

A lesson to us all to have our eyes tested

It's a remarkable story: of how a photograph of a little boy could have saved his life. It was when Ewan Boarder's grandmother spotted an unusual shadow on the three-year-old's eye that alarm bells started to ring...

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£1m and counting as bishop's team helps groups in need...

It has given more than £1m to hundreds of small community groups and charities since it was set up five years ago by the Bishop of Norwich, and now the Norfolk Community Foundation is looking forward to the next five years.



Champion for charities: Norfolk Community Foundation's fifth birthday celebration event at Dragon Hall.



Founder: The Very Rev Graham James, Bishop of Norwich.

from such grants include The Baseline Project, which is part of The Future Project that supports the successful resettlement and reintegration of offenders after a prison sentence...

Bishop Graham said: "When I was Bishop in Cornwall I started a community foundation there, which has also grown immensely. "The reason I started it was because there were lots of community groups and voluntary organisations that were benefitting people in the area which don't need a vast amount of money...

Norfolk has lots of people who want the sense of living in a community to be maintained and the sort of community groups we help are vital to this - they enable people to participate in the life of the community.

work in the same place now, they don't naturally meet. "More than 80pc of all the money given to charity goes to less than 4pc of charities. They do good work, but they have effective professional fundraising teams.

generous over the course of the last five years. I am very pleased with how it has grown - it's what I hoped and dreamed it might be." Graham Tuttle, who has been director of the foundation for a year, said that the number of applications the charity was receiving had been increasing rapidly.

and this is because there are fewer places for people to go for funding. "We had about 800 applications last year and are expecting just over 1,000 this year." He said that the foundation was also beneficial to donors wanting to benefit groups in Norfolk...



Celebrate: Left, Community Foundation director Graham Tuttle (right). Right, Richard Jewson (centre) and John Mason



Looking back: Norfolk Community Foundation celebrates its fifth birthday at Dragon Hall in Norwich.

Special service to celebrate county's vital volunteers

Volunteers and the invaluable contribution they make to the county's life will be celebrated at a special service at Norwich Cathedral this weekend, organised by the Lord Lieutenant of Norfolk. The Lord Lieutenant of Norfolk, Richard Jewson, is keen to ensure every volunteer and voluntary group in the county is included in the Lord Lieutenant's Celebration of Voluntary Service at Norwich Cathedral.

Under-fives get set for the annual Barnardo's Toddle

An event for children under five is taking place in Norwich to raise money for the Barnardo's children's charity. The Barnardo's Big Toddle will be held at Eaton Park on Wednesday, June 16, as part of a major fundraising event which is being replicated across the country.

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