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**Report:** Surrey Hills Trust Fund  
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## **Purpose of Report**

To update Members on the activities related to the Surrey Hills Trust Fund

### **1. Strategy**

We are continuing our discussions with the Community Foundation regarding the way in which we handle smaller donations and manage grants. We have agreed to create a panel with representatives from the Trust Fund, the Society and the Board that can informally screen applications for grants and suggest the best funding approach so that smaller applications can be handled through the Society where appropriate.

The Panel last met at Albury Vineyard on 8<sup>th</sup> April to discuss the emerging themes that tie in with those being suggested for the Society which are:

- Communities
- Landscapes and nature
- Access
- Youth
- Arts, health and well-being

The Endowment Fund created for the Inspiring Views project has proved of great value in helping to fund some minor repairs to two of the sculptures. The project is still proving to be very popular with the public and another Inspiring View project is being planned on the Albury Downs seeking crowd funding contributions with a list of prizes being generously donated by local businesses.

### **2. Grants**

**Field Studies Council.** The Fund agreed to give £2000 to the Field Studies Council (FSC) to fund a project that aims to provide a week of nature events and activities that engages with everyone in the local community of Mickleham and Westhumble as well as people from elsewhere in Surrey. Field Studies Council (FSC) is an environmental education charity providing informative and enjoyable opportunities for people of all ages and abilities to discover, explore, and understand the environment. The project will be based on the FSC's premises at Juniper Hall. Not only will this project have a positive impact on children, but it will also benefit their families and other members of the community.

**Leatherhead Youth Project.** The Fund agreed to give £3000 for the development of the Into the Wild eco-therapy programme. The ambition is to demonstrate its value so that it can be rolled out. This includes working with Surrey University to research the need in Surrey and opportunities for its delivery in the Surrey Hills. Links are being made with the High Sheriff whose theme this year is Nurturing through Surrey's Nature.

### **3. Fundraising**

**Surrey Hills Challenge.** The Rutland Group is organising the third Surrey Hills Challenge on 22<sup>nd</sup> September with the Festival of Outdoor Sport being hosted at Denbies as the event village. This will include a number of outdoor sports coming together including horse riding and cycling. The ambition is to grow the event and attract greater sponsorship to make a substantial income stream for the Trust Fund. In the meantime, free places are being made available to raise money for the Into the Wild campaign.

**Prudential Ride London Surrey.** Unfortunately, Surrey Hills Enterprises only managed to take up 3 of the guaranteed places given to the Surrey Hills this year. This includes LC Energy and Charles Russell Speechly who will be raising funds for the Into the Wild campaign.