

# THIRTY YEARS OF CHANGING LIVES

Greater Bristol Trust (GBT) is founded to support charitable activities in the Bristol area. A group of individuals, including local businessman John Pontin and the late Sir John Wills, form one of the first community foundations in the UK, taking inspiration from successes in the US.

**1987**



**GBT FOUNDED**

**FIRST NAMED FUND**



**1988**

GBT sets its initial criteria, targeting its grants to disadvantaged communities and small community groups within a 10 mile radius of Bristol Bridge.

First named fund opens.

**1991**



**MATCH FUNDING**

GBT is chosen as one of three CFs in the country to take on the Mott Challenge, to boost its endowment fund. For every £2 raised locally, the US Charles Stewart Mott Foundation will offer match funding of £1.

**BECOMES GBF**



**1994**

Greater Bristol Trust changes its name to the Greater Bristol Foundation (GBF).

Mott Challenge is completed, raising a total of £2 million for endowment. GBF celebrates having awarded £1 million in grants since 1987.

**1996**



**CHALLENGE COMPLETE**

**WINS AWARD**



**1997**

Greater Bristol Foundation presented with 'Building a Better Bristol' award.

Purchases Royal Oak House in central Bristol as an investment and with a major donation from the Needham Cooper Charitable Trust. Value of endowment reaches £5 million.

**1999**



**BUYS BRISTOL BASE**

**GRANTS REACH £2M**



**2000**

The Foundation celebrates having awarded £2 million in grants since 1987. At least 100,000 people have been helped, through grants made to more than a thousand local charities.

**FIRST ANNUAL LECTURE**



**2009**

Quartet holds its first Annual Philanthropy Lecture at Clifton College, given by Dame Stephanie Shirley, underlining its commitment to promoting philanthropy in the West of England.

**GRANTS TOTAL £15M**



**2007**

Quartet celebrates its 20th anniversary, as well as having awarded £15 million in grants since it started in 1987.

The value of the endowment reaches £10 million.

**2006**

Purchases the Badger Centre in Weston-super-Mare, a resource centre offering support to individuals and voluntary groups across North Somerset.



**BUYS WESTON BASE**

**QUARTET IS BORN**



**2005**

The Foundation changes its name to Quartet Community Foundation, to reflect the fact that it now works across the four areas of Bath & North East Somerset, Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire.

Quartet celebrates having awarded £10 million since 1987.

Bath & North East Somerset Fund is set up, supporting communities in that area. The Ambassadors membership scheme is set up for friends and supporters.

The Acorn Challenge ends, raising £1.5 million in new endowment. Celebrates also having awarded £5 million in grants since 1987.

**2003**



**B&NES FUND OPENS**

**100 FUNDS CREATED**



**2002**

GBF celebrates having awarded £4 million in grants since 1987, creating its 100th named fund, and awarding £1 million in grants in a single year for the first time.

**2001**

The Acorn Challenge is launched to raise a million for the endowment fund, with match funding of 50% offered by an anonymous donor.

The North Somerset Fund is set up to support communities in this area.



**NORTH SOMERSET FUND OPENS**

**QUARTET IS 25!**



**2012**

Quartet celebrates its 25th anniversary, with a year of events and profile-raising, inspiring local giving by engaging the next generation of philanthropists.

**ENDOWMENT EXCEEDS £20 MILLION**



**2014**

Quartet's endowment breaks through the £20 million barrier with £4 million received in donations from individuals, companies, charitable trusts and statutory bodies.

A small grant of just £2,000 is awarded to Southmead, so that residents can develop their own community plan.

This leads to them unlocking £200,000 of further funding for the community from Spirit of 2012 as part of the London Olympic Games legacy.

**2015**



**SMALL GRANT... BIG LEVERAGE**

**FIRST VITAL SIGNS REPORT**



**2016**

Quartet's philanthropy advice goes to a new level with the publication of our first ever Vital Signs report showing the scale of needs across communities and how local philanthropy can really change lives.

We also hold our first event philanthropy debate.

We celebrate 30 years of changing lives with targeted grant-making that changes lives for the better, and our continued quest to raise more funds to help more disadvantaged people fulfil their potential.

The endowment now stands at £24 million, and since 1987 we've awarded grants totalling more than £41 million.

**2017**



**WE ARE 30!**

**2011**



**GRASSROOTS A SUCCESS**

**2013**

Bristol's directly elected Mayor creates the first Mayor's Fund for Bristol – the route for Mayors to galvanise support for the community in perpetuity.



**MAYOR'S FUND ESTABLISHED**

**30 YEARS**

**Quartet Community Foundation**