

Boost Initiative Case Study

Charity: The Northern Counties Charity for the Incapacitated

Registered Charity Number: 241663

Area: North of England with a preference for Bolton

Community Foundation: The Community Foundation for Greater Manchester

Worth: Approx £123,000

Established: By a scheme of the Charity Commission on 30th January 1976.

Objects: “The payment of pensions to persons who are totally and permanently incapacitated by incurable or chronic disease or by accident or deformity and who except in special cases to be approved by the Commissioners are resident in the North of England. Preference shall be given to such persons qualified as aforesaid who are resident in the area of the former poor law union of Bolton.”

History:

Many of the existing trustees were beginning to suffer with ill health and were struggling to manage and administer the charity as effectively as they wished to. The official Clerk to the Trustees, Mr Kent, was the main contact who initially contacted the Charity Commission. He was then put in contact with Boost and subsequently referred to the Community Foundation for Greater Manchester.

Options:

- Set up a management agreement for the Community Foundation for Greater Manchester to manage the administration and grant-making for the charity
- Dissolve the trust and transfer the assets to the Community Foundation to then set up a new, more modernised Fund with similar objectives to the original charity.

The Process:

Mr Kent oversaw the whole transfer process on behalf of the charity and after meeting with the Community Foundation, agreed that the most appropriate way forward was to agree to transfer the charity to be invested alongside the wider Greater Manchester remit with a focus on groups and organisations working to benefit older people. All trustees agreed and the resolution was submitted to the Charity Commission and was quickly and efficiently passed.

“Mr and Mrs Kent – and Mr Ball, the Chair of Northern Counties - all expressed their pleasure in the charity being in ‘good hands’ with The Community Foundation for Greater Manchester, they felt that the original aspirations of the benefactors had been brought up to date and that grants awarded through Community Foundation were evidenced as reaching the most disadvantaged members of the community.”

**Julie Langford, Deputy Chief Executive Officer
The Community Foundation for Greater Manchester**

