

RSC KENT SECTION
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
CHEMISTS' COMMUNITY FUND REPORT

The role of the Kent Local Section CCF Co-ordinator has evolved in recent years, as most activities are now organized, centrally, by the Fund Office in Cambridge. A flavour of the Fund's activities, nationally, in 2022 is given below:

1779 people and their families received support from the Fund under the CCF primary purpose in 2022

There were 364 new enquiries for help and support

There were 110 calls to the new Wellbeing and Listening Service

1,050 people attended a Fund workshop

241 members attended an online workshop on Transforming Sleep

£6,100 was the largest grant

£44 was the smallest grant

110 individual counselling sessions were funded

59 members were proactively contacted in Ukraine following the outbreak of war to remind them of CCF support

117 members were directly contacted following severe weather events around the world to remind them of CCF support

17 volunteer visits or phone calls took place to support members

10 members regularly received an accessible Talking Chemistry World

There were 88 Fund Volunteers

Further details of the Fund's activities may be found on the RSC website: <https://www.rsc.org/news-events/community/2023/04-april/chemists-community-fund-annual-report-2022>

If any RSC Member, their partner or family need support for any of life's challenges, the Chemists' Community Fund is a source of help. All enquiries are treated confidentially. The Fund may be contacted by telephone on 0800 084 3451 (UK freephone) or by emailing ccfund@rsc.org.

During 2022, Ian Parsons retired as CCF Co-ordinator for the Kent Local Section. Ian was a hard act to follow and I would like to thank him for the help and advice that he has given me.

The Kent Local Section Committee have been excellent in organizing events suitable for all members and in supporting the CCF locally; not least in agreeing to subsidize lunches for retired and life members. My thanks go to the committee for their wisdom, encouragement and support.

My thanks especially go to the CCF Volunteer Visitors and Ambassadors in Kent.

Peter Jones