Northern Cancer Alliance Funds

Providing local support for those living with and beyond cancer



Zoom-keeping



- Please make sure your mic is on mute
- Webinar will be recorded
- Make the most of the chat function, introduce yourself, ask questions and share thoughts
- Feel free to put your hand up to share information
- We will take questions at the end

Agenda

- About Point North
- Introduction to the funds
- Eligibility
- Application process
- Questions



Point North Community Foundation

Fighting poverty, enriching lives

An independent grant-making charity

Support community-led work across County Durham, the Tees Valley and the wider North East

Focus areas:

- Tackling poverty
- Health and wellbeing
- Creating vibrant, resilient communities

Community Foundation North East not delivering programme this year



Point North

County Durham, Tees Valley and the wider North East

£75m

awarded to local communities since 1995

39.5% (by £)

awarded since 2020 – Covid/ Cost of living

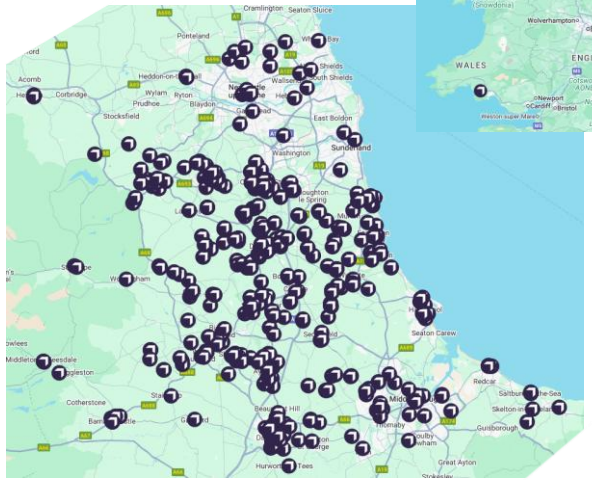
£3.9m

Awarded since 1 April 2025

41% No poverty

38% Good Health & wellbeing

Our grant making 2024/25



Living with and beyond cancer

Aim: Enhance quality of life, health, and treatment outcomes for cancer patients

How: By supporting initiatives that improve health, wellbeing and address the psychological impact of a cancer diagnosis.

Grant size: Between £5,000 and £10,000 available

Can support range of health & wellbeing activities - exercise classes, social activities, peer support, advice and support to build emotional resilience



Previous projects supported



Nuvo Wellbeing delivered weekly gentle exercise sessions, walking groups and nutrition workshops.

Budget breakdown: project delivery costs including hall hire



Durham Amateur Rowing Club delivered the Prehabilitation Rowing Project, where patients took part in a rowing course delivered by a coach.

Budget breakdown: coaching costs, refreshments, promotional material

Community connectors

Aim: Connect with people in communities who have been affected directly or indirectly by cancer

How: By providing community-based support or activities that help improve wellbeing and quality of life and encouraging people to live well during and after cancer.

Grant size: Up to £1,000

Can support range of activities such - wellbeing workshops, peer support groups, information sessions, social activities and befriending services, community events to raise awareness of cancer support and coffee mornings



Previous project supported

New weekly community-based Men's Shed session by Norton Men's Shed for men living with the effects of a cancer diagnosis, with the availability of a Social Prescriber to provide targeted support.

"We do not treat or counsel on cancer but we provide a motivation to come out of shell shock or from being in a long term bunker. People doing that for themselves but being also encouraged by seeing others change.

"The Shed is like a drip or a transfusion, it involves a steady process that builds real belonging and friendships…it can only do what it does for anyone, treat them as an individual and bring them on a journey in a leaky boat! A bit of adventure. It does people so much good because they become volunteers (helpers) not solely beneficiaries."

Budget breakdown: rent, electricity, insurance and refreshments



> "Talking put my cancer journey into perspective and gave me strength to carry on with life."

Must do……please read guidelines

Contact hospital trust in your area - ensure clear alignment regarding project scope and outcomes

Living with and Beyond Cancer:

- Broader community support projects - contact Lead Cancer Nurse
- Delivering prehabilitation support project - contact Prehabilitation Lead

Community Connector:

- Contact nearest Macmillan and Cancer Information Centre – help to strengthen project and encourage referrals

North Cumbria Integrated Care NHS Foundation	
Lead Cancer Nurse	Kiyla Murray
Prehabilitation Lead	Natasha Richardson
Northumbria Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust	
Lead Cancer Nurse	Amanda Walshe
Prehabilitation Lead	Beth Roncetti
Newcastle Hospital NHS Foundation Trust	
Lead Cancer Nurse	Nicola Johnson
Prehabilitation Lead	Gemma Kindness
Gateshead Health NHS Foundation Trust	
Lead Cancer Nurse	Claire Pounder
Prehabilitation Lead	Catherine Cassley

Where:

NHS North East and North Cumbria Integrated Care Board

Northumberland
Newcastle
Gateshead
North Tyneside
South Tyneside
Sunderland
County Durham
Darlington
Stockton on Tees
Middlesbrough
Hartlepool
Redcar
Cumberland
Westmorland and Furness

Who:

- Registered charities
- Community and voluntary groups
- Charitable, not-for-profit organisations

If your income is over £5,000 you must be registered with a relevant body, including sports clubs (CASC, Companies House, Charity Commission)



How to apply?

- Visit www.pointnorth.org.uk
- Read grant guidelines
- Complete online application form
- Links to funds in chat
- **Deadline for applications:**
  Sunday 16 November 2025

- **Notification of outcome:**
  w/c 15 December 2025

Questions?

Contact details

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Thank you!