

# CCF Annual Report 2025



The Cattistock Community Fund (CCF) has had another positive and rewarding year, supporting a range of local activities and organisations that help bring the village together.

Over the past year, we received several applications for funding, alongside requests for support for smaller, ongoing community activities. Applications came from a number of well-established village groups, and we are pleased to report that no applications were refused. In some cases, we worked with applicants to suggest the benefits of match funding as part of the process, helping projects achieve greater long-term value.

## What the CCF is here to do

When the fund was first established, it focused on supporting organisations such as the Church, Savill Hall, and the Cricket, Football, and Tennis Clubs. While these remain very important, funding in more recent years has become more varied. In the past we have supported community celebrations such as the Queen's Jubilee and the Coronation, alongside practical initiatives that improve amenities and quality and the safety of life in the village.

Our aim remains the same: to support events and initiatives that are rooted in community and benefit as many people as possible. Where appropriate, we also offer advice, support, and guidance to help projects succeed—not just financially, but practically too.

## Projects supported this year

During the 2025 year, the CCF provided funding or support for the following:

**The Parochial Church of St Peter & St Paul** - replacement dial drive with a Stepper Motor Control. The work was completed in the previous year with monies paid out in the 2025 accounts.

### **St Peter and St Paul Church – replacement flag**

Funding was approved for a replacement church flag, following an application from Terry White, the flag custodian. The previous flag had deteriorated over time due to fraying. The new flag includes anti-fray netting and reinforced eyelets to help extend its lifespan. The Church has kindly acknowledged the CCF's support on this application plus a previous application finalised last year through an updated notice and a new plaque visible by the door of the church.

### **Cattistock Cricket Club**

A revised application, originally submitted late in the previous financial year, was approved and paid for during this financial year. The funding supported the purchase of new matting. In addition to this, the CCF is endeavouring to organise support of the Cricket Club through an annual sponsorship.

### **Bleed Kit for the village phone box**

We funded the purchase and installation of a bleed kit in the Cattistock phone box. Bleed kits are designed to provide immediate, lifesaving assistance in cases of severe bleeding before emergency services arrive. The application was submitted by Helen Newman in her role as a Community First Responder, and we are pleased to support this important safety initiative.

### **Cattistock Lawn Tennis Club**

An application was received for a replacement 24" cylinder lawnmower. Working closely through Andrea who represented the other club representatives, the CCF supported Andrea whilst the club explored several options, including discussions with local mower suppliers. It was eventually agreed that funding would be better used to restore the Club's two existing high-quality mowers. This solution will provide the Club with many more years of reliable use, including a cylinder mower for the courts and a rotary mower for the surrounding areas. The Club has since kindly supported the installation of a plaque recognising the CCF's support.

### **Annual Christmas Carol Event**

The CCF supported the purchase of mulled wine for the annual Christmas Eve Carol event, which raises funds for St Peter and St Paul Church. The successful application from Cathy Evans and Richard Edwards helps support both the Church and the volunteers who organise this much-loved community event.

## **Advice, Input and ongoing support**

In addition to direct funding, the CCF has continued to offer advice and guidance on potential future projects, including:

- Discussions with a representative of the PTA at Maiden Newton School regarding a possible future application for funding for window coverings. This would benefit children from the Cattistock community, and we will continue to support the PTA as they develop their proposal.
- Recognition by the Parochial Church Council of St Peter & St Paul Church, who have updated their notice board to acknowledge financial support from the CCF plus other donors.

## **Other ongoing commitments**

The CCF also continues to support:

- Ongoing maintenance costs for the village website
- Wine for the Christmas Community Lunch

All of these initiatives help strengthen community connections and ensure support is available where it is most needed.

## The role of the Trustees

During my second year as Chair, I have continued to focus on ensuring that the CCF is more than simply a group of trustees administering funding applications. Each Trustee brings their own experience and knowledge, helping to promote what the CCF can offer and how we can best support the community.

The Trustees meet quarterly to review applications, but just as importantly, we meet to share ideas and look for ways to improve how the fund operates. For larger projects, we often encourage a match-funding approach, helping applicants access additional external funding where possible. While this can sometimes be challenging, the collective experience of the Trustees enables us to provide valuable support and guidance.

## Looking ahead

We continue to operate very effectively with six Trustees, although we are always interested in hearing from anyone who may wish to join us. In 2026, we plan to continue promoting the work of the CCF and reminding people that we are here to help.

As part of this, we will be holding an informal **Cheese and Wine evening** at Savill Hall on **Saturday 18 April, from 6.00 pm to 8.00 pm**. Everyone is welcome to come along, meet the Trustees, ask questions, share ideas, and learn more about how the CCF operates.

## Thanks and closing remarks

I would like to thank all the Trustees for their time, commitment, and support over the past year. I would also like to thank everyone who has approached the CCF with ideas, applications, or questions. With such a strong and engaged team, I am confident that we can continue to guide and support community projects in the year ahead.

My personal aim remains to see the CCF continue as a strong and evolving source of support for our village—now and in the future.

**Barbara Evans**

Chair

March 2026

# CATTISTOCK COMMUNITY FUND

## Year to December 31st

		2025	2024	2023
Opening Balance at 1 January		£ 25,628.79	£ 19,974.42	£ 19,176.34
Income				
	easyfundraising	£ 164.65	£ 146.87	£ 246.97
	Localgiving.com	£ 140.04	£ 2,789.63	£ 137.67
	Amazon Smile			£ 32.32
	One-off Donations	£ 509.25	£ 1,184.83	£ 548.50
	Cattistock Fete	£ 3,000.00	£ 3,000.00	£ 2,150.00
	Cattistock Community Lunch Xmas Raffle	£ 281.00	£ 225.00	£ 165.00
	Dorset Knob Throwing	£ 360.00	£ 440.00	
	<b>Amount raised in 12 months to 31 Dec</b>	<b>£ 4,454.94</b>	<b>£ 7,786.33</b>	<b>£ 3,280.46</b>
Expenditure				
Expenses				
	Local Giving Subscription	£ 180.00	£ 180.00	£ 180.00
	Event Food & Drink	£ 66.66	£ 63.00	£ 140.91
	Christmas Tree Lights	£ 75.97		
	Plaques	£ 57.60		
		<b>£ 380.23</b>	<b>£ 243.00</b>	<b>£ 320.91</b>
Disbursements				
	Cattistock Tennis Club	£ 500.00		
	Community Xmas Tree and Lights			£ 73.97
	Cattistock Village Website	£ 342.00	£ 337.00	£ 260.00
	King's Coronation Lunch			£ 929.55
	Community Hub			£ 262.95
	Short Mat Bowls Club			£ 635.00
	Swift Action		£ 751.96	
	Cattistock Amateur Dramatic Society		£ 800.00	
	Cattistock Church	£ 1,461.00		
	Cattistock Cricket Club	£ 1,129.82		
	Bleed Kit Dispenser	£ 283.75		
	Church Flags	£ 413.76		
	Carol Service Wine	£ 80.94		
	<b>Total Distributions in 12 months to 31 Dec</b>	<b>£ 4,211.27</b>	<b>£ 1,888.96</b>	<b>£ 2,161.47</b>
	<b>Net profit/loss for year to 31 Dec</b>	<b>-£ 136.56</b>	<b>£ 5,654.37</b>	<b>£ 798.08</b>
Closing Balance at 31 December		£ 25,492.23	£ 25,628.79	£ 19,974.42