New fund launched thanks to legacy gift

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A couple have left a lasting legacy of support to the young people of their West Cumbrian community.

Following the deaths of Edwin and Anita Mackay, part of the proceeds from the sale of their property in Seaton were gifted to Cumbria Community Foundation, for the creation of a new fund to benefit local young people.

The Edwin and Anita Mackay Memorial Fund will award grants of up to £500 to charitable groups to support project costs such as coaching or equipment for junior sports teams, drama workshops for under-18s, and the improvement of community facilities that benefit young people.

Cumbria Community Foundation gives around £6 million in grants a year to local charities and voluntary groups through over 100 grant making funds set up by generous individuals, families and businesses.

The Foundation helps individuals, families and businesses manage their charitable giving and philanthropy. As well as creating their own fund to support a particular charitable cause or community, people can also leave a gift to an existing fund, such as the Cumbria Fund which helps those in need around the county.

Caroline Adams, Development Manager for Cumbria Community Foundation, said: “We are incredible grateful to Edwin and Anita Mackay, and all those who choose to give via Cumbria Community Foundation.

“Leaving a gift in your will is a wonderful way of allowing a family name to live on and supporting causes that are close to someone’s heart for many years to come.”

If you would like to know more about how you can leave a charitable legacy in your will for your local community or a cause you care about, and/or to commemorate a loved one, please contact Caroline Adams, Development Manager at Cumbria Community Foundation, on 01900 820825 or email caroline@cumbriafoundation.org.

For further information on the type of projects eligible for funding from the Edwin and Anita Mackay Memorial Fund or how to apply, contact Tracy Cheesbrough, Grants & Programmes Officer at Cumbria Community Foundation, on 01900 512395, email tracy@cumbriafoundation.org or visit https://www.cumbriafoundation.org/fund/edwin-and-anita-mackay-memorial-fund/.

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