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Local Network Fund in the South West

Impact Evaluation 2001 -2006

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Clients

- Community Foundation for Bournemouth, Dorset and Poole
 - Cornwall Community Foundation
 - Devon Community Foundation
 - Gloucestershire Community Foundation
 - Quartet Community Foundation
 - Somerset Community Foundation
 - Community Foundation for Wiltshire and Swindon
 - SWRDA
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Outline

- Questions
- Impact measures
- Methodology
- Set the scene
- Benefits to young people
- Added value
- Effective Delivery
- Why Community Foundations



Questions

- Has the Fund benefited young people?
- Has the Fund helped groups' *skills and confidence* to undertake projects?
- Has the Fund been successful in involving people as volunteers and beneficiaries?
- Has *delivery* of the Fund by Community Foundations in the South West has been successful/ value for money?



LNF Themes

2001 -2006

- *Aspirations and Experience*
- *Isolation and Access*
- *Children's Voices*
- *Economic Disadvantage*

2006 -2008

- *Be healthy*
- *Stay safe*
- *Enjoy and achieve*
- *Make a positive contribution*
- *Achieve economic well-being*



Impact Measures

- Benefits to young people
- Participation of young people
- Changing perceptions
- Effective delivery
- Amount of assistance
- Volunteers
- Beneficiaries
- Value added

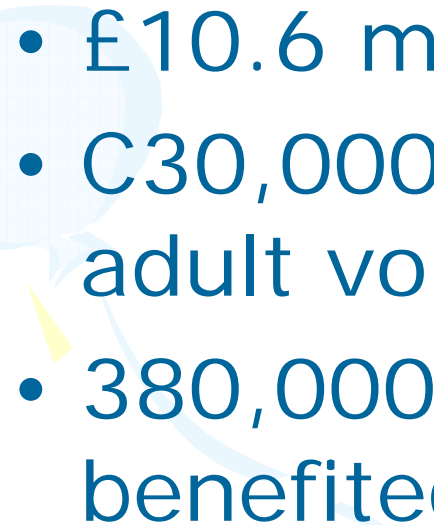
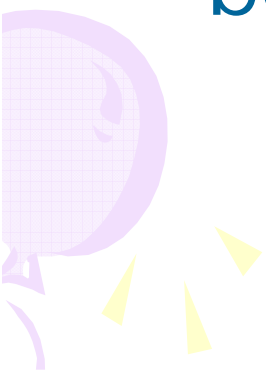


Methodology

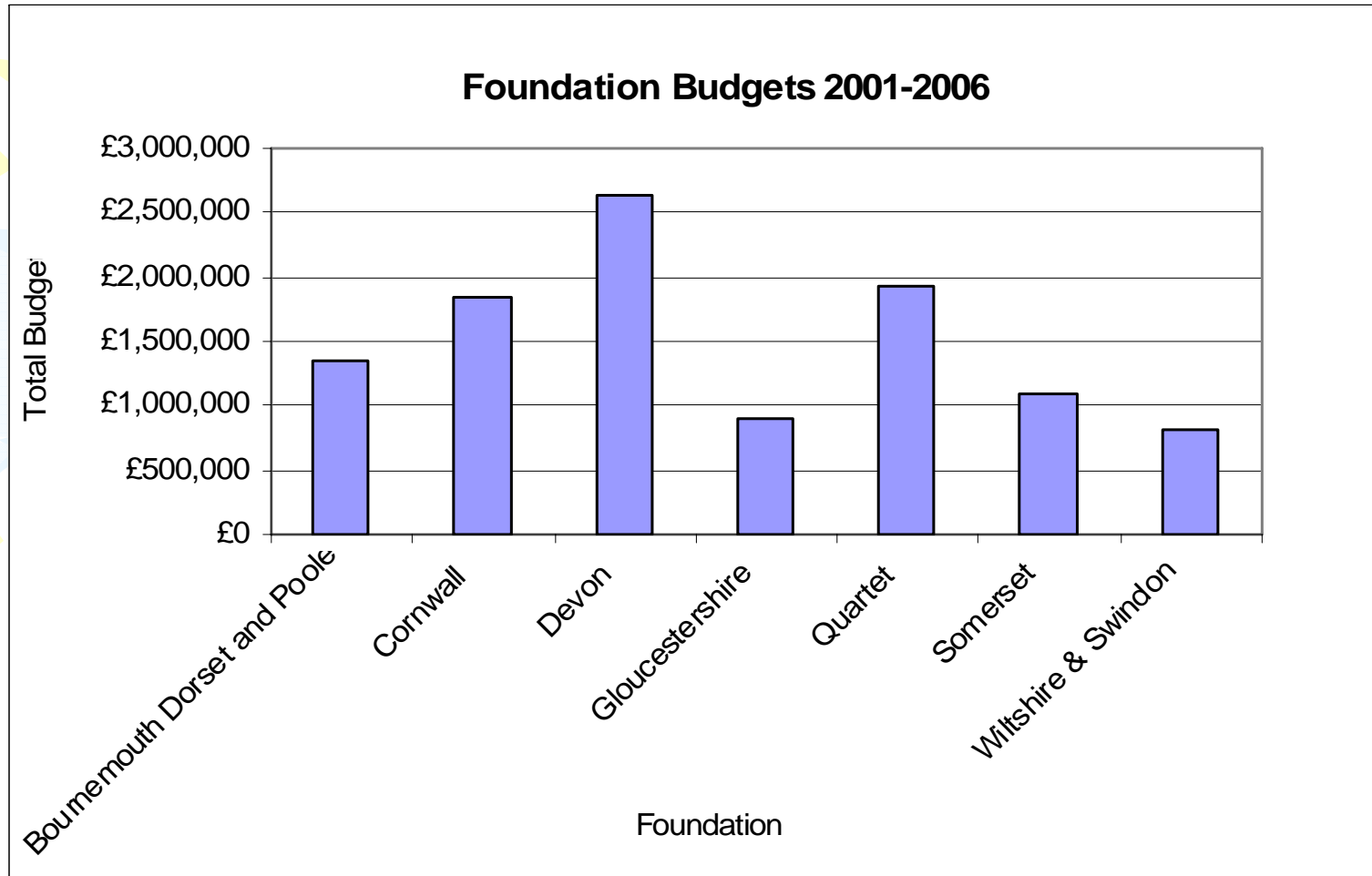
- Analyse Awards
 - National/ local evaluations
 - Children's Plans
 - Local Area Agreements
 - Sample Survey
 - Group interviews
 - Panel Interviews
 - Mini case studies
 - Awards Administrators
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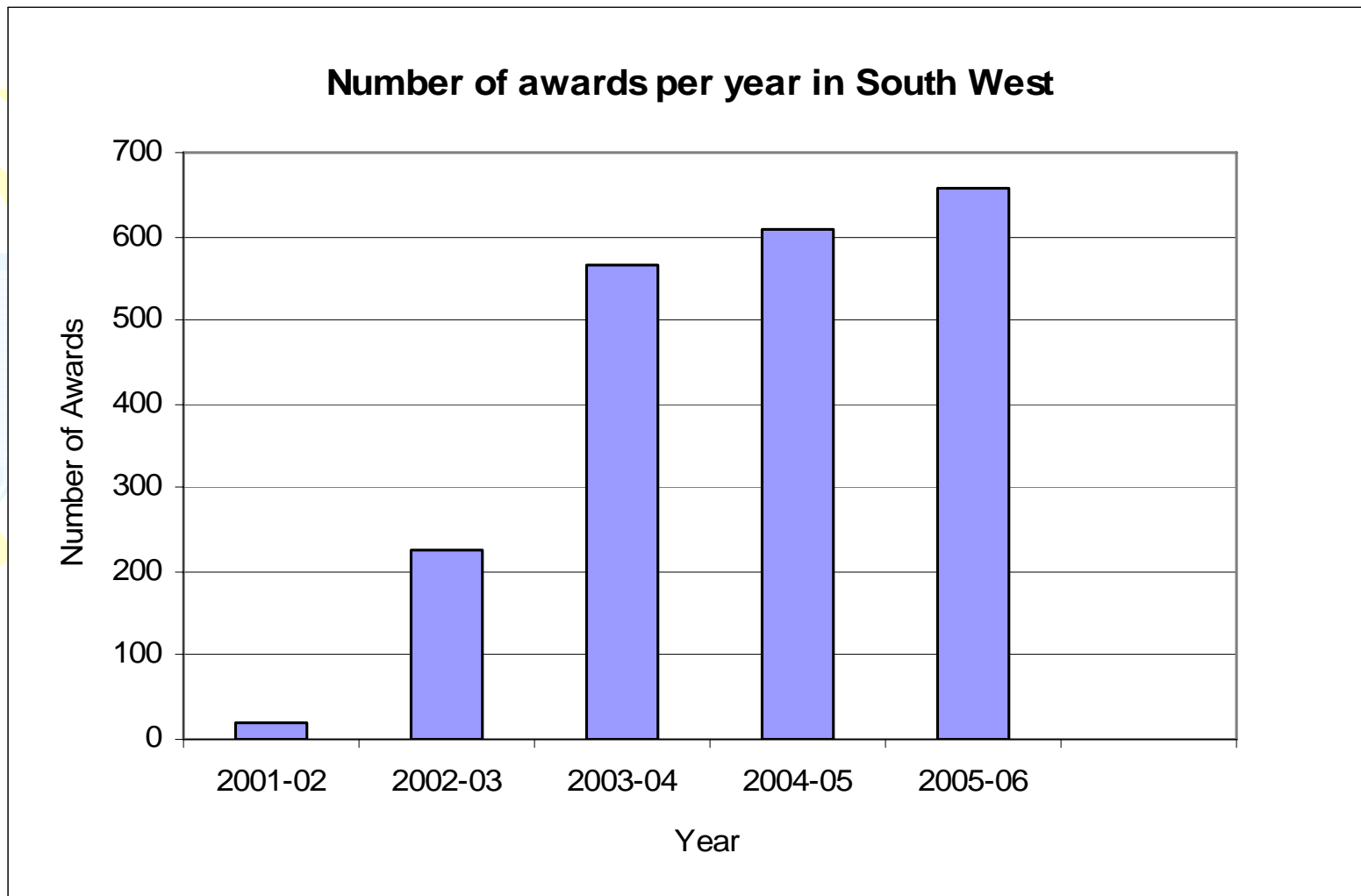
Setting the Scene 2001-06

- 2,077 of grants awarded
 - £10.6 million distributed
 - C30,000 child, young person and adult volunteers involved
 - 380,000 children and young people benefited
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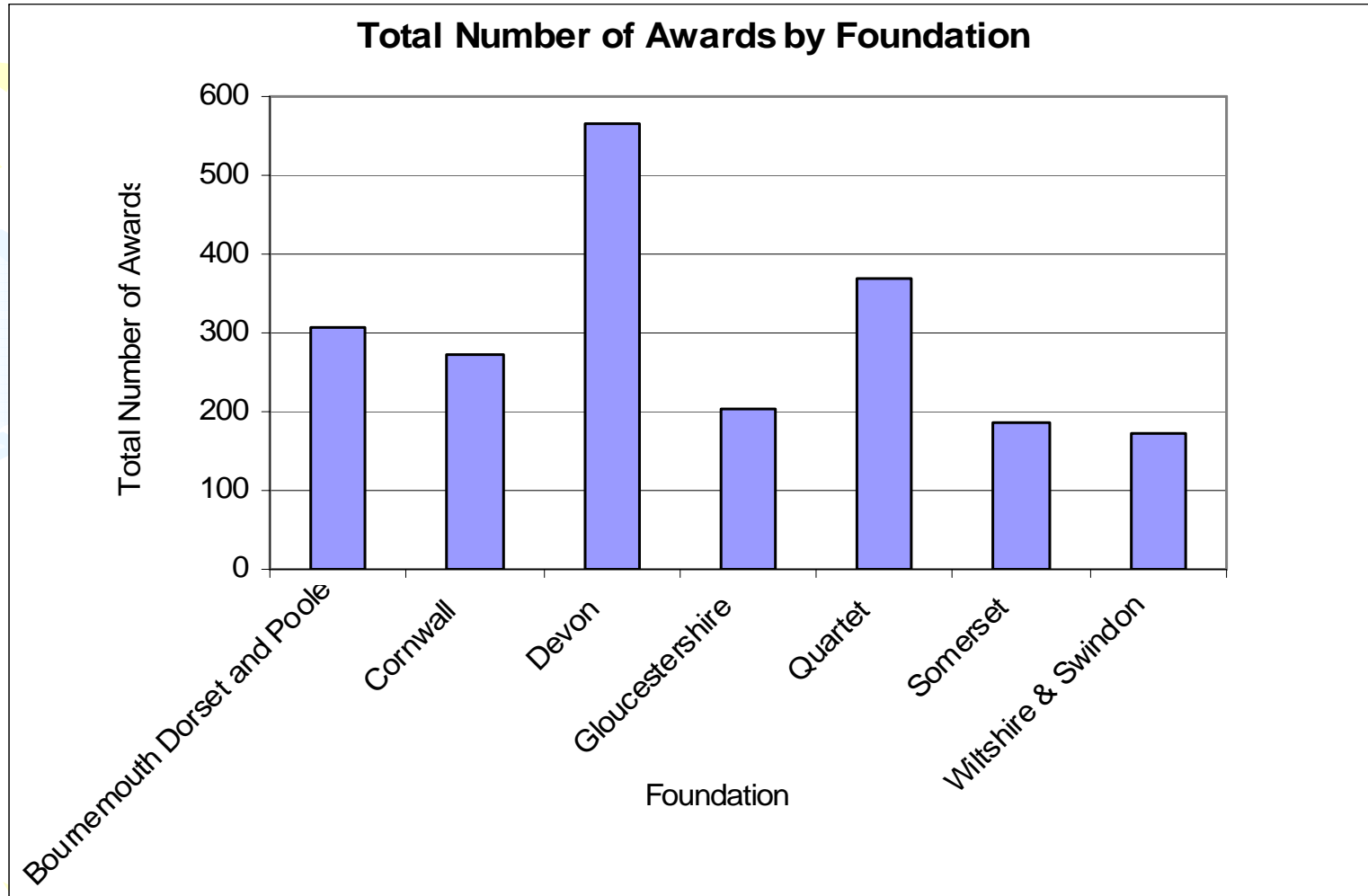
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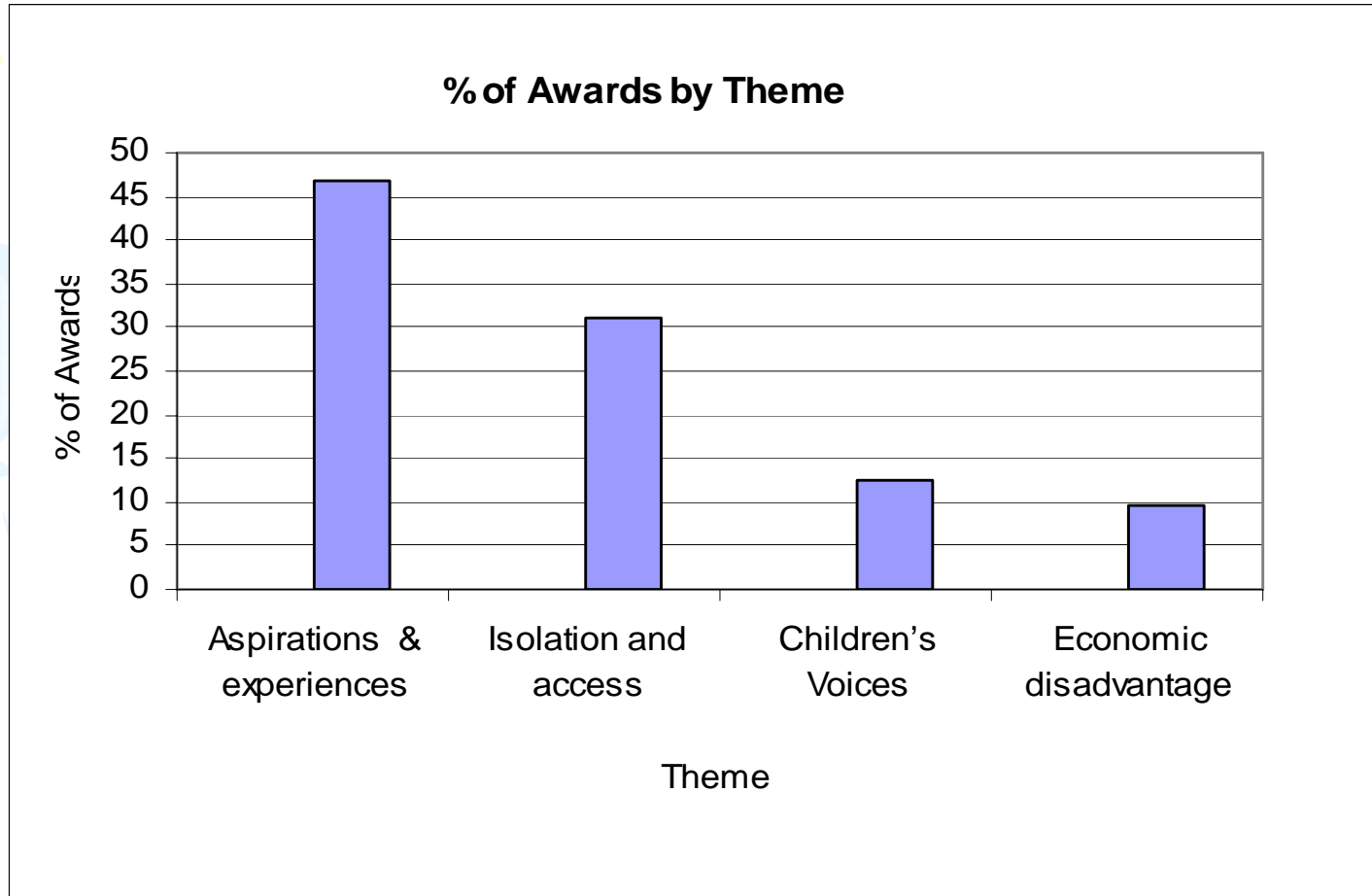
Number of LNF Awards



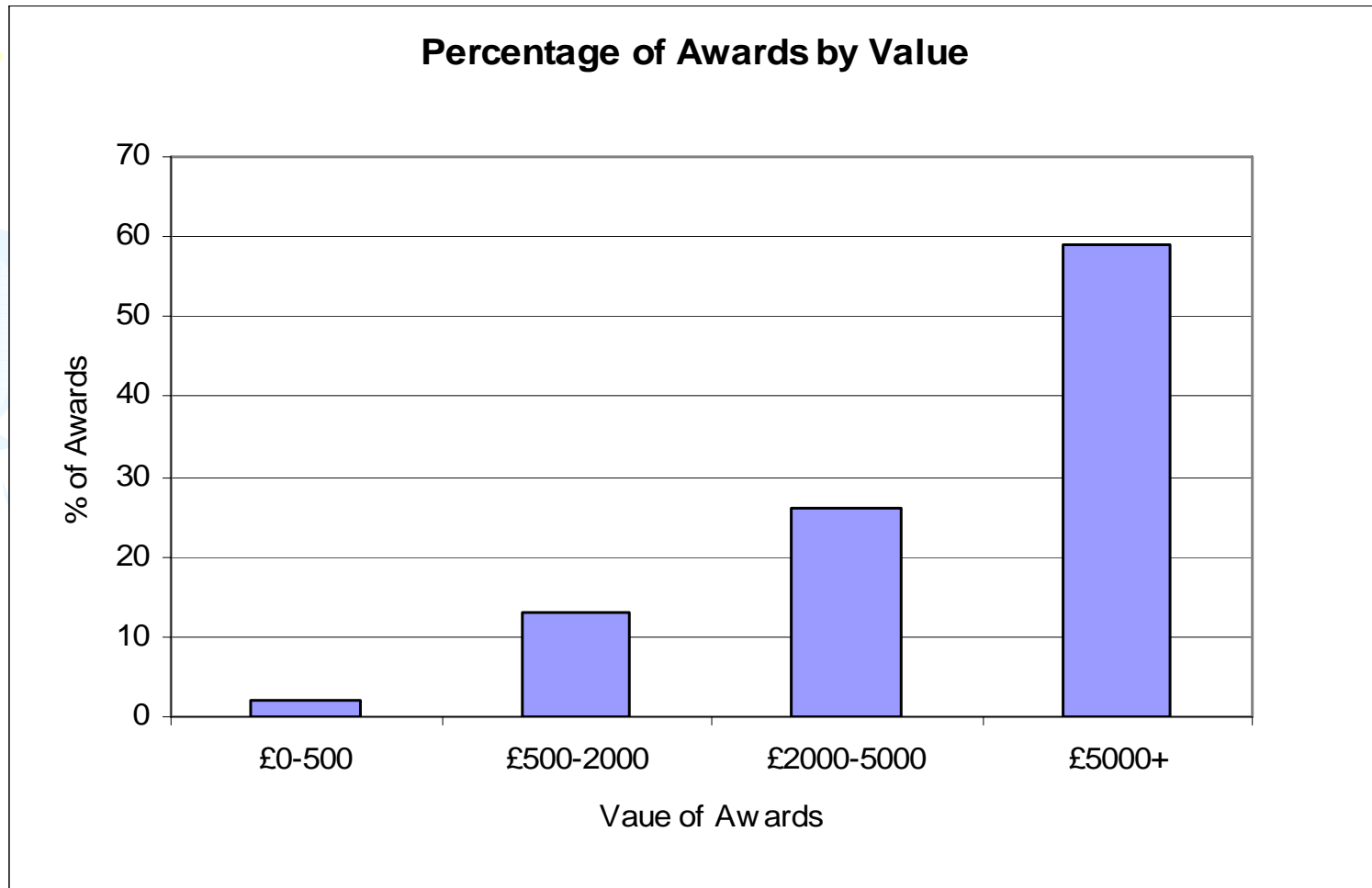
Awards/ Foundation



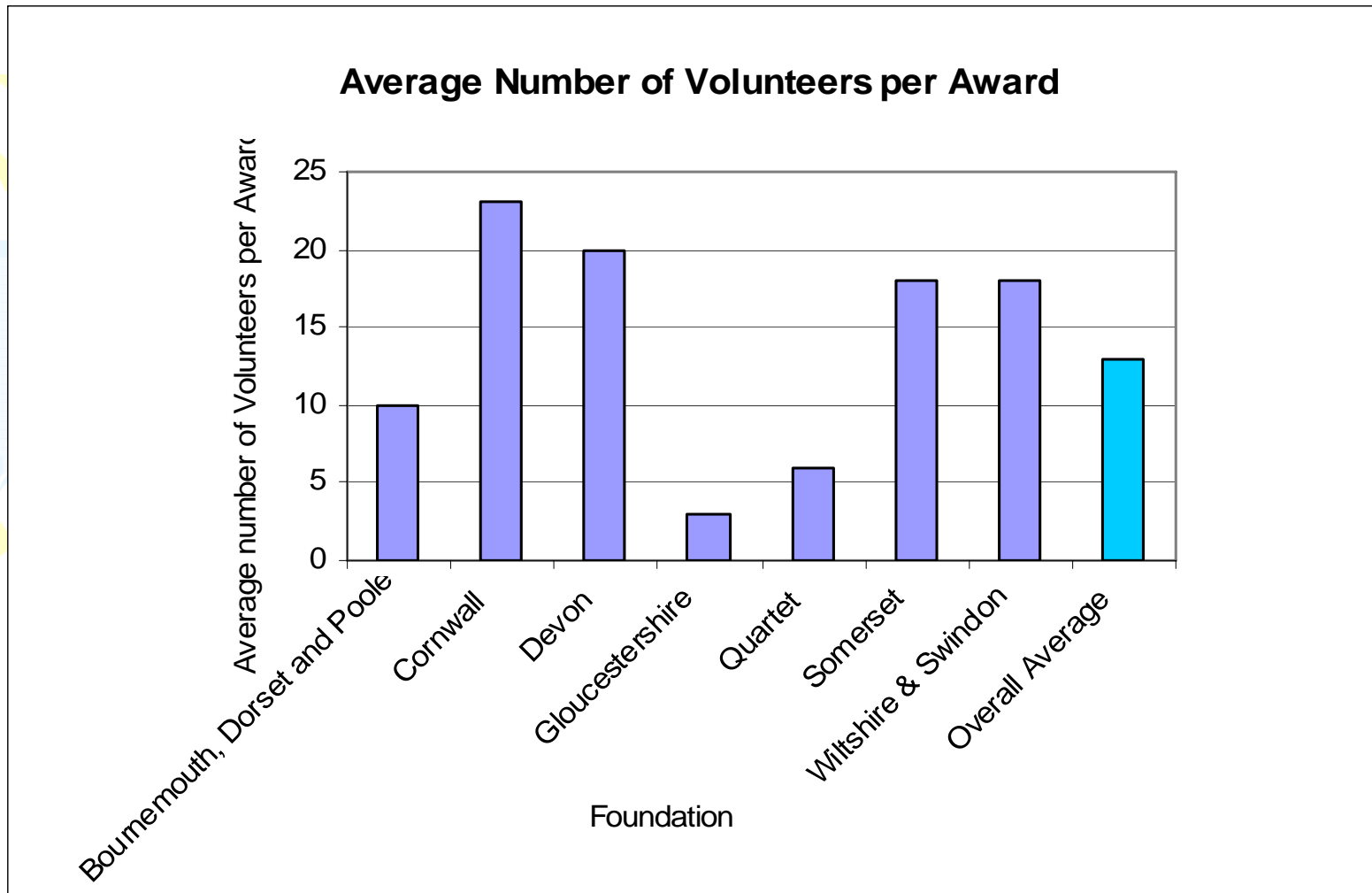
% Awards/ Theme



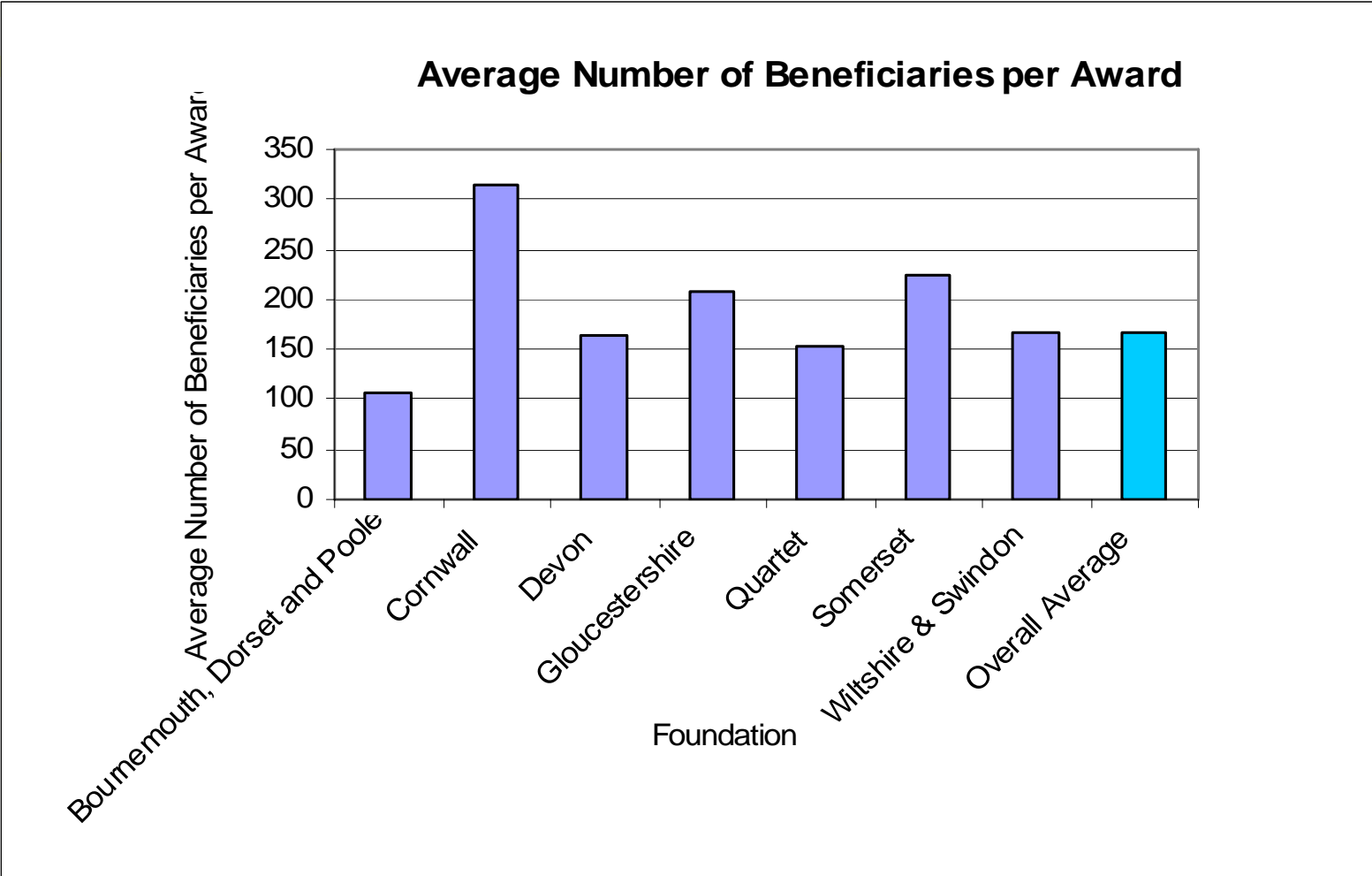
% Awards/ Value



Volunteers/ Award


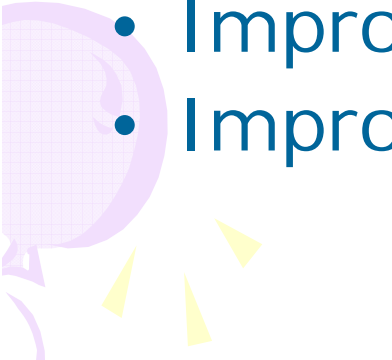


Beneficiaries





Benefits to young people

- Projects
 - 'Can do'
 - Involvement in design, planning, approval and delivery
 - Better understanding
 - Being listened to
 - Increased confidence, capacity and skills
 - Less crime
 - Improved networking
 - Improved environment
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Added Value

- Types of projects
- Location of projects
- Targeting of projects
- Contribution to strategies
- 'Seed corn' investment
- Volunteers and beneficiaries
- Building community capacity/ skills





Effective Delivery

- Foundations hit the ground running
- Foundations trusted
- Local knowledge
- 'Going the extra mile'
- Value of outreach
- Projects 'below the radar'
- Personal commitment
- Application process 'positive'
- Funding used creatively
- Experienced and skilled panels
- Fraud




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 - Has the Fund been successful in involving people as *volunteers* and *beneficiaries*?
 - Has *delivery* of the LNF through Community Foundations in the South West has been successful?
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Why Community Foundations?

- Ready made
- Experience and track record
- Local
- Creative/ risk taking
- 'Below the radar'
- Known and trusted – 'a safe pair of hands'
- Value for money
- Personal contact/ commitment
- Advice before, during and after award
- Experience of panels
- Under one roof/ direction



“The Local Network Fund has provided invaluable help in funding projects from which children have benefited greatly and the advice of the Community Foundation outreach worker has been excellent. Thank you very much, and long may the Local Network Fund continue”