

Performance Reward Grant Projects August 2011

The LSP funded 13 community projects taking forward various actions within the different themes of the Sustainable Community Strategy. The table below summarises the progress to date on each project.

Name of Project	Progress toward a selection of project milestones (outputs)	Good news story
Cross Herts Community Counseling	187 sessions delivered (88 In Bishops Stortford & 99 in Sawbridgeworth) by end of August 2011. Contact with 31 clients. 23 successfully engaged and counselling completed. 8 non engagers	Equity of access to counselling for young people has increased enormously as a result of the increased level of funding. 3 Case Studies detailed in Final Project Report (Jan 2010 – June 2011) Studies all revealed improved well being (psychological and emotional) after a period of counselling.
Sele Fruit Trees Project	The organisation recognises the project is not running according to the original plan. This is due to circumstances beyond their control – weather and vandalism. The need to camouflage the trees has made it difficult to provide meaningful environmental education for young people. Website is being developed. A leaflet is being produced about the project. A picnic was held on site 31August - 6 children and 5 parents.	9 trees out of the 13 original ones are flourishing. Core group of 6 volunteers are involved in maintenance.
Health Inequalities Fund	2011/12 Fund opened for applications in July. 12 bids received. Information on benefits received from: previously funded Mudlarks Community Garden Project, St Elizabeth's Centre, Herts Community Health Services, CHeCC, Groundwork Herts and YMCA East Herts. All excellent projects with clear excellence value and output for individuals and communities with minimal outlay.	£10,000 capital funding was made available from new PRG monies to match revenue funding from NHS Herts The Council's Environmental Health Project Officer as well as the Community Planning and Partnerships Manager have both experienced first hand the excellent and inspiring work of the Mudlarks Team.

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Ware Skatepark Project	<p>Big Lottery funding bid successful.</p> <p>Tender complete and contractor appointed.</p> <p>Professional lead for building work identified.</p> <p>Service Level Agreement (SLA) signed off</p> <p>Build schedule agreed, planning conditions discharged – all progress on track.</p>	<p>Ground works started on site 15 August 2011 and due to be completed end of Sept.</p>
Stronger Communities Grant Fund	<p>Funds have been allocated to 34 community organisations to purchase equipment, including: IT hardware, marketing materials, Storage equipment, play equipment, cameras, screens and projectors.</p> <p>The awards made have been spread geographically across all five towns and in rural areas and thematically with Children's, older peoples, disability and residents groups all benefitting. Some outstanding projects are:</p> <p>Hailey Day Centre – new kitchen equipment has increased booking of hall, leading to increased income earning.</p> <p>Hertford & Ware Bee Keeping Association - now have an agreement to use a local hotel for free training facilities in return for locating their bee hive there</p> <p>Hertfordshire Young Farmers Recognised at a national award ceremony for their efforts in increasing membership and community engagement</p> <p>Hunsdon Village Hall Support for internet cafe – supported their successful application as winner of 2011 East Herts Village Hall Challenge.</p>	<p>A full review / monitor of all equipment funded and beneficiaries has taken place and a presentation made to the LSP Board on 27th June 2011.</p> <p>This has been a very successful project - the Stronger communities theme group members have worked well together to promote and process applications to this fund effectively and efficiently - this has included input from CVS for Broxbourne and East Herts as the lead agency with support from East Herts Council, Hertfordshire County Council, South Anglia HA, CDA for Hertfordshire and NHS Hertfordshire.</p>

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All Aboard the Bus	<p>SLA signed off.</p> <p>Achieved target 85 East Herts residents with learning difficulties and in total 122 people including support staff, family carers and supporting professionals attended 8 information and consultation sessions on the draft Herts County Council Bus and Intalink strategy.</p> <p>Achieved target Report on consultation process circulated. The views of East Herts residents with learning difficulties have been heard and considered in established consultation process; the Herts County Council Bus and Intalink strategy consultations; and their views contained within the 2008 East Herts 'Talking about Transport' Report have been included.</p> <p>Produced & trialled 4 draft information sheets in an "Easy Read" during consultation and training process, including their rights to a good service, how to make a comment, compliment or complaint about their bus service and how to report incidents and crime on the bus in Hertfordshire 45 travel wallets distributed.</p> <p>Bespoke "Keep Safe on the Bus" training sessions designed and to be delivered in the Autumn.</p>	<p>Steering Wheel group members identified from within HCC and work on going on Action Plan. Commitments have been secured:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Intalink to work in partnership to produce a bespoke information resource • Partners to address Disability Hate Crime issues <p>Article in the Council's summer Link magazine</p>

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Village Hall Broadband	<p>11 installations (broadband over a telephone wire, business cable broadband, standard home hub and telephone line installation, radio mast) completed at:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hertford Heath Village Hall • Hunsdon Village Hall • Little Berkhamsted Village Hall • Tewin Memorial Hall • Tonwell Village Hall • Thundridge Village Hall • Walkern Village Hall • Sawbridgeworth Memorial Hall • Place House Hall, Ware • Seth Ward Community Centre, Buntingford <p>All funding has been spent. This includes amount allocated to I-Trust for vouchers. These can be redeemed against training, on-site support or purchase of IT equipment (about £350 per project). The cost of each installation averaged £1000 per hall.</p>	<p>The CVS is currently monitoring in full all of the project beneficiaries – including troubleshooting any technical difficulties and looking at any outputs from the installations that can be used to promote the benefits of Broadband to rural communities.</p> <p>This research will culminate in a powerpoint presentation and report to East Herts Rural Parish Conference on 15th September 2011. This will include personal feedback from project beneficiaries.</p>
Furniture Re-Use Scheme	<p>Planning application resubmitted and a decision now expected in Sept – meaning a delay in starting proposed building works funded by Riversmead Housing Association.</p> <p>All start up funding and partnerships are in place, ready to launch subject to planning consent from EHC for project accommodation in Hoe Lane, Ware.</p>	<p>The project has spawned a strong partnership (the East Herts and Broxbourne Furniture Re-Use Project Partnership) led by the Council for Voluntary Service for Broxbourne and East Herts.</p> <p>There are currently 10 agencies fully engaged with the partnership in a variety of capacities including offering “in-kind” support, potential client referral and expertise, with the intention of the scheme being a self-sufficient social enterprise in the future.</p>

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<p>Next Steps Bishops Stortford Job Club – Twice weekly Job Club facilities</p>	<p>Job Club facility being accessed by additional 30 new participants during this quarter. 16 of these subsequently found work. 9 of these have begun relevant skills training</p> <p>All new members of the Job Club provided with individual action plans and goals.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 36% positive work outcomes to date. 31 participants to date out of 85 have found work or created their own business • 33% progressed into skills training to date. 28 participants in total have increased their skills via one or more programmes of learning 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 85 participants in total have used the Job Club since the start of the project (25 more than profiled to end July). <i>141% of original profile</i> • The number of participants has increased to double the original profile as the word has spread to JobCentre Plus customers. <p>Hertford Job Centre has made more referrals this quarter than the previous quarter.</p> <p>The need for this resource has been proved and we would like these figures to be used to support a case for further PRG support in 2011/12</p>
<p>Cardiac Rehab at Grange Paddocks (8 week sessions)</p>	<p>24 people attended Grange Paddocks rehab sessions over the year (two 8-week sessions)</p> <p>27 people currently attend rehab sessions at Parsonage Lane Community Centre</p> <p>Very successful in raising post operation cardiac patients fitness levels as well as weight loss</p>	<p>20 clients who attended Cardiac Rehab joined Grange Paddocks as new members</p> <p>Scheme is now mainstreamed and Everyone Active is wholly running it and employing an instructor</p>

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Family Intervention Project	<p>Review of enforcement strategy is on-going. All offenders from initial warrants have appeared in court and have been sentenced. A review of current intelligence is being conducted and if necessary further warrants will be executed to ensure the drug issues on the estates are tackled.</p> <p>Purchase of motor vehicle has occurred but not yet been delivered.</p> <p>Currently 18 families worked with. This is below the target of 60.</p> <p>Outcomes of families are being recorded and measured at regular intervals - Outcomes from Barnardo's systems are showing that the risk is reducing for the families. And in other areas they are stabilising.</p>	<p>The project was nominated for a Michael Fogarty Crime Reduction award within Hertfordshire police and reached the final.</p> <p>The project is also being nominated for the National Tilley Awards – Problem Orientated Partnerships.</p>
Homeless Prevention - Education Project "Home Truths"	Organisation noted that nothing to report as activity slows over summer holidays.	

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Active East Herts Grants Scheme	<p>The allocation of grant aid has been completed, and we have received Monitoring and Evaluation reports from the majority of grant aid recipients, which are attached.</p> <p>Giving maximum publicity to the awards is an award condition for those receiving funding.</p> <p>Feedback from applicants suggests that this funding has made a marked difference at the local level and has helped to build capacity and enhance sustainability within recipient organisations.</p>	<p>Buntingford Swimming Club received a grant of £1000 and part-funded the purchase of new lane ropes and a storage roller to replace the old one. The lane ropes have been in regular use since their purchase, used twice every week for the benefit of all club members (200).</p> <p>The old lane ropes were passed on to another pool for modification by a newly established swim school which meant that our acquisition also benefited them.</p>
Ozone Monitoring & Air Alert	<p>The Ozone monitor installed at Anstey Primary School has been monitoring rural ozone during the summer period.</p> <p>The data collected by the monitoring equipment can be seen on www.hertsbedsair.org</p> <p>The data from the ozone monitor has helped to provide a more accurate forecast for Air Alert, especially during the summer when ozone is more prevalent.</p> <p>It was planned to visit the school and educate the pupils on air pollution and the purpose of the monitoring equipment. However, due to teething problems with the monitor, it was not possible to do this before the school holidays. A visit to the school is planned in the new school year.</p>	None at this time.

If LSP Members would like further information about the individual projects and how they are meeting specific Milestones or Targets, the Project Monitoring Forms can be made available.