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| <b>Committee:</b> | North Area Panel   | <b>Agenda Item</b> |
| <b>Date:</b>      | 5 June 2007  | <b>9</b>           |
| <b>Title:</b>     | <b>Community Development Report</b>                                  |                    |
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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

#### Domestic Violence Seminar

- 4 A seminar is being held at Quendon Hall on 21 November 2007 which will be attended by the statutory and voluntary sector to discuss issues surrounding domestic abuse and substance use in Uttlesford. The day will see the launch of the Sanctuary Scheme. This scheme is designed to ensure that victims of domestic abuse have a safe room within their own home. For further information please contact Judith Snares on 01799 510671.

#### Big Lottery Fund Event

- 5 A funding event is being held on 19 June 2007 at the Uttlesford District Council Offices, London Road, Saffron Walden from 10 am – 2 pm. Kate Wilson from the Big Lottery Fund will be giving a presentation on the following four funding initiatives:

**Awards for All** -awards grants of between £300 and £10,000 for people to take part in art, sport, heritage and community activities, and projects that promote education, the environment and health in the local community.

**Reaching Communities** -a demand led programme that will provide funding to help improve local communities and the lives of people most in need.

**Family Learning** - helps parents to understand more about how their children learn and encourages adults and children to learn as a family.

**Playful Ideas** -supports projects that focus on innovation and new ways of providing for children's play.

The day will afford groups the opportunity to receive information and ask questions. Big Lottery Funding may be eligible for town/parish councils, community groups as well as charitable organisations.

Space is limited so please contact Jane Elsom, Funding and Strategic Partnership Officer on 01799 510559 or [jelsom@uttlesford.gov.uk](mailto:jelsom@uttlesford.gov.uk) by 12 June to book your space.

### **Easter and Whitsun Holiday Programme**

- 6 Over 350 young people, aged between 5 and 14 attended the Uttlesford District Council's Easter and Whitsun 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, track athletics, football, indoor golf camps, DJ mixing, rock school, dance and drama workshops, circus skills and blades (arts and crafts for all the family).

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

- 7 The first Chairman's Charity Golf Day was held on Thursday 10 May. The day successfully raised £1400 with proceeds donated to Uttlesford Alzheimer's Society, Councillor Alan Row's chosen charity. The event was held at Saffron Walden Golf Club and attracted 14 teams of 4 players made up by local businesses.

During Councillor Row's chairmanship over £4,200 has been raised for Uttlesford Alzheimer's Society with his various initiatives. Councillor Elizabeth Godwin abseiled off the water tower in Church Langley all in the name of charity on 5 May raising £350. Quiz nights and fashion shows have also taken place during the year.

**Substance Use Awareness in Schools**

8 Over the past academic year the District Council's Community Development Officer (Drugs & Alcohol) has been into the schools below to offer educational input on substance use to some of their year groups

- Saffron Walden County High
- Helena Romanes
- Newport
- Stansted Mountfitchet
- Friends School
- Takeley
- Rickling Green
- Radwinter

Additionally, she has attended a parents evening at Radwinter Primary School to offer information on young people and substance misuse in order to support the development of the school's drugs policy.

All primary schools have been offered input by letter – this could include; supporting schools by providing input into lessons covering substance use; the loan of educational support materials for use in all key stages and supporting parent information sessions (providing both input and materials)

**Nationwide Eastern Region Athletics Championships - For young people with mixed abilities 2007**

9 Uttlesford Multi Sports Club, in partnership with Uttlesford Harriers Athletics Club, entered for the first time 6 of the district's promising young athletes into this regional tournament held at the Northgate Sports Centre, Ipswich on Saturday 19 May 2007 and Uttlesford achieved some impressive individual results.

Results table

| Name            | Event           | Result          |
|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Tom Mathews     | 60 metre sprint | 4 <sup>th</sup> |
|                 | Long Jump       | Gold            |
|                 | Javelin         | Silver          |
| Rosa Huntingdon | 60 metre sprint | Gold            |
|                 | Long Jump       | Silver          |
|                 | Javelin         | Gold            |
| Henry Teale     | 60 metre sprint | Gold            |
|                 | Club Throw      | Gold            |

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| Stuart Fallas   | 60 metre sprint    | Gold   |
|                 | 100 metre sprint   | Gold   |
|                 | 200 metre sprint   | Gold   |
| Imogen Walbanke | Standing Long Jump | Gold   |
|                 | Ball Throw         | Silver |
|                 | 60 Metre Sprint    | Bronze |
| Amy Flood       | Javelin            | Gold   |
|                 | Long Jump          | Gold   |
|                 | 60 Metre Sprint    | Bronze |

Over 240 athletes took part which proved to be a great day for sport and a very productive one for some of the district's hopeful future Olympians.

### **Information Point Training Residential Saturday 14 & Sunday 15 April 2007**

- 10 Information Point training residential took place at St Mark's College, Audley End on the last weekend of the Easter holiday for young people working in the Information Points in schools. Working in partnership with Braintree Locality Youth Service 19 young people [11 from Uttlesford representing Saffron Walden County High, Dunmow Helena Romanes Schools and Mountfitchet Mathematics and Computing College] worked through a programme of workshops covering confidentiality, marketing, communication skills and presentation. The weekend also included an information hunt in Braintree town centre and a trip to the cinema.

### **U2007 Youth Festival**

- 11 This year's U festival will take place on the common in Saffron Walden on Saturday 14 July. Activities will commence at 12 noon and finish at around 9pm. As well as the usual Information marquee, promoting services for young people and their families, there will be a variety of entertainment – Live music, Dance & Circus Skills and Sports – Five-a-side football, Climbing wall and Speed Goal. As usual this is a partnership project involving Uttlesford District Council, Essex County Youth Service, North West Essex Primary Care Trust, Essex Police, Essex Young Peoples Drug & Alcohol Service, Essex Fire Service & the Essex Association of Boys Clubs.

### **Healthy, Eating, Lifestyle Programme (HELP)**

- 12 The Healthy Eating Lifestyle Programme (HELP) was launched in Uttlesford in 2006. The project is a collaboration between Uttlesford District Council,

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Leisure Connection, North West Essex Primary Care Trust, Uttlesford Mind and the TURN Rural Network Project and is funded for three years by Sport England. It involves adults taking part in a ten week course and is a mixture of individual activities, group sessions and support. The project is co-ordinated by Steve Prosser who works closely with the participants to develop activity programmes specifically for the participant.

Results have been extremely encouraging with 10 people on the scheme at Lord Butler Fitness & Leisure Centre and a recent walk from Borough Lane saw 25 people attending.

### **Future North Area Panel Meetings**

- 13 The confirmed dates of the forthcoming North Area Panel meetings are as follows – please note some of these are different to previously advertised dates:

Thursday 19 July 2007

Thursday 18 October 2007

Tuesday 8 January 2008

Monday 25 February 2008