

Show visitors and worthy causes

Philanthropic show visitors and worthy causes are to be married up as the Norfolk Community Foundation launched a £5,000 community challenge at the Royal Norfolk Show.

It is expected that a total of around 50 or 60 causes from village halls to medical charities will apply for grants to help their cause during the two-day community challenge at the foundation's stand.

Community organisations have visited the foundation's stand where they have the chance to nominate their cause for one of the grants.

A panel, made up of Norfolk 100 members – a group of 100 of Norfolk's leaders and opinion formers which collectively support small grassroots community organisations – will choose five organisations to receive £1,000.

Royal Norfolk Show president Richard Jewson, who is a joint patron of the Norfolk Community Foundation, said: "Norfolk has given a great deal to many people and organisations. Now we can show our gratitude by giving something back and watching it grow and support our communities now and in the future."

Peter Colby, a Norfolk Community Foundation trustee said: "Many of our members come to the Royal Norfolk Show, and we wanted to use our presence there to help connect our donors and Norfolk's community groups. What better way than using the occasion to choose five of those organisation to receive grants to help their work in the community?"