



Giving Back.

The Sure Community Foundation has once again made a significant contribution to island life throughout 2019 and this year passed the £180,000 mark for donations since its inception.

The Foundation recognises that many charities and community groups rely on donations and unpaid volunteers so tries to support as many of them as it can with sponsorships, donations or helping with specific telecoms needs.

So whether it's providing 4G routers for the Saffery Rotary Walk, supplying mugs and glasses for the Retro Festival or making a donation to the Guernsey Scouts – the Sure Community Foundation is there supporting worthy causes on the island.

Special thanks go out to everyone at Sure who has contributed to the Community Foundation throughout the year, and also to the committee who work so hard to coordinate our charitable efforts. We look forward to continuing to play a significant role in our island in 2020.



Guernsey Sailing Trust

We're currently working away under the sea keeping the islands connected to the world but we know that many islanders enjoy spending their time on the water rather than under it.

The Guernsey Sailing trust was established in 1988 to enable local children to experience the fun and challenges involved with sailing. Over the years the Trust has expanded to cover all aspects of sailing for both able bodied students with less mobility or those with learning difficulties. The Trust also now provides similar services for adults. As part of expanding the training and improving

facilities and resources the Trust requested support in purchasing an RS Feva sailing dinghy from the Sure Community Foundation. The RS Feva is a world leading double handed sailing dinghy with a huge recreational and race following across the globe. The request for something long-lasting and tangible, as well as supporting those less able or fortunate within society, fits with our mandate so

we were happy to donate £4,400 towards the new boat.

The Guernsey Sailing Trust's website has more information about how you can get involved and test your sea legs:

www.sailingtrust.org.gg

The Trust reported that last year 1,376 school children were able to experience sailing with them, and they continue to work closely with all schools on the island, including special needs schools, and adult disability groups.



Karen Jagger, at Government House, presenting Guernsey Mind's share of the donation, collected on the charity's behalf by John Nettles (aka Bergerac)

Retro Festival

Sure was the headline sponsor of the Guernsey Retro Festival at the end of September as the island celebrated everything great about the 1950s and '60s whilst raising awareness and funds for three fantastic local charities; Guernsey Mind, Mens' Shed and Male Uprising Guernsey (MUG). All three charities do valuable work in the Bailiwick in regards to mental health and so we were only too happy to be able to help them. Additional support came from the Sure Community Foundation which funded commemorative mugs and glasses. This donation meant that all the profits from their sales (to those looking for a memento from the weekend other than sore feet from all the dancing!) could be donated to the three charities.

Little Princess Trust

The Little Princess Trust provides wigs for children and young people up to the age of 24. The wigs are made from real hair donated by people up and down the country, now including Sure's very own Sophie Osborne. People from the Bailiwick who are receiving treatment at Southampton Hospital sometimes benefit from the charity's work.

Sophie's big haircut happened in the canteen at Sure HQ and drew quite the crowd. The Community Foundation was happy to donate £250 to help Sophie with her fundraising. Well done Sophie!

If you'd like to learn more about the Little

Princess Trust, or perhaps even donate your hair, you can find out more here: www.littleprincesses.org.uk/donate-hair

Safer

Safer plays a vital role in our local community providing specialist services to support all victims of domestic abuse. Their current services include the Guernsey Women's Refuge, Outreach, Independent Domestic Violence Advisors (IDVA), Children and Young Person's Independent Domestic Violence Advisor (KIDVA), a helpline and Moving On counselling.

Safer has a whole team out in the field working with victims and survivors of domestic abuse, and they need to be able

to stay in touch with the office and have secure and speedy access to private records.

There's more information about the services offered by Safer on their website: www.safer.gg

The Sure Community Foundation has provided this very vital link with a donation of smart handsets to the value of £1,650.

Guernsey Scouts & Youth Commission for Guernsey and Alderney

Twice a year we ask our staff to vote for the Guernsey charity that they'd like to support for the following six months and in 2019 we once again received an amazing response. We're very excited to be supporting the Guernsey Scouts and the Youth Commission – both of which provide vital examples for younger generations. Our support of the Scouts is in memory of a very dear colleague who sadly passed away – so this charity has extra special resonance for us. We were honoured to present the Scouts with £2,380 and the Youth Commission with £2,250.

You can learn all about the Guernsey Scouts on their brand-new website: www.scouts.org.gg

The Youth Commission does a wide range of work with the island's young people and you can find out all about it here: www.youthcommission.gg



If you would like to get in touch with us about a charitable or community project, contact CommunityFoundation@sure.com

