



GBCT's Fifth Anniversary

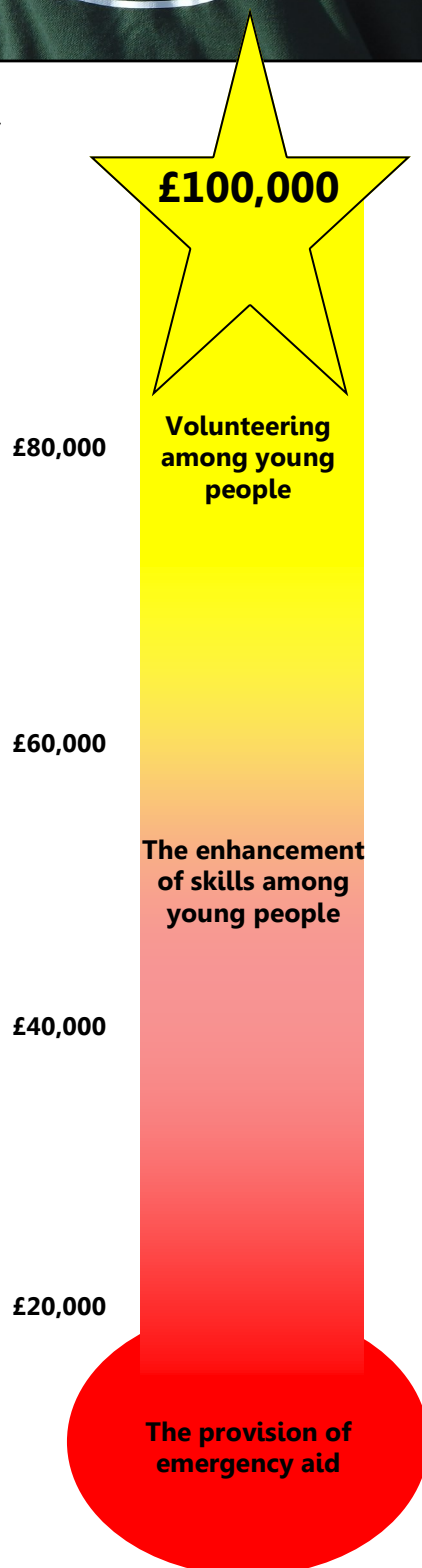
March 2019 marks the fifth anniversary since the GBCT was established and coincides with us reaching the incredible milestone of £100,000 worth of grants awarded to communities across the UK!

From Cornwall to the North of England, East Anglia to Wales, over those five years we have proudly supported:

- 1 4x4 Search and Rescue Vehicle
- 1 Bike Hub Centre
- 6 Ahoy Shipmates
- 9 Community Access AEDs
- 20 Engineering volunteers
- 43 Young leaders qualifications
- Over 50 community initiatives
- Over 2500 people receiving training in first aid

....and much more! Read on to revisit what GBCT has supported over the past five years.

GBCT will be marking its fifth anniversary with a special event in Brompton-by-Sawdon, the location of our first Community Access AED project, in May. We would love to see our supporters there, further details are on the back page of this newsletter.



Empowering communities to make a difference

Emergency Aid

Skills

Volunteering



The GBCT exists so that the difference George made to people's lives can continue.

The GBCT was set up in March 2014 in his memory and in the five years since we have supported over 50 initiatives, which have reached over 2500 people.



April 2015

GBCT's first project, the Brompton-by-Sawdon Community Access AED is opened.

June 2015

GBCT support the enhancement of skills among young people by providing a grant to enable twelve deaf young people to gain a Sports Leaders UK qualification.

July 2015

A GBCT grant to the Where Next Association provides first aid training to 27 of their team

November 2015

GBCT supports its second Community Access AED in Brompton's neighbouring village of Snainton. By the end of 2018, there are nine GBCT supported AEDs in the area.



March 2016

GBCT supports the purchase of Ulverston Inshore Rescue's new Search and Rescue 4x4.

GBCT also supported volunteering in Bolton (Bolton Lads and Girls Group), 'How to Save a Life' sessions in Kent, cookery courses in Liverpool (Black E Project) and the John Muir Award in Wales.

GBCT also begins its support of Criminon, which has now received grants three years running for its distance learning courses for young offenders.

September 2016

GBCT announces its first grant to the Great Western Air Ambulance's Heart Starters Programme. The Programme aimed to train 2000 young people by the end of 2018. The second grant in 2019 is expected to enable a further 2500 young people to be trained.



December 2016

GBCT makes grants to Tonybee Hall's *Make It* Youth Programme and Cumbria Youth Alliance's residential training programme.

February 2017

GBCT supports young engineers volunteering and skills development at the Helston Railway Preservation Society. GBCT also supports its first youth choir in Coventry, via Armonico's Choir Creation Programme.



June 2017

Herts Boat Rescue receive a GBCT grant to fund their first aid equipment for the year. St John's School Community Holiday is also supported by GBCT, enabling a theatre trip to take place for young people., and the sixth GBCT supported AED in the Brompton area is supported in Ebberston. A grant is also made to the Sussex Wildlife Trust for an AED (©Sam Roberts/Sussex Wildlife Trust).



March 2018

The Yorkshire Air Ambulance receives a grant to purchase three heated patient rescue blankets for use on its helicopters as GBCT grants for the year lift off! Cambridge House's 'Stand Up' programme for highly vulnerable 16-25 years olds receive GBCT support as does Resources for Autism's family visitor volunteer programme. Meanwhile GBCT supported AED numbers continue to grow, with the Church Lads and Girls Brigade receiving a grant.

October 2018

GBCT supports skills development via e:Merge's Role Model Leader Programme and the continued support of Criminon's programme. Volunteering is supported through the London Wildlife Trust's Wild Action Programme and a grant to St Andrew's School (Leatherhead) for AED training equipment. In addition, the London Air Ambulance receives support for an advanced training manikin and new radio equipment is enabled for Bucks Search and Rescue. There's also more AEDs grants, for Exmoor Search and Rescue, and the village of Hovingham.



May 2017

GBCT supports the Bemerton Heath Bike Hub Project to become a community space for skills development and volunteering.

Grants also enable volunteering at Revitalise and 30 young people to experience an educational break with UK Youth in the New Forest.



December 2017

Five young people from Country Durham were able to enhance their skills and volunteering via Street Games and young people in Bedfordshire were able to learn new cookery skills for a year with the Families United Network. A grant is also made to the community of Hoyport, Berkshire for an AED, which is 'opened' by Theresa MP in spring 2018 and GBCT's seventh AED in the Brompton area is supported in Wintringham.



GBCT Anniversary Event

On Saturday 18 May we will be hosting our anniversary event at Brompton-by-Sawdon's Village Hall. Four years since the 'opening' of the village's Community Access AED, we'll be hosting a first aid and AED re-familiarisation session.

Delivered by our volunteer team, all are welcome to attend, please just let us know via info@gbct.org.uk so we have approximate numbers, as there will of course be tea and cake too! Any GBCT supporters who would like to help deliver the session please contact Matthew Leopold or Ian Cressey directly, or via info@gbct.org.uk.

Further details will be sent via the mailing list nearer the time. We look forward to seeing you there.

And now, 2019.....

The GBCT has made a number of new grants to :

- Snowcamp, which supports youth development through snowsports, received a £3600 grant to support its new mental health programme.
- Accumulate, which runs workshops to increase the confidence and skills of homeless young people living in hostels, received a grant of £1000 that will cover the travel costs of 15 young people attending a 10 week course. The Bairstows have also donated some of George's camera equipment too.
- Kingsley's community centre for young adults with disabilities has received a £2760 grant to support its volunteering programme for young people.
- Great Western Air Ambulance received a £5800 grant to expand its hugely successful Heart Starter's first aid training programme, GBCT having supported the original launch in 2016.
- Guildford Cathedral's volunteer gardening project, for young people with special needs received an £800 grant to fund one of the large planters (and contents!).

There will be more in our Spring Newsletter on our latest grants, unfortunately we're out of space in this special edition!



We will continue.....

...to support communities across the UK thanks to the support of you, our supporters. From us all at GBCT, we would like to say a huge thank



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