



Camphill Social Fund

Newsletter August 2026

Welcome to our 2026 Newsletter, providing information about the Fund, its history and relevance today. We hope this will be helpful for you.

Background Information

Camphill Social Fund (CSF) is a charitable company limited by guarantee, governed by its Articles of Association, revised in 2024. CSF was set up in 1978 by Camphill School Aberdeen (CSA), as a contingency fund, initially largely to meet the needs of its non-salaried volunteer co-workers. As other Camphill communities became established around Aberdeen, namely Beannachar, Simeon Care and Tigh a' Chomainn, they were also represented and contributed regularly into the Fund.

Our Articles of Association (2024) provide clear guidance regarding the responsibilities of the charity and its trustees, and the rights of potential applicants.

'the prevention or relief of poverty, the advancement of health, the relief of those in need by reason of age, ill-health, disability, financial hardship or other disadvantage, and the advancement of citizenship and community development. The Charity will achieve its objects through a contemporary application of the Camphill Movement's founding principles and values, promoting and advancing its charitable objects by making provision for the support of persons who have been members of, or substantially associated with the Camphill Movement or other charities and organisations with similar aims and objects. The Charity will also further its charitable objects through support of, and collaboration with, other such charities and organisations.'

Our primary responsibility remains to the individuals who once worked as long term voluntary non salaried co-workers, in the contributing communities. Alongside this traditional role, financial support to other Camphill communities and new projects in line with CSF's objects have also received support.

CSF has significant funds invested long term by Brewin Dolphin Ltd. (wealth management & investment firm).

Structure, governance and management

Three subcommittees of the board, Applications Subcommittee, Finance Subcommittee and a Flats Project Subcommittee, handle our daily charity operations—including correspondence, finances, payments, data, and grants—and report to the full board. All decisions regarding grants, investments, future strategy and policies are made by the

Board of Trustees, which meets at least four times each year. Decisions are minuted, and actions monitored at subsequent meetings of the Board.

Trustees

There are no employed staff. Trustees administer the charity, with some drawn from the local Camphill communities and others recruited as having an interest and involvement in the Camphill Movement as well as having relevant and appropriate experience. Trustees are dedicated to the mission of the charity and bring a wealth of knowledge and experiences. They give their time freely and receive no remuneration or financial benefit. They are required to declare all relevant interests and the charity maintains a Register of Interests as an internal record.

Funding

In the past CSF's work had been largely funded by annual contributions from the four Camphill communities local to Aberdeen. However, there are no longer contributions from these communities, following the gradual move away from the traditional long term co-worker volunteer model, with company pension plans in place and the move to employment. The Fund is now almost entirely dependent on the performance of its investment portfolio.

Investment Policy

Investments are managed on behalf of the charity by Brewin Dolphin Ltd. and funds are held for the medium to long term. Quality and diversification are the main emphases in the investment portfolio Trustees frequently assess preferences related to risk, returns, and investment volatility so that CSF can consistently meet its responsibilities as described in our Articles.

Applications for support

On average, each year the fund typically receives around 20 Applications for Support from individuals who have worked in /been associated with the four local communities, and a small number of applications from projects which work in line with CSF's objects. Support is discretionary, guided by our Articles.

Application forms can be accessed via our website. Applications require information about financial assets, income, budgeted expenditure and unmet financial needs. Consideration of any request for support can only take needs into account which cannot be met by any form of Government support.

Flats Project

Most recently CSF has committed significant funds to the build of nine flats (6 x one bed and 3 x2 bed) above an extension to Simeon Care Home, to provide secure, affordable, good quality accommodation primarily for retired, long-term co-workers, at reasonable rent and local to existing Camphill communities. Building work began early in 2026 with

a planned completion date set at late summer 2027. Trustees are working closely with Camphill Rudolf Steiner Estates (CRSE), and Simeon Care Home to ensure the result is beneficial for all.

CSF will have landlord responsibility for the nine flats and has already had considerable interest from potential applicants. The formal application process will begin late 2026/early 2027 with the entry date expected to be summer/early autumn.

The Future

The board continues to regularly monitor and review our systems of financial strategy and control, to ensure the effective use of funds. The financial status of the fund remains robust, and CSF is consistently able to fulfil all requests for financial support deemed appropriate in accordance with its Articles. While precise predictions are not possible, based on current data and considering potential uncertainties and unexpected needs, the board believes there will be enough funds to cover requests for support in the years ahead.

Going forward, we are very aware of the need for good communication. We encourage access to our website, www.camphillsf.org.uk which provides information about the charity, setting out its principal objects and the process for application for financial support.

Our Trustees Annual Report and detailed Financial information can be accessed on the Companies House Website. www.gov.uk

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