

Committee:	South West Area Panel	Agenda Item
Date:	23 November 2006	11
Title:	Community Development Report	
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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 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

Area Panel Support

- 4 As agreed by Members at the last Area Panel meeting, the Chairman of the Panel and the Champion have held further drop-in sessions for residents living in our area. The majority of these meetings have been held in the evenings from 7 – 8.30 pm in local village halls in the following areas: Stansted, Ugley, Elsenham, Hatfield Heath, Berden, Farnham, Manuden and Takeley. Two further sessions are taking place the first in Birchanger on 1 December, 7 – 8.30 pm and then at the Takeley Community Centre 10 am – 12 noon on 8 December. The purpose of these informal meetings is to afford members of the public an opportunity to ask questions/raise concerns relating to services the Council provides.
- 5 It is envisaged that further drop-in sessions will take place around the south west of the district in early April 2007.

- 6 The Area Champion has written to five parish councils, namely Manuden, Birchanger, Farnham, Berden and Hatfield Broad Oak to ask if they wish to have a presentation at their Parish Council meeting from the Chairman and herself on the work of the Area Panels. To date an invitation has been received from Farnham Parish Council.

Leisure and Cultural Grants

- 7 Since 2003 Uttlesford District Council has given grant aid in the form of the Leisure and Cultural Grant scheme. The Scheme is open to talented individuals, non-profit making organisations and local charities providing services to/for the community and/or for the purpose of assisting the arts, sports and cultural clubs. Applications from those residents/established for less than 6 months will **not** be considered.
- 8 Arts, sports and cultural projects/initiatives, which benefit individuals or residents of the Uttlesford District e.g. equipment, training, coaches etc are eligible to apply. N.B. Grants will **not** be given for on-going costs and projects which have already taken place.
- 9 The maximum grant given under the Leisure & Cultural Grant scheme is £500. Applicants must have raised 100% match funding towards the Project/Initiative. Decisions are made by the Chairman of the Community Committee on 1st of each month providing the application form is received by the Funding and Strategic Partnerships Officer by 16th of the preceding month. If the application is successful, payment is made within two weeks of the date of the decision being made.
- 10 The following applications from the south west area have received a grant award in this financial year:
- Katy Jameson, 18 years old from Elsenham - Contribution towards the cost of attending the Global Young Leaders Conference in America. **£200**
- Jordan Chamberlain, 12 years old from Little Hallingbury - Contribution towards the cost of one week's intensive tennis coaching in Spain. **£200**
- The Village Music Club, Stansted - Contribution towards the forthcoming season of concerts. **£250**
- For further information on the Uttlesford District Council's grants or assistance with funding advice please contact Jane Elsom, Funding and Strategic Partnerships Officer on 01799 510559.

Community Achievement Awards

- 11 Nominations for the 2006/2007 Community Achievement Awards have now been decided. The following recipients have been invited to attend an awards ceremony on Thursday 22 February at the Councils Offices, London Road, Saffron Walden where they will receive a framed certificate, presented by the

Chairman of the Council, as a thank you for all the years of voluntary service they have carried out within the community. The evening will commence with a sherry reception followed by a light buffet after the presentations have taken place.

Dave Newland & Lyn Segar	Elsenham	Service to the Local Community – joint award
Alan Bourne	Takeley	Service to the Local Community
Colin Cock	Farnham	Service to the Local Community
Janet Pugh	Hatfield Broad Oak	Service to the Local Community
Sheila Bentley	Little Hallingbury	Service to the Local Community
Sally Bentley	Little Hallingbury	Service to the Local Community
Heather Hays	Great Hallingbury	Service to the Local Community
Anne Bishop	Manuden	Service to the Local Community
Doreen Millen	Hatfield Heath	Service to the Local Community
Lily Barker	Hatfield Health	Service to the Local Community
Andrew Arnold	Stansted	Service to Children and Young People
Dick Pollard	Stansted	Service to the Local Community
David and Sylvia Knight	Hatfield Broad Oak	Service to Children and Young People
Phyllis Saban	Stansted	Service to the Local Community

Bodycare

- 12 Bodycare is a 5-week health promotion scheme run by Uttlesford District Council's Sports Development Officer in partnership with Uttlesford Primary Care Trust. The scheme fits very well into the national curriculum, meeting most of the Health Related Exercise Learning Outcomes for Key Stage 2. These include:

- ◆ Safety Issues
- ◆ Exercise Effects
- ◆ Health Benefits
- ◆ Activity Promotion

It is also possible to link the scheme into a science programme. The scheme is ideally suited for children in years 5 and 6 and aims to:-

- Encourage children to become more active away from school.

- Teach children the effects of exercise and how the body changes during exercise.
- Teach children the benefits of exercise and an active lifestyle.
- Teach children the importance of a balanced diet and energy balance.

The lessons last one hour and cover a range of classroom and practical activities.

Week 1 Exercise and its Effects on the Heart. Fitness Test

**Week 2 Breathing and how the Body Changes during Exercise.
Heart and Lung Circuit.**

Week 3 The Importance of a Balanced Diet. Balancing your Energy Game.

Week 4 Healthy Lifestyles. Making up Games.

Week 5 Quiz on Topics Covered. Second Fitness Test.

We currently have 17 schools signed up to the scheme which equates to 54% of all the primary schools in the District, those primary schools participating from the south west area are: Bentfield, Takeley and Birchanger.

October Sports and Arts Programme

- 13 The District Council once again delivered a full activities programme during the October half term. Children attended both art and sports activities which were very well received. A number of courses have been remained the same for some time and the Sports and Arts Development Officers will be looking to introduce new activities and formats in the New Year.

Staffing Update

- 14 Since the last meeting the District Council has employed a full-time Communications Manager, Richard Auty. Richard comes to the Council with a wealth of experience, his last employment being with the Hull Daily Mail. Richard will lead on the Council's communication and website development. Richard can be contacted on 07971697920 or rauty@uttlesford.gov.uk.

Future Meetings

- 15 Future meetings of the South West Area Panel, along with main topics items for the agenda are listed below for your information:

11 January 2007	Elsenham Memorial Hall	Youth Update on recycling
1 March 2007	Hatfield Broad Oak Village Hall	Tourism Energy Efficiency