in 2019–20. Of these costs, the vast majority relate to indirect charitable activities, such as the costs of running our strategic programmes and grant-making. When added to the value of our grant-making, we were able to deliver £1,520,360 of charitable impact with just £121,602 of core overheads – a return of 12.5x.

Charitable expenditure	
1. Grants awarded	£1,225,576
2. Direct charitable activities, of which:	£115,996
Strategic programme support	£62,300
Research and insight	£13,541
Community leadership	£40,155
3. Indirect charitable activities, of which:	£178,788
Grant administration and donor care	£81,898
Fund development	£96,890
Total charitable expenditure (1+2+3)	£1,520,360
Core overhead costs	
Premises, infrastructure, governance, professional advice	£121,602



OCF's Age Friendly Banbury Coordinator Bee Myson presents a pin to HRH The Duchess of Cornwall, who is President of the RVS



Signatories of the Oxford Homeless Movement charter on World Homeless Day 2019

Keep in touch with OCF



OCF has been working with this year's High Sheriff of Oxfordshire Amanda Ponsonby, who is determined to support us in building a better society in the aftermath of COVID-19. She too believes in unlocking the power of community and allowing people to feel more connected to those around them, not less.

Amanda has been co-hosting our **webinar series** since the start of lockdown, which helps our donors and charity partners better understand their area. How have the most vulnerable people been affected by the COVID-19 crisis, and how does the community reach them? What can we all do to take action, step up and get things moving, to build the better world we are all yearning for? **You can watch the recordings from all of our past webinars and see details of future sessions at oxfordshire.org/events.**

As lockdown eases, Amanda is hoping to be able to host some small in-person events towards the end of 2020, to assist OCF with the launch of our new **Patrons Programme**. We hope a new generation of patrons will give us longer-term support to continue delivering sustained and meaningful improvements to the lives of Oxfordshire's most disadvantaged people. **If you would like to be involved or have any ideas about this, please do contact Nick or Adrian to share your thoughts.**



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This document includes an extract of the key numbers from our draft accounts for the financial year ended March 2020. Copies of our full audited accounts will be published on our website in September 2020.

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