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Boots Charitable Trust celebrates its 40th Anniversary after donating almost £10 million to local charities and community organisations

Boots Charitable Trust celebrated its 40th Anniversary this month, after donating almost £10 million, over the last 40 years, to charities and community organisations.

The Trust, which was established in 1970, has played an important role in supporting the voluntary sector in Nottinghamshire and in particular smaller organisations, which provide vital services to local people. Boots was founded in Nottingham over 160 years ago and today the business in the UK continues to play a valuable role in local communities through its charitable giving, charity partnerships, employee fundraising and volunteering programmes.

On 17th November, Trustees from the Boots Charitable Trust marked the 40th Anniversary by visiting a number of Nottinghamshire projects that have received support in recent years.

The Trustees visited Newark and Nottinghamshire's Child Bereavement and Loss Centre, known locally as **Sue's Place**, which provides individual bereavement support and play therapy for children aged 3 to 18 years in Newark and Nottinghamshire as well as **Newark and Sherwood CVS**, which provides information, training, advice, technical and practical services to local voluntary and community groups.

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The Trustees also had lunch at **Rumbles Catering Project** at Sconce Park in Newark, which provides training, work experience and employment opportunities to young people and adults with learning difficulties and then visited **Notts County Football in the Community** to view their community sports activities in action with children at Gladehill Primary School. The day ended at **Stonebridge City Farm**, a well-established community resource in St Anns, where Farm manager Marie Rogers showed Trustees around the planted areas and animal enclosures.



Trustees at Rumbles Catering Project



Notts County Football in the Community



Stonebridge City Farm

Boots Charitable Trust's Chair of Trustees, Oonagh Turnbull, said: "During the last 40 years the Trust has made significant donations to charitable projects and

we're delighted that it continues to offer support to local projects and recognises Boots long history with Nottinghamshire."

Sue Tomlinson from Sue's Place in Newark said: "Sue's Place has received funding from the Boots Charitable Trust for the salary cost of a part-time children's events organiser for two years. The organiser has proved a huge resource for us and has set-up many workshops and activity days for the children, including a Mother's Day workshop, crafts workshop, yoga and Newark Carnival."