

If you would like to become a Somerset Guardian/Somerset Business Guardian (please delete), please complete this section and return it to:

**Somerset Community Foundation, Baybrook Farm,
Lower Godney, Wells, Somerset BA5 1RZ**

I would like to become a Somerset Guardian:

- by donating at least £1,000 a year, for 3 years; or
 by making a one-off donation of £3,000

Name _____ Date ____ / ____ / ____

Company (if applicable) _____

Address _____

_____ Postcode _____

Email _____

Tel _____

If you wish you may state a preference for which area benefits from your donation:

- Mendip Sedgemoor South Somerset
 Taunton Deane West Somerset Across Somerset

giftaid it Gift Aid means we can receive 28 pence extra from the Inland Revenue for every pound you give. If you would like us to do this for all your donations from this date forward until further notice, please tick here

To qualify for Gift Aid, what you pay in income tax or capital gains tax during the tax year must be at least equal to the amount we claim.

BANKERS ORDER FOR ANNUAL DONATION

To: The Manager _____ Bank PLC

Address: _____

Please pay the sum of £ _____ on the ____ / ____ / ____

and the same day each month / year

Either: until further notice, or for _____ more years, starting today

To: **SCF Endowment Account No:** 00014171 **Sort Code:** 40-52-40

CAF Bank Limited. 25 Kings Hill Avenue, Kings Hill, West Malling, Kent ME19 4JQ

Signed _____ Date ____ / ____ / ____

Name (Block Capitals) _____

Account No. _____ Sort Code _____

Other ways of giving through the Foundation

Set up a Named Fund

Named Funds can be established in our Endowment Fund by companies, individuals and their families and through trust transfers. This requires a minimum donation or pledge of £25,000. It is very straightforward to set up a Named Fund and is a simple alternative to a private Charitable Trust. We take care of all of the administration but donors can be as involved in the grant-making process as they wish.

Become a Patron

Donors who give £3,000 or more a year for three years, or make a one-off donation of £10,000, can become Patrons of the Foundation. We will work closely with Patrons to understand their priorities for local grant-making and we will arrange visits to local projects funded through the Foundation in their area. We will also organise an annual Patrons' dinner at a prestigious location around the county.

Sign up as an Ambassador

This scheme is for individuals and families. You can become an Ambassador by giving a minimum annual donation of £100, or £150 for a family. We hope that you will spread the word about the Foundation and accept invitations to our annual reception and other events. We will send you a copy of our Annual Report and Newsletters to keep you up to date with our work.

Become a Friend

You can join our Friends scheme with a minimum donation of £25 per annum. We would ask you to spread the word about the Foundation and what it does. We will keep you up to date with our work through Newsletters and the Annual Report.

Leave a Legacy

You can leave a legacy in your will to the Foundation, either to support our general work, to support a particular area or establish your own Named Fund. Please feel free to contact us to discuss your ideas and wishes in absolute confidence, but we would encourage you to seek legal advice from your Solicitor also.

If you would like to find out more about the work of the Foundation or how to donate and benefit from the Grassroots Grants scheme please contact:

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Local giving for local needs

Somerset Community Foundation

The Somerset Community Foundation formed in 2002 to tackle poverty and disadvantage in Somerset and within five years has distributed grants worth almost £2 million to over 400 local community-based projects across Somerset.

Our broad remit means we offer unique ways for donors to make an impact locally, helping them to reach a wider range of local charities, voluntary groups and community projects than they may otherwise.

We are part of a network of approximately 60 similar Foundations across the United Kingdom, reaching over 90% of the UK population. The Foundation has an independent Board of Trustees and is run day to day by a small staff team.

The Somerset Guardians Scheme

The Somerset Guardians Scheme is designed for people and businesses who wish to be part of a growing community of donors supporting the wider community with the benefit of the Foundation's local knowledge and expertise.

Donations made through the Somerset Guardians Scheme will be carefully invested as part of our Endowment Fund*. The income generated by the fund will provide a long-term, sustainable source of grants to address local needs.

To join the Somerset Guardians Scheme we ask for a minimum donation of £1,000 a year for three years. We will ensure that Somerset Guardians will have the opportunity to meet groups funded by the Foundation and advise on how we can make a difference in their part of Somerset.

*The Endowment Fund is managed by SCF Endowment (registered charity 1114165) on behalf of the Foundation.



Who needs your help?

While the perception might be that Somerset is a prosperous county, there are many people of all ages and backgrounds in our communities suffering disadvantage and exclusion.

Hundreds of local charities and voluntary organisations, and thousands of unpaid volunteers, work closely with those most in need, responding to the most pressing issues in their community. Most are very small and struggle to raise sufficient funds.

Increasing the value of your gift

There is an exciting opportunity to increase the impact of your giving and change local communities for the better. Under the scheme we may be able to add 50% to new donations into our Endowment Fund.

Examples	Individuals	Companies
Donation per annum	£1,000	£1,000
Gift Aid	£282	-
'Grassroots Grants' Scheme*	£641	£500
Total received by the Foundation	£1,923	£1,500
Higher rate tax payers tax relief	£250	-
Corporation tax relief (@ 28%)	-	£280
Total received by the Foundation over 3 years	£5,769	£4,500

*SCF is the only organisation administering this scheme in Somerset. The scheme runs from July 2008 to March 2011.

grassroots grants

Managed by the Community Development Foundation
Funded by the Office of the Third Sector

Why become a Somerset Guardian?

- Your donation will only be invested in local causes in Somerset.
- We have the local knowledge and flexibility to target funds where they are most needed.
- You can choose to support local causes solely in your area.
- You will be providing funds to organisations who otherwise might not receive financial support.
- We are independent of any other organisation.
- We will tell you how your gift has helped make a lasting difference.
- Through the 'Grassroots Grants' scheme and tax benefits your gift could significantly increase in value.

In addition we will:

- invite you to special receptions to meet groups supported by SCF, and other members of the scheme; and
- organise events to discuss and debate specific community issues, and ask you for your thoughts on how we can make a difference in your local area.

Somerset Business Guardians

We recognise that local businesses play a vitally important role in the community, but all too often they are overwhelmed by the number of requests they receive for donations.

We can help make the process of supporting the community simpler. In addition to the benefits described above, Somerset Business Guardians will be provided with:

- a special logo to acknowledge their support for the community through the Foundation; and
- a simple letter informing groups seeking donations from them that they provide local support through the Foundation and suggest they contact us directly.

