

Committee: South West Area Panel **Agenda Item**
Date: 7 January 2008 **6**
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 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

- 4 None.

Situation

Play Strategy

- 5 Uttlesford District Council working with Partners has recently produced a Play Strategy which contained a portfolio of projects that were submitted to the Big Lottery for funding. We are very pleased to report that we were successful in achieving an award of £200,000 from the Big Lottery and the community play projects that will benefit in this area are as follows:

Mountfitchet Green Multi-use Games Area	£45,000
Buffy Bus	£49,896*
Play Outreach Workers (temporary part-time)	£18,654*

*These two projects will be working across all areas of the district.

Reality Roadshow

- 6 The first Reality Roadshow to be held in Uttlesford is due to take place in February 2008. Reality Roadshow is a life skills awareness course developed as an instructional, educational and crime prevention scheme for year 9 students aged 13/14 years old.

The event will be run in the four main secondary schools in Uttlesford with young people from the Friends School attending the day at Mountfitchet Maths and Computing College. Similar to Motorwise young people will spend the day attending workshops which focus on issues that influence their social development. Workshops will include an interactive theatre scenario, First Aid, Drugs & Alcohol, The Law & Antisocial Behaviour, Fire [Arson & Hoax Calls], Road Safety, Sexual Health.

The event is delivered in a partnership with other agencies comprising UDC Community Safety, UDC Community Development, ECC Road Safety, Essex Police Schools Liaison Officers, Essex Fire and Rescue, North West Essex PCT and Essex Youth Service.

Holiday Programme

- 7 The District Council will not be running a Holiday Programme for the foreseeable future, however Leisure Connection Ltd., will be running some sports development courses during February Half-Term and the Easter holidays.

October Half Term Holiday Programme

- 8 The October half-term week programme took place from 22nd to 26th October 2007 and comprised the following activities: Harlow Outdoor Adventure Day, Multi-Sports Games Day, Secrets from the Tomb of Tutankhamen, Cycle Safety Course, Golf Coaching Camp, Pottery, and Racket Sports. Around 120 young people attended the courses from all over the Uttlesford locality.

Information Points in Schools

- 9 Lady Diana Kemp-Welch the High Sheriff of Essex visited the Information Point at Newport Free Grammar School on 22nd November to meet the young people who run it and the headmaster, Mr O'Hagen. She was very impressed with how articulate the young people were and how engaged they are in the project.

Uttlesford Youth Forum

- 10 Members of the Uttlesford Youth Forum considered bids from projects in the district for another round of Youth Opportunity Fund monies. After much deliberation the following projects were awarded the following amounts. South West Panel Projects are highlighted

Group	Project	Grant
Arts Theatre Group Dunmow	Musical Performances	£1,500
Dunmow Youth Action Committee	The Dunmow Diner	£5,000
1st Thaxted Scout group	Tents	£500
Sampford Questers	Sampford Questers	£3,000
Saffron Walden Explorers	D of E award scheme	£750
Hatfield Broad Oak	HBO Youth Club	£2,940
Drum for Life Club	Happy Drumming	£1,000
Thaxted Rangers Youth FC	See the Ball - Floodlighting	£5,000
Centre Stage Dance & Drama Group	Royal Albert Hall Barnardos Trip	£600
Stansted Youth Centre	Get up and Go	£3,000
Stansted Youth Centre	Laptops	£1,700
Stansted Youth Centre	HELP!!	£3,000
Stansted Youth Centre	Young Parents Club	£2,000
Saffron Walden Hockey Club	Junior Coaches	£590
Newport Amateur Theatrical Society	Refurbishment of stage	£5,000
Jikes Youth Centre Newport	The Chuck Norris Project	£3,000
Uttlesford Youth Forum	Recruitment and Teambuilding	£4,100
Uttlesford Young Carers	Young Parents Club	£1,000
Dunmow Youth Centre	Freeview	£250
Dunmow Youth Centre	Dunmow goes Dutch	£3,000
Dunmow Youth Centre	Right to a Life	£2,500
Saffron Walden Skategroup	One Minet Park - Landscaping	£3,404
Dunmow Youth Centre	Sail Away	£1,200
Dunmow Youth Centre	Struttin Aces	£1,500
The Croft Youth Centre	The Venu Music Project	£1,200
The Croft Youth Centre	Karaoke	£1,000
The Croft Youth Centre	Graffiti Project	£1,000
5th Saffron Walden Scout Group	Kandersteg International Scout Camp	£3,750
	Total Granted	£62,484

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Cheques will be issued at a presentation evening to celebrate young people's achievements on Monday 17th December in the council chamber.

The youth forum has recently started sending representatives to the Youth Initiatives Working Group and meetings of both groups have been planned so that this can happen on a regular basis. It is also hoped that members of the Youth Initiative Working Group will attend Youth Forum when the meeting dates coincide.