

IMPROVING THE QUALITY OF LIFE FOR RESIDENTS OF THE BOROUGH OF EASTLEIGH

One Community Support the Eastleigh Mela

The Eastleigh Mela is a celebration of the diverse range of cultures that make up our local community. This year's event featured live music, dance, workshops, art and craft activities, a fashion show, falconry display, drumming, information stalls and extensive activities for all the family.

The Mela is a fantastic and vibrant occasion where you can see talented local performers, as well as being able to obtain support and advice from local service providers.

One Community had a stall to promote the vast range of services and support that we offer in the Borough. We had the best turnout that we have seen in the four years we have attended the Mela, with over 50 visitors to the stand. We dealt with a whole range of enquiries about our services and chatted with many potential volunteers.

It was also a great opportunity to network and we spoke to partner organisations, including Hampshire County Council (Community Development and Family Support), and friends from Eastleigh Borough Council, the Mayor, local councillors and other community groups.

One woman came on the stand just to say "One Community is great and has been such a help to her family".



Hampshire Arts receive funding boost

Earlier this year, Hampshire County Council awarded over £24,000 to arts organisations in the Hampshire area. Organisations across the whole of Hampshire were encouraged to apply for funding for festivals, programmes and project partnerships. Of the 33 arts activities and three business partnerships that applied, 15 were successful in receiving some or their entire requested amount.

Executive Member for Culture and Recreation, Councillor Keith Chapman approved the grants at his decision day and commented:

"It is with great pleasure that I am able to award grants to these inspiring arts organisations which are enjoyed by their local communities as well as people across the county.

"It is important that the council invests in the arts as

it enhances local distinctiveness and improves the quality of life for Hampshire's active communities."

Festival Activity funding of £2000 was awarded to the Asian Welfare & Cultural Organisation – towards the Eastleigh Mela.

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One Community news

Welcome to your August Network, it has been a very busy few months for us here at One Community. We have had cuts in funding to some of our projects, as well as receiving further funding to others. The Young Carer's project has received additional funding, to further the strong links it has with schools in the Borough and the Macmillan Support Project has been extended until the end of this year. We are undergoing a period of change in both staff and new job opportunities, but it is definitely business as usual. We hope you all have an enjoyable summer and you enjoy this edition of Network.

Stop Press... Important One Community News Announcement

We are pleased to announce that we have appointed Jean Robert-Jones as our new Chief Executive Officer whom will formally hand-over from Ken Dufton in October 2011.

Jean is no stranger to either Hampshire or the type of work that we do here at One Community. She lives locally, and ran Test Valley Community Services in the past and for the last 5 years has been CEO of Surrey Community Action.

We are sure you will join us in welcoming Jean as our new CEO, and wish her every success for the future.

One Community AGM

Our Annual General Meeting will be held on Tuesday 20th September 2011 in the Molyneux Room at One Community. As usual, the meeting will be chaired by the Mayor of Eastleigh and we will present our review of the year 2010/11. This year's speaker will be Sharon Parkes who will talk about Macmillan Solutions, which is a project that operates from our offices at One Community.

Please see the separate papers that are included with this publication for details of our AGM, and if you would like to join us we would be grateful if you could return the advice slip enclosed as soon as possible.

Please note the places are very limited and we ask that a maximum of 2 people from your organisation attends, and we would like to advise you that a place is only guaranteed when you receive a confirmation of your booking.

We look forward to seeing you there. If you have any further queries please contact Carol Grant on 023 8090 2400 or cgrant@1community.org.uk

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New One Community Members

We would like to welcome the following groups as new members to One Community:

- Saxon Weald
- Upham Eventide Club
- Jubilee Sailing

Come and join us...

Any group or charity can apply to become a member of One Community. We have many member groups - mainly in the Borough of Eastleigh. Membership is currently only £12 per year.



Special Event Volunteering

Not everyone can make a commitment to on-going volunteering, but might enjoy giving time on a one-off basis, getting involved in sports events, festivals and fundraisers, helping as a steward or marshal, or setting up and taking down the paraphernalia of an event.

It's an attractive opportunity, volunteering in a fun atmosphere, enjoying the camaraderie of a group effort, while making a difference to the cultural life of your community or helping to raise funds for a worthwhile cause.

Hampshire Volunteer Centres are able to register and promote one-off volunteering opportunities for your special events. All we ask is a reasonable amount of notice to be able to promote the role properly.

Most of the Hampshire Volunteer Centres now register Special Event Volunteers, who can be alerted about forthcoming event opportunities. Typical opportunities are carnivals, sponsored walks and cycling events, arts festivals, open days and steam railway specials.

If you need extra pairs of hands for your event, do get in touch with your local Volunteer Centre for a registration form. We can then promote the role on the national volunteering website www.do-it.org.uk, where all the volunteer centres upload their opportunities, and through all our other means of publicity.

Contact the Hampshire Volunteer Centre Enquiry line for further information 0844 499 4088, or your local Volunteer Centre ...

Make a Difference Day 2011

Get ready for the nation's biggest single day of volunteering, Make a Difference Day on Saturday 29 October 2011 by UK volunteering charity, CSV. This is one of the biggest mass mobilisations of people throughout the country to benefit their communities, what will you be doing?

Tens-of-thousands people have a positive impact on a huge range of causes that include helping premature babies through to creating homes for snakes, bees and newts and protecting ancient burial mounds.

Every year, research shows that for many people this is the first time they will volunteer. Nearly two-thirds go on to volunteer again once they 'catch the bug'. CSV Make a Difference Day is the perfect opportunity to get 'stuck in', make friends, get fit, spend time with the family and get to know the neighbours. Last year more than 70,000 people took part – almost twice the size of the London Marathon!

Research by ICM and commissioned by CSV Make a Difference Day reveals the positive impact of volunteering, that:

- Nearly half of all volunteers (47%) say volunteering improves their physical fitness.
- More than half the population (55%) feel happier when they help a neighbour or friend with a problem, rising to 67% for the over 65s
- A quarter (25%) who volunteer more than five times a year say it helps them lose weight
- Up to half of people (48%) who volunteers say volunteering makes them less depressed.
- Up to 63% of people say volunteering helps them feel less stressed.

Sign up to the CSV Make a Difference Day bulletin emails to register your interest. Whether you want to take part with your company, school, community group, or even go it alone, get in touch by visiting www.csv.org.uk/difference or calling FREEPHONE 0800 284 533.



Hampshire Scheme scoops National Award for Action Against Rogues

A Hampshire County Council scheme to protect vulnerable adults from being scammed out of their savings by rogue traders, fraudsters and doorstep criminals has received national recognition from the Trading Standards Institute.

Protecting vulnerable residents from scams

A Recognition Award will be presented to Hampshire Trading Standards for their Financial Abuse Safeguarding Unit to negotiate settlements without the need for court action, on behalf of victims duped by scams or unscrupulous traders.

Since the scheme was set up three years ago, it has recouped around £385,000 on behalf of victims who would often find it impossible to give evidence in court due to their specific impairments such as dementia, mental health problems, learning difficulties or physical limitations. Using their mediation skills, Hampshire's Trading Standards officers aim to put the consumer back into the position they were in before they were targeted. Many vulnerable consumers can be socially isolated and worry about the situation they find themselves in and the worry and distress experienced has a negative effect on their social wellbeing. By taking on the case, Trading Standards aims to minimise this stress.

Leader of Hampshire County Council, Councillor Ken Thornber said:

"The Safeguarding Unit is a powerful tool to tackle incidents of financial abuse among Hampshire's vulnerable residents and this Award is testament to the excellent ongoing work of Trading Standards to protect against fraudsters and rogue traders. I congratulate the Team in achieving this outstanding national recognition."

If you think you or someone you know is being targeted, contact Trading Standards or Consumer Direct on 08454 04 05 06 who can provide help and advice.

What are they?

No Cold Calling Zones (NCCZ) are an initiative to help combat the problem of doorstep crime. Supported by Hampshire County Council, Hampshire Constabulary and partners, NCCZ aim to make residents feel safer in their own homes.

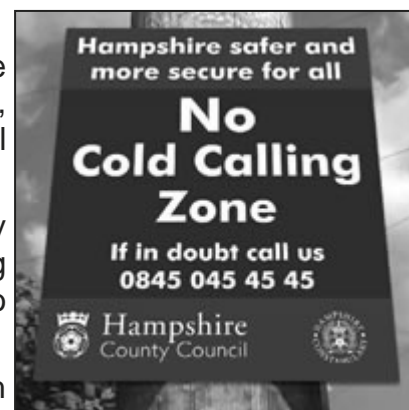
NCCZ do not ban cold callers or create exclusion zones, however they can be effective in deterring unscrupulous cold callers from approaching people living in the zones and giving those residents the confidence to say "No".

NCCZ can either be set up from local intelligence or a request, but both require the successful completion of a consultation process. This can then lead to the provision of door stickers and signage, for the purpose of labelling the zone and empowering the residents.

It works! NCCZ have proved to be a success across the county. Since the introduction of a zone in their area:

72% of residents felt safer living within a No Cold Calling Zone

74% of residents felt more confident when dealing with cold callers



For further information please contact:

No Cold Calling Zones
Hampshire County Council
Trading Standards Service
Montgomery House
Monarch Way

Telephone: 01962 833620
Email: nccz@hants.gov.uk

Views on bus subsidies have been heard

Public response to an in-depth review of bus services in light of Government budget cuts revealed that around two thirds of people felt that it was more important for local bus services to be kept running to all areas rather than concentrated on main routes. A similar proportion also favoured a less frequent service every day to more frequent services on fewer days. Access to shopping, health services and work were also ranked as being the top three priorities for bus service provision.

Sought to retain existing services

The outcome of the review has influenced the County Council's approach to using the reduced funding available for bus subsidy, which has sought to retain the existing network of services even if that means a lower frequency of services or replacing conventional bus service with alternative options such as taxi-share schemes.

As a result, communities with an existing bus service will not be left without a public transport link if bus subsidy reduction proposals are agreed by Hampshire County Council **on 27 July**.

On behalf of the County Council, at his Decision Day on July (27th), Councillor Kendal will consider a range of recommendations on the allocation of bus subsidies.

The recommendations have been grouped into four sections:

1. proposals to realise £2.08 million savings on existing bus subsidy contracts (due for renewal between 2012 and 2015) in East Hampshire, Test Valley, Basingstoke, Fareham, Gosport, Havant, New Forest and Winchester districts;
2. proposals for new, four year bus subsidy contracts proposed for the Blackwater Valley area (value £291,706);
3. proposals for new, four year bus subsidy contracts proposed for the Eastleigh district (£421,870);
and proposals for new two year contracts for Cango services in Andover, Burghclere and Alton (value £402,726).

In assessing the impact of the bus subsidy reductions, the need to ensure there is an adequate public transport link for particular groups of people has been recognised and, as far as possible, the recommendations being made will also ensure links are retained to shopping and other services for older people and to school or college for students

The recommendations set out in the report detail the contributions to support individual bus services that are made by other local authorities.

The bus subsidy review

Thousands of questionnaires were distributed at bus stations, shopping centres and town centres, and issues discussed at Passenger Transport groups and forums over the past few months to give a complete picture of how people currently use buses in Hampshire.

Only 15% of bus journeys are subsidised Currently

Around 15% of bus journeys in Hampshire are subsidised by Hampshire County Council, that is, where the council pays bus companies to provide services that are not commercially viable and would not therefore be run without subsidies. This accounts for around 8,700 journeys made by Hampshire residents each week day.

(Visit the website to read the full report & access updates after the 27th July 2011)

Documents can be requested in alternative versions (such as large print, braille or audio) or in alternative languages by phoning 01962 845751 or emailing members.services@hants.gov.uk WWW3.hants.gov.uk

Fairer Care Funding Report Announces Its Findings

The Commission on Funding of Care and Support has presented its findings to the Government in its report Fairer Care Funding, published on 4th July 2011.

The independent commission, set up by the Government last July, was asked to recommend a fair and sustainable funding system for adult social care in England.

Among the recommendations in the report are:

- Individuals' lifetime contributions towards their social care costs – which are currently potentially unlimited – should be capped. After the cap is reached, individuals would be eligible for full state support. This cap should be between £25,000 and £50,000. We consider that £35,000 is the most appropriate and fair figure;
- The means-tested threshold, above which people are liable for their full care costs, should be increased from £23,250 to £100,000;
- National eligibility criteria and portable assessments should be introduced to ensure greater consistency; and
- All those who enter adulthood with a care and support need should be eligible for free state support immediately rather than being subjected to a means test.

The Commission estimates that its proposals – based on a cap of £35,000 – would cost the State around £1.7billion.

Andrew Dilnot, chair of the Commission, said:

“The issue of funding for adult social care has been ignored for too long. We should be celebrating the fact we are living longer and that younger people with disabilities are leading more independent lives than ever before. But instead we talk about the ‘burden of ageing’ and individuals are living in fear, worrying about meeting their care costs.

“The current system is confusing, unfair and unsustainable. People can't protect themselves against the risk of very high care costs and risk losing all their assets, including their house. This problem will only get worse if left as it is, with the most vulnerable in our society being the ones to suffer.

“Under our proposed system everybody who gets free support from the state now will continue to do so and everybody else would be better off. Putting a limit on the maximum lifetime costs people may face will allow them to plan ahead for how they wish to meet these costs. By protecting a larger amount of people's assets they need no longer fear losing everything.”

The recommendations are given in full in the Commission's report Fairer Care Funding. The report is also available in an easy read version and pamphlet which gives a summary of the main recommendations.

To accompany the report there are two additional published volumes – Volume II Evidence and Analysis, and Volume III Supporting Documents.

All of these documents are available below along with a presentation illustrating the recommendations that the Commission gave at the launch event on 4th July.

Visit the website to access the full Report:

<http://www.dilnotcommission.dh.gov.uk/contact-us/>

If you require the main report in a different format please contact the Commission

Phone: For all media enquiries please contact:

020 7210 5221 (from 8am to 7pm Monday to Friday)

07050 073 581 (out of hours)

Email: dilnotcomments@dh.gsi.gov.uk

Hampshire County Councils Response to the Dilnot Report into the Future of Funding for Social Care

Thursday, 07 July 2011



Councillor Ken Thornber, Leader of Hampshire County Council and Chairman of Hampshire's Personalisation Commission, said: "We fully support Dilnot's proposal for a partnership between the state and the individual in paying for the costs of long-term care. We recognise it is not realistic for the state to bear all the costs alone, but we need to work towards a system which is equitable and transparent for all, and where individuals are clear about what they will have to pay and what the state will contribute.

"Hampshire's Commission on Personalisation in 2008 called on Government to raise the threshold above which individuals have to pay for all their care costs, as it is currently set far too low at £23,250 and penalises people who have saved for their older age. We therefore welcome Dilnot's proposal that this threshold should be substantially increased.

"We would urge the Government to play its part by providing its share of the additional resources needed for social care. We also need Government to work closely with the independent financial sector to ensure that state-endorsed, sustainable and carefully regulated products are developed to support older people to plan their finances.

"The Dilnot report is rightly prompting serious and urgent discussions across the country about the future funding of long-term care. But at the heart of the issue is the fact that people on the whole are living much longer in retirement than previous generations. We want to celebrate this as good news and value the contribution made by our older residents. Helping older people to live well and independently for as long as possible is one of our top priorities in Hampshire County Council Adult Services. We work with partners to provide a wide range of information, advice and support to older people to help delay or prevent the need for intensive social care services and we will be looking to ensure the most cost effective models of care, such as Extra Care housing."

The Home Information Support Project (HISP) is changing its name and will now be known as **One Community Information & Support Service (OCIS)**; we will continue provide a free independent information and support service to older and vulnerable people living in the Borough of Eastleigh.

Using our comprehensive information resource and network of contacts on issues such as benefits, housing, health, social activities and transport - we can get an answer to your query. If we don't already know the answer to your question, we will use our contacts to find out and get back to you as quickly as possible.

Here are some of the things we regularly help with:

- **Form filling** - help filling in forms you are having difficulty with. We have particular expertise in benefit forms and are a designated Alternative Office for the Department of Work and Pensions, allowing us to accept claim forms and verify documents.
- **Home visits** - can be offered to those who find it difficult to get out.
- **Support and referrals** - this covers a range of activities from challenging benefit decisions to contacting organisations on your behalf. If we are the most appropriate people to be involved, then we will be there to help. If not, we will, with your permission, put you in touch with the right people.

For further information please telephone the One Community Information & Support Service (OCIS) on 023 8090 2405.



'Insulate Hampshire' Moves Ahead

Delivery of a Hampshire-wide scheme to offer cavity wall and loft insulation to thousands of Hampshire homes is about to begin.

Eastleigh Borough Council has joined with all 10 other districts across Hampshire plus the County Council in an innovative programme to ensure that local residents are able to afford top quality cavity wall and loft insulation at substantially discounted prices.

"Insulate Hampshire!" was launched on 26th July and has offered the first 5,000 Hampshire residents that sign up cavity wall insulation for only £75; thereafter the price will rise to £99. Loft insulation will be offered at £99 to all. These measures typically cost between £150 to £200 or more, and are likely to rise to full price next year as subsidies are replaced by the "Green Deal". You would then pay at least £300 for each measure.

However those over 70 or claiming qualifying benefits can still get FREE insulation under the same scheme.

Under Insulate Hampshire!, homeowners will also be able to be referred to other local initiatives, or arrange for solar (PV) panels to be installed, which currently attract the generous 'feed in tariffs' on top of free daytime electricity.

Thousands of Hampshire homes do not have cavity wall or basic loft insulation measures in place, and around 65,000 Hampshire homes that are occupied by older people over the age of 70 are not insulated.

With the proper insulation however, 'Insulate Hampshire' aims to save Hampshire households an additional £3.5million each year from their energy bills and cut their annual carbon emissions by 20,000 tonnes of CO₂. The scheme will also generate around 180 new jobs, contributing around £11million to Hampshire's local economy.

Councillor Thornber said:

"Fuel poverty leads to around 30,000 winter deaths nationally, the highest in Europe and costs the NHS £1billion every year so tackling this issue is a Senate priority. We have had a number of particularly severe winters recently in Hampshire and combined with the increase in the cost of energy and fuel, working collaboratively and with our new external providers, Senate partners can help to make a real difference with this scheme, not only to people's health and wellbeing but also by keeping household bills down and helping to make every penny count."

If you would like to find out more, contact the Insulate Hampshire! team on 0800 952 0037.

We have been made aware that other insulation contractors are targeting Hampshire residents claiming to be part of the scheme which is untrue. Any household visits before the 26th July will definitely not be from Insulate Hampshire and genuine Hampshire Insulate advisors will always provide a free phone number for residents to call and check advisors are expected in their area. Residents will receive both a leaflet and letter from

Insulate Hampshire prior to anyone visiting the area and Insulate Hampshire Advisors will all have suitable ID and branded Insulate Hampshire uniforms." If you are unsure of the person at your door call Hampshire County Council on 01962 833666 or the police on their non emergency number 0845 045 45 45.



General

The Hampshire Bobby Trust

Are you over 60 and worried about your home security? Have you had your keys stolen or your locks damaged? Do you need door chains, spy holes, bolts or window locks fitted?

Then call the BOBBY Team on 023 9289 9056 for assistance.

The Hampshire Bobby Trust was started twelve years ago and it covers the whole County of Hampshire with two vans and a co-ordinator. The Bobby Scheme re-secures the homes of the elderly, disabled and vulnerable, free of charge, following a break-in and this is done within 48 hours.

We employ handymen who go out to our clients to provide free security devices and advice. They re-assure our clients and enable them to continue to live independently instead of being frightened into moving into wardened accommodation. This is a huge saving on the Local Authority as well as being what most of the victims really want. We also do security work for victims of domestic violence and for all those who are vulnerable because of their circumstances.

As well as fitting free locks and door chains, we fit free long-life smoke alarms and electric light bulbs as well as notices for the elderly reminding them to lock up and be cautious when callers come to the door.

We receive many letters of thanks from our clients saying that the Bobby Scheme has made them feel safe again in their own homes. That is exactly what we want to achieve and our re-victimisation rate is negligible.

Ageing Well in Hampshire

The refreshed Older People's Wellbeing Strategy 2011-2014 was formally launched on 1st June. The top 3 priorities are Getting about on transport as easily as possible; Knowing about benefits; and Clear information about health and wellbeing. The Strategy is available on the Bettertime website at <http://www3.hants.gov.uk/adult-services/bettertime/publications-strategies.htm> or phone 01962 847279 for a paper copy.

Adult Services Safeguarding Unit

The main aim of the Safeguarding Coordinators is to improve the effectiveness and efficiency of safeguarding within Hampshire. Each coordinator has an allocated area and works closely with colleagues from adult services, police, health, housing, and independent providers.

A safeguarding Telephone Enquiry Line has been set up to respond to day-to-day safeguarding queries, and is available during office hours. Call 01962 847214. There is also a dedicated email inbox: adult.safeguarding.unit@hants.gov.uk

The W heatsheaf Scheme

The W heatsheaf Trust is an organisation that trains young people who are out of work. Eastleigh Council has initiated a partnership, with the Environment Centre and funded by Scottish Power, to help vulnerable people to have their lofts cleared of items to allow for insulation to be put in, and/or to install loft insulation where the household is not able to have this done for free because they have too much insulation already (more than 60mm) or are slightly under the age barrier.

Contact the Council on 023 8068 8274 to enquire or apply.

Hat Fair Out There Open Air Performances

When: 4th Sep 2011 12:00 – 16:00

Venue: Manor Farm Country Park, Pylands Lane, Bursledon, SO31 1BH

Description: Enjoy a family afternoon of fun and laughter as the school holidays draw to a close. Bring along a picnic and be entertained by circus skills workshops, puppetry, storytelling and musical theatre. This event has been generously supported by Hog the Limelight, Hampshire County Councils rural touring arts scheme. Free event, parking charge applies.

Organisation: Manor Farm Country Park

Contact: 01489 787055

areasouth.countryside@hants.gov.uk

www3.hants.gov.uk/countryside/manorfarm.htm

Organising a Street Party

Organising a street party in 2012?

Are you planning a local street event to mark the Queen's Diamond Jubilee next year and doing this for the first time, or did your street party for the Royal Wedding this year, spark your enthusiasm to do it bigger and better in 2012? Then there are a number of web-sites you can look at to give you practical advice and ideas:

Streets Alive, a not-for-profit group based in Bristol have been helping local groups set up street parties for the last 10 years, have a web-site called www.streetparty.org.uk with a lot of useful tips on how to organise a successful, inclusive and fun event. Here are a selection:

- ◇ Start planning at least 3-4 months in advance.
- ◇ Ask everyone in the street to your first planning meeting.
- ◇ Think about how you may need to approach your elderly neighbours to get them involved – face-to-face contact might be better (Street Alive's report *Older People and Neighbouring: The Role of Street Parties in Promoting Community Cohesion* offers useful guidance).
- ◇ Include activities for teenagers.
- ◇ Give everyone something to do.

If you would like to close the street to traffic for the duration of the event, then you will need to complete a simple form which is available to download from your local authority web-site or via the links at the following Hantsweb page <http://www3.hants.gov.uk/trafficmanagement/public-events/street-party-advice.htm>

Please check the recommended road closure application deadlines to submit a form to your district or borough authority. As long as this is not a public event, and does not involve more than 500 people getting together the red tape is being kept to a minimum.

How your local CVS community development worker can help:

- ◇ Put you in touch with the relevant officers in your local authority.
- ◇ Help you with fundraising advice for your event.
- ◇ Guidance on how to run a committee.
- ◇ If you are planning a larger event where insurance will be required, we can help with signposting to insurance advice and providers.
- ◇ Ideas on which community groups to contact to ensure that information about your event is widely publicised or groups who might be able to help with activities and entertainment at your event.

If your thinking of planning an event and would like some help and support; please contact your Community Development Team on 023 8090 2400.



Together we can make your celebration a day to remember.



To mark 60 years of the Queen's reign the Diamond Jubilee will take place in 2012. The celebrations will centre around an extended weekend in 2012 on 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th June.

More information can be found on the official web-site.

http://culture.gov.uk/what_we_do/honours/diamondjubilee.aspx

Training Information



As well as the training we offer here at One Community, we also provide some information about other organisations that offer training useful to Individuals, voluntary and community groups. Please note that we provide this information in good faith; this should not be taken as an endorsement of the named organisation.

Introduction to Community Work

NVQ - Community Work

This is a basic skills course for people who are relatively new to working with community groups and will give them an opportunity to reflect on their work and training. The course is designed to help build self-confidence through a wider understanding of community development and validations of skills and experiences.

The standards for this NVQ were written in consultation with representatives from the field of community work from all over the UK. They are in the nationally recognised benchmarks detailing all areas of work in which community workers should be competent. Candidates will be able to customise the course to their own work settings and job roles.

Dates: 5 sessions running fortnightly during term times starting March 2012.

**Contact: Sarah Fordham, Community Support Officer,
community.training@basingstoke.gov.uk**

Price: TBC

Telephone: 01256 845622

Location: Basingstoke

Emergency First Aider at Work

This course is regulated by HSE and effectively replaces the Appointed Person Course. This course is intended for smaller workplaces where the appointed person will be able to take charge in the event of an illness or accident. At the end of the course attendees will have demonstrated competence in basic life support skills and increased their awareness in managing a first aid incident in the workplace.

A certificate will be issued which will be valid for 3 years with HSE approval (no 38/04)

Contact: Greg Alexander greg@rvs.org.uk

Tel No: 01252 540162

Date: 14th September 2011

Time: 09.00 - 4.00 pm

Price: £40 per delegate

Location: Farnborough Community Centre,

Voluntary Sector Training, Workshop & Information Service



At One Community, we pride ourselves in providing training that meets the needs of our members. We have recently partnered with a new service which specialises in Human Resource issues. We are currently planning a training schedule to cover relevant HR issues, so if you are interested in finding out more, or have any further training requirements you would like to discuss with us, please contact Carol Grant on 023 8090 2400 or e-mail cgrant@1community.org.uk to be kept updated.

Training & Resource information

Avoiding problems in running your charity (risk management)

Running a charity can be hard work, even if you really enjoy doing it. The Charity Commission is a charity regulator, they try to keep the rules simple for smaller charities. But there are other rules that charities need to know about, which apply to lots of organisations, not just charities. And if you want to run any organisation successfully, large or small, charity or business, you need to plan. Planning helps you to achieve your aims and avoid problems.

This section can help you run your charity more easily. The following three options are aimed at small or newer charities, and for trustees just starting out:

- 10 useful questions for avoiding problems
- Simplified risk management for small charities

What is risk management?

Managing risk is a way of planning to avoid problems. If you plan for the things that might go wrong, you can avoid or reduce the problem. This means that you can have more time and money to help the people who use your charity.

Click on the link and follow the steps which steps can help you make a plan to manage risks.

How to avoid typical risks – links to information

If you are more confident, look at our website section on charity governance to find out more about how to run your charity well. This includes more detailed guidance on risk management.

Charity governance http://www.charitycommission.gov.uk/Charity_requirements_guidance/Specialist_guidance/Small_charities/How_to_avoid_typical_risks.aspx



HSE Risk Assessment and Policy template now available on website

The template combines an organisation's risk assessment, health and safety policy and record of health and safety arrangements into one document. The templates have been set up to aid charity shops, community centres, village halls, food preparation and service and similar premises and organisations in undertaking risk assessments and creating policies. It is advisable to use the template as a guide and tailor it to your organisation's needs for example- to cover volunteers as well as paid employees.

www.hse.gov.uk/simple-health-safety/write.htm?ebul=hsegen&cr=2/26-apr-11

The Ready for Change Tool

Rocket Science has developed a new tool for voluntary and community sector organisations which are having to prepare for and manage change. This free tool prompts users to reflect on their strengths and weaknesses at a time when many, particularly smaller organisations, are having to adapt to a very challenging environment.

www.rocketsciencelab.co.uk

PAT Testing course -

When: Tuesday 20 September

Where: Mottisfont Court, Winchester.

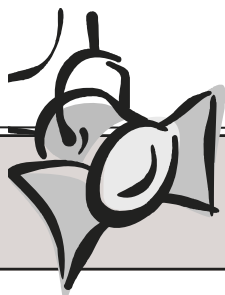
Contact: Community Support Team
community.support@hants.gov.uk
or call on 01962 847937

Community Centre Managers Training -
6 course sessions, one per month, various Locations.

When: Starting Tuesday 6 September.

Contact: Community Support Team at
community.support@hants.gov.uk or call on 01962 847937





Please note: we've provided this information in good faith, but we cannot be responsible for any errors, omissions or funding decisions. Please check all details with the relevant funding body before you apply.

Why should we do Visible?

VISIBLE Communities™ is an accreditation award for the charity and community sector who can demonstrate quality systems and standards. It is a unique approach to promoting quality and best practice in the charity and community sector.

Top 8 reasons to undertake Visible...

1. Provides extensive evidence of the quality of your organisation's work, giving confidence to funders, stakeholders, staff, members and users.
2. Increases your likelihood of gaining funding. 60% of organisations VISIBLE accredited found it easier to secure funding which was previously difficult to obtain.
3. Creates greater cohesion amongst staff, volunteers and trustees, improving trust and working relationships.
4. Helps management committees recognise potential issues at early stages and enables your organisation to operate within the law Enables your organisation to establish new services and activities.
5. Provides a clear structure for the improvement of your organisation.
6. Helps develop local relationships and form strong partnerships.
7. Enables your organisation to feel empowered about its development. 100% of accredited groups indicated they would re-accredit.

For more information see;
<http://www.visiblecommunities.org.uk/index.php?page=1>

Helpline:
0845 VISIBLE

Let us know what you think about our funding information pages. If you apply for a grant please let us know, or if we can help our Community Development Team are here to support you.

Awards for All update



Groups can now apply for up to £10,000 per year as long as they only hold one Awards for All grant at a time.

Groups can apply for a repeat activity if the activity hasn't taken place within three years.

An eligibility checklist is on the new application form from July 2011.

<http://www.awardsforall.org.uk/england/apply.html>

Community Challenge Fund 2011

What is the Community Challenge Fund?

The Community Challenge Fund is a one-off grant scheme by Hampshire County Council for projects by rural communities which help improve local quality of life. Grants of up to £2,500 are available, but you do have to provide match funding. Some of the match funding can be 'in kind' e.g. as volunteer time.

What will we fund?

Projects that help meet any one of these objectives:

- Supporting sustainable rural communities (including affordable housing, rural broadband, access to services, supporting volunteering and community engagement).
- Providing effective rural transport.
- Farming, food and access to the countryside.
- Economic prosperity.
- Climate change, including renewable energy, and making better use of the county's wood-fuel resource.

Who can apply?

Community organisations and parish councils working in rural Hampshire.

Projects must be completed, the short evaluation form returned, and money must be claimed by 15 March 2012, otherwise the grant offer lapses.

For more information see www.hants.gov.uk/grants/communitychallengefundgrant

New Funding Opportunity for Voluntary and Community Groups

INSPIRED FACILITIES is focused on making it easier for local community and volunteer groups to improve and refurbish sports clubs or transform non-sporting venues into modern grassroots sport facilities.

Part of Places People Play, Sport England's programme to deliver a London 2012 legacy of increased mass participation in sport, it is

investing £50 million of National Lottery funding in up to 1000 community sports projects between 2011 and 2014.

Click on this link for further details:

http://www.hants-alliance.org.uk/grants_commissioning

Age Sentinel Trust has been established to provide practical help and support to older people on low incomes, throughout the UK and Northern Ireland, by providing items, services or facilities to enable them to lead a secure and independent life.

What we do

We can provide grants to those over the age of 60, who are on low incomes, to help with costs for:

- A financial crisis.
- Pay for services provided by an appropriate company or tradesman.
- These services could include emergency home repairs, maintenance or gardening.
- Access improvements to aid mobility.

We also support Community groups

We will give priority to households with people suffering with Dementia and Alzheimers.

For further information or a grant application form, please contact us (see details below).

By Post:

2 Winchester Road,
Bishops Waltham,
SOUTHAMPTON
SO32 1BE

Phone: 02081444774

<http://agesentinel.org.uk/>

Disabled Young People Grants

It has been identified that for some disabled young people to attend mainstream and/or targeted activities, higher costs can be incurred as their personal requirements may be more than most. There are three different types of grants available to support provision:

1. Short Breaks for Disabled Children Grant - specialist places;
2. Full Short Breaks funding - to support individuals to participate in mainstream activities;
3. Inspiring You: Activities for All funding - to support the additional costs of running an event and/or activities that include children and young people with disabilities.

For more information about the grants, criteria and how to apply go to <http://www3.hants.gov.uk/childrens-services/specialneeds/shortbreaks/shortbreaksfunding.htm>.

If you have any further questions or queries contact one of the Short Breaks for Disabled Children admin team on 01962 846399 or email shortbreaks@hants.gov.uk

MacMillan – Helping You Help Others Grants

Funding may be used, for example, for event costs, promotional activities and the purchase of group materials (i.e. computers, laptops and display materials) for cancer self-help and support groups.

New Groups can apply for £500 on a **monthly basis**. **Established Groups** can apply for £3,000 by **28th October**. For more information go to <http://www.macmillan.org.uk/HowWeCanHelp/CancerSupportGroups/HowWeSupportYourGroup.aspx>

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**COMIC
RELIEF**

There are still many communities in the UK that suffer from economic and social deprivation and the current economic climate may make this situation worse.

For this reason, Comic Relief has decided that £4.5 million should be available to fund projects across the UK which are addressing these issues through a second phase of the 'Local Communities' programme.

Comic Relief is pleased to be working with the Community Foundation Network (CFN) and Community Foundations across the UK, to deliver this Local Communities programme.

Hampshire & Isle of Wight Community Foundation is one of the delivery partners.

The Local Communities programme will run for two years and during this time, grants of between £1,000 and £10,000 will be available.

The programme aims to empower local people, enabling them to create lasting change in their communities. Projects should be run by people directly affected by the issues they are dealing with and priority will be given to small, locally based groups or organisations in areas of disadvantage that have a clear understanding of the needs of their community.

Under the programme, organisations can apply for funding to:

- increase local services,
- build skills of local people,
- increase community cohesion
- respond to local economic needs
- increase access to sport and exercise for people who face social exclusion and isolation.

When can you apply?

We are open for applications from 04/08/2011. The closing date is 02/09/2011.

Tel: 01256 776101

Email: info@hantscf.org.uk

<http://www.hantscf.org.uk/default.aspx?id=219>



Adult Services Grants to Voluntary and Community Organisations programme

The Adult Services Grants Programme for 2012-13 is now open and accepting applications until Monday 07 November 2011.

This programme funds projects and proposals which support the objectives of the Adult Services Department:

- Maximising independence and inclusion
- Right support in the right place at the right time for users
- Vulnerable people are protected
- Delivering a high quality, cost effective service to the vulnerable people of Hampshire.



Who Can Apply?

We will fund organisations and services who fulfill our criteria, and comply with mutually agreed reporting and monitoring requirements.

The funding is intended for voluntary and community organisations in Hampshire.

If you have any questions regarding your application, please contact the Grants Officer on 01962 847265 or Linzi.Gow@hants.gov.uk. Full details of the grant and an application form can be found on-line: <http://www3.hants.gov.uk/grants/asgrants.htm>

Using CRBS as part of your Safeguarding Process



Generally, all the people who volunteer for or are employed by charities see that they are helping to make life better for people in our communities. People have a special interest in a specific area, usually because of a personal connection and we want to value and engage them for the benefit of all. However there are a very few people who by intent or through particular circumstances would cause harm to children or clients who are vulnerable because they take the help on trust.

All community groups wish to use good processes to only recruit suitable people. This includes a range of processes including having a good role description, taking a written application form, interviewing and checking the candidates suitability by using 'value based questioning', taking up references and checking on previous behaviour through a CRB check.

Through the Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups Act 2006 it was planned to set-up a register of people with ISA. Originally it was thought that this would remove the requirement for multiple CRB checks but latterly it was clear that the proposed scheme failed to do this. There was a big public outcry, mainly about intrusion of freedom and the Home Secretary announced a

halt to the scheme in July 2010. This was followed by a review and then an announcement in February that the ISA scheme would be virtually abandoned and new legislation under the "Freedoms Bill" would be put through Parliament in 2012. Scrutiny of the bill is now underway.

The review has made it clear that there must be a proper reason for requesting a CRB disclosure. Also the review proposed clamping down on organisations that ask for CRB disclosures but are not entitled to under the legislation.

Although the review has been published there has been no official change in the rules or regulations. However the regulation was substantially 'open' and the CRB have in guidance indicated that they are taking a stricter view of the existing rules. So, there is no change yet but there probably will be.

One Community is registered as an "Umbrella Body" with the Criminal Records Bureau (CRB) and can therefore offer services to countersign criminal records check applications. For further information on this valuable service; please contact Carol Grant on 023 8090 2400 or e-mail cgrant@1community.org.uk



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Email info@1community.org.uk.

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Reach over 200 member groups by advertising your event or featuring your news in our next publication. Contact Carol Grant at cgrant@1community.org.uk or call 023 8090 2400

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