

Sir James Knott 1855-1934

James Knott was born at Howdon in 1855. His parents moved to North Shields where James was brought up and attended a local school.

At the age of 14, James started work as a clerk at a Quayside shipping office. At 23, with money borrowed from a friend, he acquired his first ship - an old collier brig. Three years later, in 1881, he bought the Swan Hunter built 'Saxon Prince' and founded the Prince Line which became one of the world's largest shipping lines with over 40 ships.

James married Margaret Annie Garbutt in 1878 and they had three sons. He and his wife became well-known on Tyneside for their philanthropy.

After the tragic loss of two sons in the first World War, James retired in 1916 and the Prince Line was sold to Furness Withey & Co. In the Birthday Honours List of 1917 James was made a Baronet and became Sir James Knott Bt.

Sir James believed in 'action not words' - his many generous gifts to charities in the North East were examples of this philosophy.

In order that his charitable giving could continue after his death, Sir James provided funds for the Sir James Knott Trust, with income to be distributed mainly in the North East.

About Sir James Knott Trust

Sir James Knott Trust is a registered charitable trust based in Newcastle upon Tyne.

The Trust allocates grants principally to charities working for the benefit of the population and the environment of Tyne and Wear, Northumberland and County Durham, including Hartlepool.

The Trustees try to follow the wishes and interests of the Trust's Founder where this is compatible with the present day needs of the North East. Charitable works known to have been of particular interest to Sir James are given special consideration.

In recent years, grants have been given to help those who are disadvantaged, young, elderly or disabled. The Trust also supports education, training and employment opportunities, communities, historic buildings, the environment, music and the arts, maritime projects, uniformed, seamen's and service charities.

Grants totalling approximately £1million per year are made, funded from investment income.

*Front cover photograph:
Visually impaired young people have adventures in the forest at Vi-ability Youth Group's summer camp at Keilder*



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Grants policy

Grants are normally made to charities that can demonstrate that their aims have identifiable public benefit and that they operate in, or for the benefit of Tyne and Wear, Northumberland and County Durham including Hartlepool.

The Trust's area of benefit does *not* include Darlington, Stockton on Tees, Middlesbrough, Redcar or Cleveland.

We cannot consider applications from individuals, give consideration to replacement funding withdrawn by statutory authorities, or to organisations that do not have an identifiable project within the beneficial area.



Guidelines for applicants

The Trustees usually meet 3 times a year (spring, summer and autumn) to consider applications for grants. Scheduled meeting dates are posted on our website www.knott-trust.co.uk

Applications should be submitted at least 3 months before a grant is required.

If your application is for £1,000 or under it can be considered outside of scheduled trustee meetings.

Successful applicants must wait at least 18 months from receipt of a grant before submitting another request for funding to the Trust. Unsuccessful applicants must wait 12 months before submitting another application.

The Trust endeavours to acknowledge all applications.

Application procedure

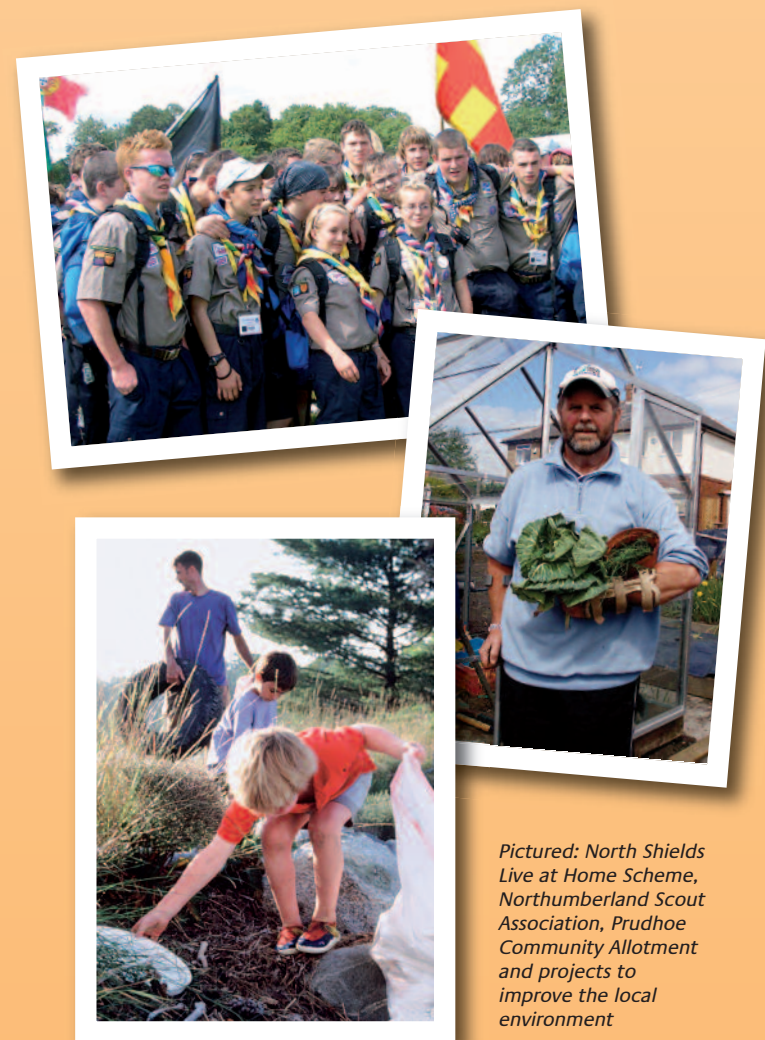
Applicants should send a signed letter of application to the Trust Secretary (address overleaf) which must include the following information:

- The name and address of your organisation and its registered charity number. (If not registered, you will need to provide the name of a registered charity or CVS and its charity number that is prepared to administer funds on your behalf).
- What type of organisation you are, who you serve and how you benefit the community.
- The length of time you have been established.
- Where you are based.
- How you are organised and managed.
- How many trustees/committee members, staff/volunteers you have.
- What relationship, if any, you have with similar or umbrella organisations.
- Your main funding source, annual turnover and reserves.
- A brief description and title of the project you are currently fundraising for, who will benefit, where it will take place, the cost, how much you would like us to consider and when the funding is required.
- Which other funding bodies you have approached and the response you have had.
- Whether or not you have applied to the Big Lottery Fund. If not, please explain why.
- Please provide a copy of your latest Trustee Annual Report and Accounts or, if you are a new organisation, your governing document and a copy of your latest bank statement.
- We may need to contact or visit you regarding your application, so please provide a daytime contact telephone number and, if possible, an email address.

Please use the tick boxes to be sure you have included all of the above information.

Post-grant procedure

- The Trust requires a signed and dated acknowledgement immediately following receipt of payment.
- Completion and return of a feedback form (provided by the Trust) is required 6 months following grant payment.
- An informal visit may be made by an independent assessor following grant payment.



Pictured: North Shields Live at Home Scheme, Northumberland Scout Association, Prudhoe Community Allotment and projects to improve the local environment