

**Committee:** North Area Panel

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**Title:** **Community Development Report**

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**Agenda Item**

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Item to note

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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 the Panel's attention to 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

#### Prison! No Way

- 4 Prison! No Way, a 10 week early intervention programme, is currently running 2 hours a week for over 13 year olds who's behaviour in the school environment is causing concern. The aim of the project is to give these young people the information they need to try and stop them from offending. This scheme is being run in partnership with the Youth Service, Police and the Council's Anti-Social Behaviour Officer.
- 5 Currently, there are nine young people on this course from Helena Romanes, Saffron Walden County High, Newport Free Grammar Schools and Stansted Mathematics and Computing College.
- 6 During the ten week course the young people are educated in the following areas: crime and consequences; police station visit, youth theatre (role play consequences and outcomes), court visit, victim perspective, prison officer

presentation, identity (prejudices, loss of rights within prison system), drugs and crime, prison visit and evaluation.

### **February Half-term Holiday Programme**

- 7 Over 100 young people, aged between 5 and 14 attended the Uttlesford District Council's February's half-term sports, arts and museum programme. The young people had an opportunity to take part in the following activities around the district: pottery, indoor cricket, athletics' and football camps, DJ mixing, rock school, dance and drama workshops, circus skills and blades (arts and crafts for all the family).
- 8 In conjunction with the holiday programme a trip to watch Charlton Athletic verses Wigan Athletic has been arranged for Saturday 31 March 2007 at a cost of £20, inclusive of transport to and from the ground. All young people under the age of 18 must be accompanied by an adult (maximum ration 1 adult – 4 juniors). For further information contact David Toombs on 01799 510566.

### **MEND (Mind, Exercise, Nutrition and Diet) Project**

- 9 MEND is a community based programme for overweight and obese children aged between 7 and 13 and their families. The multi-disciplinary programme places equal emphasis on Mind Exercise, Nutrition and Diet. It combines all the elements known to be vital in treating and preventing overweight or obesity in children, including family involvement, practical education in nutrition, increasing physical activity and behavioural change. With an emphasis on practical fun learning sessions the programme is designed to deliver sustained improvements in families' diets, fitness levels and overall health.
- 10 The MEND programme is being launched in Uttlesford on 28 February 2007 with the District Council and Leisure Connection working in partnership to deliver this scheme.

### **Chairman's Charity Golf Day – Thursday 10 May 2007**

- 11 Alan Row, Chairman of Uttlesford District Council, is holding a Charity Golf Day, proceeds of which will go to the districts Alzheimer's Society, his chosen charity. The event is being held at Saffron Walden Golf Club on Thursday 10 May 2007. Entry is £200 per team of four players which includes coffee and biscuits on arrival, green fees and an evening buffet with presentations. If you require further details or wish to receive an entry form please contact Jane McKie on 01799 510593 or Dave Toombs on 01799 510566.

### **Youth Forum**

- 14 The Youth Forum meets on the first Wednesday of every month at the Uttlesford District Council Offices. Four members of the forum have been elected on to the Essex Youth Assembly and recently a sub group of the forum considered applications for Youth Opportunity / Youth Capital fund totalling £156,000. Grants made to Local youth groups totalled £72,000.

### **Dates of the North Area Panel Meetings**

- 15 The dates of the forthcoming North Area Panel meetings are as follows:
- Tuesday 5 June 2007
  - Thursday 6 September 2007
  - Thursday 1 November 2007
  - Tuesday 8 January 2008
  - Monday 3 March 2008