

## Community Development Report

### East Area Panel, Item 11

**Committee:** East Area Panel

**Agenda Item**

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Item for decision

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#### Summary

- 1 To advise the Panel of related community development activities and schemes with which officers have been involved since the previous Panel meeting.
- 2 To bring to the Panel's attention important community based activities that will be taking place during the next few months.

#### Recommendations

- 3 That the Panel endorses the actions taken by officers to promote greater community capacity and well-being for the community.

#### Background Papers

None.

#### Situation

#### Essex Youth Games 2006

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Uttlesford took part alongside the Braintree district in competing in the Essex Youth Games held on Saturday 17 June 2006. This saw 97 young people aged between 10 to 15 years old representing the district, 69 from Uttlesford with 21 from the East area. After a closely fought competition Uttlesford and Braintree were pipped to the title by Southend. The young people who took part competed extremely well and the highlight of the day was their victory in the Athletics. Overall 11 teams competed in one of the following sports:- Athletics, Disability Athletics, Girls Football, Pan Disability Football, Tennis, Mixed Hockey, Girls Cricket, Badminton and Tag Rugby.

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#### Final Placings for 2006

| Position | Team                    |
|----------|-------------------------|
| 1        | Southend                |
| 2        | Braintree & Uttlesford  |
| 3        | Basildon & Brentwood    |
| 4        | Thurrock                |
| 5        | Chelmsford & Maldon     |
| 6        | Colchester & Tendring   |
| 7        | Epping Forest & Harlow  |
| 8        | Castle Point & Rochford |

#### U2006

- 5 This year we once again held the youth festival at the recreation ground in Great Dunmow. The now accustomed hot day helped attract approximately 1000 people who enjoyed music from local bands, health information, speed goals, climbing wall and a very successful football tournament run by the Councils outreach team this alone attracted over 60 participants.

#### Summer Sports and Arts Programme

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The Councils' Summer Sports and Arts programme reached its finale on 1<sup>st</sup> September with the first Uttlesford Mini Olympics an athletic decathlon/heptathlon competition attracting a total of 40 boys and girls.

During the summer young people have been attending courses throughout the district from Cricket to Pottery. A large majority of courses have been very well supported. In the first three weeks of the holidays between 10 and 20 young people per session have attended the sports scheme held at the Dourdan Pavilion in Great Dunmow during the last two weeks' sessions were cancelled due to insufficient numbers. There were further courses at Great Dunmow, High Roding and Thaxted.

Approximately 140 children attended the summer programme from the east of the district.

#### Thaxted Youth Centre

- 7 The District Council has awarded £40,000 to Thaxted Youth Centre towards the costs of the new building.

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#### Community Achievement Awards

- 8 The nomination process for the 2006/2007 Community Achievement Awards is now underway with a closing date of 13 October 2006. Residents with more than five years voluntary working within the district can be nominated to receive an award in the following categories: Service to Children and Young People; Service to the Elderly; Service to people with disabilities; Service to the local community and environment and Youth initiatives (people between the ages of 15 – 18). Two nominations can be made from each village, with four eligible from Thaxted Parish Council and Dunmow Town Council. Nominations must be proposed by either the Parish Council, Council for Voluntary Services or the Volunteer Bureau. For further information or to receive a nomination form please contact Sue Hayden on 01799 510563.

#### Website Development

- 9 The East Area Panel's website is now up and running with a calendar of events, general information – input from the community welcome, elected member information, details of Area Panel meeting, agenda, minutes, along with an on-line questions form. The area panel link is on the Council's home page of [www.uttlesford.gov.uk](http://www.uttlesford.gov.uk) and information on the East of the district is accessed by clicking the map. If parishes wish to have their meetings/events listed on the calendar of events please e-mail any information to the Area Champion at [dtoombs@uttlesford.gov.uk](mailto:dtoombs@uttlesford.gov.uk).

#### Staffing Update

- 10 At the previous meeting it was reported that two new posts within Strategy & Performance had been filled. Jennifer Schiller has now commenced her role of Community Development Officer (Drugs & Alcohol). Jennifer can be contacted on 01799 510449 or [jennifersc@uttlesford.gov.uk](mailto:jennifersc@uttlesford.gov.uk). John Starr has also started his position as Community Development Officer (Youth & Arts). John can be contacted on 01799 51384 or [jstarr@uttlesford.gov.uk](mailto:jstarr@uttlesford.gov.uk).