

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**Decision Report**

Decision Maker:	Executive Member for Culture and Recreation
Date:	8 July 2010
Title:	Partnership funding for the revenue and project costs of community associations 2010/11
Reference:	1644
Report From:	Director of Culture, Communities and Rural Affairs

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1. Executive Summary

- 1.1. To agree the sum to be allocated from within the 2010/11 revenue budget to meet requests from community associations for support towards their revenue and project costs in that year.
- 1.2. To provide details of requests for financial support from partner organisations towards their revenue and project costs and to report on their 2009/10 project activity.

2. Applications considered in this report

Association	£
Bishopstoke Community Association	8,820
Horndean Community Association	5,880
Leigh Park Community Association	8,500 (32,000 inc staffing costs)
Lyndhurst and District Community Association	2,000
Pilands Wood Community Association	7,840
Pilgrims Way River Way Community Association	7,840
Ringwood and District Community Association	4,900
Wecock Community Association	13,000
Wickham Community Association	7,840
Whitehill and Bordon Community Association	2,000
Winnall Community Association – Additional Payment	1,700
Total	70,320 (93,820)

3. Background/Contextual Information

- 3.1 The County Council through its Culture, Communities and Rural Affairs Department, supports community associations that aim to provide the opportunity for local people to participate in recreational, educational, social, cultural and environmental activities within their local communities and to encourage local initiatives by people of all ages.
- 3.2 There are 104 community associations in Hampshire. In 2009/10 the county council provided project funding to 23 of these organisations. From April 2010 there will only be one organisation remaining that is supported also by the secondment of staff – Leigh Park Community Association.
- 3.3 Winnall Community Association were granted £7,800 on 22 April 2010 Executive Member decision day. Due to an administrative error an additional £1,700 is recommended to be granted to the Association to ensure they receive the total amount of funding allocated - £9,500.

4. Budget Position

- 4.1 It is proposed that £170,000 is set aside from the 2010/11 revenue budget to meet requests from community associations to support their revenue and project costs under this scheme. To date £77,520 has been allocated from this budget leaving £92,480 to be allocated in this report and later in the year. The requests in this report total £70,320. If all requests are agreed this would leave £22,160.

5. Criteria for Partnership Funding

- 5.1 By supporting these organisations in their project proposals and working in partnership with them, the Culture, Communities and Rural Affairs Department is able to meet the following outcomes :-
 - CCRA services and supported local facilities actively support the well being of older people and their carers
 - Support services are developed and there are improved opportunities to access local leisure and recreation especially for children and young people that will help them lead positive lives
 - Adults have improved access to learning opportunities locally and take up is increased
- 5.2 The Community Support Service is also supporting the business development of these organisations by :-
 - Assisting them with the development of consultation events that enable them to talk to local people about the services they need
 - Assisting them to review their activities and develop a three year business plan.

- 5.3 There is an application summary for each of the organisations that have applied for funding in Appendix 1. An extract from their Public Benefit Statement has also been included.

6. Other considerations

6.1 Legal Implications

The Council has wide powers under Section 19 Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 to provide recreational facilities and to contribute by way of a grant or loan towards the expenses incurred by voluntary bodies in providing such facilities.

6.2 Impact Assessment.

Organisations applying to this scheme are by their nature defined as accessible to all members of the community. This is embodied within their charitable objects, therefore no individuals, groups or organisations should be excluded from any benefit arising from these decisions.

7. Recommendations

- 7.1 That funding totalling £70,320, as listed below, be approved for allocation from the Community Support revenue budget for 2010/11.

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CORPORATE OR LEGAL INFORMATION:**Links to the Corporate Strategy**

Hampshire safer and more secure for all:	No
Corporate Business plan link number (if appropriate):	
Maximising well-being:	yes
Corporate Business plan link number (if appropriate):	
Enhancing our quality of place:	No
Corporate Business plan link number (if appropriate):	

Section 100 D - Local Government Act 1972 - background documents

The following documents discuss facts or matters on which this report, or an important part of it, is based and have been relied upon to a material extent in the preparation of this report. (NB: the list excludes published works and any documents which disclose exempt or confidential information as defined in the Act.)

DocumentLocation

Application forms

Mottisfont Court

Appendix 1**Community Association**

Bishopstoke

**Local member
District**Cllr Thomas has been consulted
Eastleigh**Public Benefit Statement**

The Bishopstoke Community Association aims to support local community activities within the premises that would not happen without the support of our facilities.

To continue to expand its facilities through improving the building.

Report on projects undertaken in 2009/10

Project	No attending	Comments
Half day activities for older people	40	These meetings helped encourage exchange of ideas and interests among older people.
Skills exchange	330	Although different activity delivered from application the history talks to local children in the primary school were successful.

Projects Planned for 2010/11

- Half Day Activities for Older People – Afternoon Tea Book Club
- Own Project – Local history presentations for all

Involvement in Extended Services

Finance	£
Income (excl HCC funding)	12,552
Expenditure	15,731

Recommendation	£8,820
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Community Association

Horndean

**Local member
District**Cllr Payne has been consulted
East Hampshire**Public Benefit Statement**

Activities: During the period to June 2009 the Association sustained the activity levels of 2008 and added some new services. Drama for both youth and adults continued to flourish as did the clubs for the elderly and over 55's. In all there were 53 weekly & monthly meetings of educational, craft, cultural, dancing and physical fitness sessions regularly managed at Merchistoun Hall. Last year saw the launch of Horndean and District U3A, meeting monthly at Merchistoun Hall and now averaging an attendance in excess of 50 members at each meeting. Officers and trustees continued their involvement with wider community projects, most significantly administering the local Extended Services Cluster and working with The Branches Children's Centre. Another significant development was the opening of "Parklands" Tea Room on two mornings a week offering teas, coffee and light snacks. This is staffed by clients from The YOU Trust (previously Southern Focus Trust) an organisation which helps supports both steps to employment & steps to independent living within the community for adults with special supportive needs so not only do members and users of HCA gain a pleasant café, the young people gain valuable experience which may enable them to move on to paid employment using Parklands. Our 'Minnows' pre-school continues to provide a highly respected & quality education provision. This was evidenced by extensive support from parents when its future was threatened when it became clear that it could not sustain more sessions without a financial contribution from Hampshire County Council.

Community Involvement: The association continued to work with a wide range of other interested groups to improve community facilities & services for Horndean residents with such groups as The Village Regeneration Project, the Extended Services clusters (representing 30 schools in the local area and the Horndean Parish Plan. Additionally, The Parish Council and The Association continue working together to strengthen links. Nationally the Association continues to work with Community Matters, and BASAC (British Association of Settlements and Social Action Centres).

Report on projects undertaken in 2009/10

Project	No attending	Comments
Developing an Adult Learning Programme	47	Family learning project was popular and partnership working was effective. Further sessions planned.
Developing a 3 year business plan		

Projects Planned for 2010/11

- Developing an Intergenerational Project - Young Playwrights Programme;
- Developing a physical activity programme for children – Traditional games

Involvement in Extended Services

The Association (HCA) is involved heavily in and delivers many extended services and children centres activities including Minnows pre school, drama

classes, holiday playschemes and the HCA manager is also undertakes a half time job share as the extended services co-ordinator for the local cluster.

Finance	£
Income (excl HCC funding)	177,868
Expenditure	170,046
Grants from	
District Council	20,099
Revenue grants other sources (places)	16,500 (minnows pre school funded)
Recommendation	5,880

Community Association

Leigh Park

Local memberCllr Buckley and Cllr Fairhurst
have been consulted**District**

Havant

Public Benefit Statement

During 2008 the Association delivered a wide range of events and services to meet the requirements of as many local people as possible with 400 members, and with many times that number using the Community Centre on a regular basis. The registration of the Community Centre as a UK Online Centre provided access to free I.T. training to those wanting to develop their computer skills, with events particularly targeting older people through the silver surfers programme. The I.T. facilities are also used almost daily by members of local groups with mental health or learning difficulties. Other educational opportunities offered by the Association during the year included healthy eating, taster days where local people get to see what training is available locally and opportunities to sample exercise and dance classes they could join.

The Leigh Park Carnival was organised by local people under the umbrella of the Community Association and generated pride in the community as well as offering a mix of free and affordable entertainment. Despite the poor weather it is estimated that up to 3000 people attended the free event. The Community Voice meetings held during the year provided an important forum for local people to meet those responsible for maintaining the services and infrastructure to the area, express their views on the requirements of the community. The Association's Variety group offers the opportunity for local people to write, rehearse and perform stage entertainment, this year a pantomime, and for others in the community to attend an affordable live stage show. In 2008 the Association's Grotto group provided a enjoyable Christmas experience to over 500 children. The Association's Dancing group provide valuable exercise and social activities for older members of the community. The website continued to provide valuable information for the people of Leigh Park. In partnership with a local firm the Association provides free legal at the Community Centre. The Association has taken on responsibility of providing the Community Centre as a Prepared Rest Centre in the event of a major local emergency.

Report on projects undertaken in 2009/10

Project	No attending	Comments
Half Day Activities for Older people	45	
Develop a 3 year business plan		Business plan sub group created effective plan

Projects Planned for 2010/11

- Holding a local focus group to talk to members of the community that currently do not participate in your services-
- Own Project- Reconstruct website to increase access to information and community services

Involvement in Extended Services

Finance	£
Income (excl HCC funding)	130,285
Expenditure	132,250
Grants from Borough Council	8,500
Recommendation	8,500

Community Association

Lyndhurst

**Local member
District**

Cllr Mans has been consulted
New Forest

Public Benefit Statement

As a community centre we provide access to more than 30 affiliated societies and offer activities such as table tennis, yoga, indoor bowls and kurling at only £2.50 per session. The community centre creates a range of affordable activities for all age groups. We continue to take account of modern day living, our latest development being the provision of internet facilities for all. This is the only public internet access available in the village.

Report on projects undertaken in 2009/10

Project	No attending	Comments
Developing adult learning programme – craft classes	12	A further set of craft classes planned.
Developing physical activity for children – traditional games and ultimate frisbee	35	Children’s club running well with more children than expected.

Projects Planned for 2010/11

- Developing half day activities for older people – monthly lunch club
- Own project – monthly scrabble club for all ages

Involvement in Extended Services

Finance	£
Income (excl HCC funding)	524,489
Expenditure	600,450
Grants other sources (HCC Project fund)	26,000

Recommendation **2,000**

Community Association

Pilands Wood

**Local member
District**Cllr House has been consulted
Eastleigh**Public Benefit Statement**

The Centre this year is going from strength to strength. Building on last year's successes we have had a number of memorable events, including a Summer Fayre and the UFEST. The Christmas and Easter events, including the torchlight procession and the Christmas fayre, kept the Centre busy through the festive period.

The 'Over 50s' now attracts up to 25 regular attendees and the community bingo up to 40 avid members. The Parent and Toddler group and Youth Clubs for 9 – 16 year olds are running successfully. The youth workers have organised many events and outings which the youngsters have enjoyed. Teez café is still a resounding success with the Windmill Centre supporting the parents by providing play. While the parents enjoy a freshly cooked meal or a piece of homemade cake. The On-Line Centre is a huge success with all courses over subscribed. The Centre's computers are all in daily use and show what a need there is for this type of facility. The Book Exchange is very popular with many people, and has extended to include CD's and Videos.

We now have over 70 people volunteering at the Centre, some for the events and many on a regular, if not a daily basis. Many of the volunteers are completing courses to give them skills and qualifications to help them in the future. The Volunteers are now running the Centre and the Community Development Officer is supporting them in this. With the help of EBC, HCC and Atlantic the Centre is working towards being an efficiently run establishment which offers the local population a centre for many and varied activities. A place to go for help and advice and support. Somewhere that can signpost residents to the appropriate agencies and help them with educational needs.

Report on projects undertaken in 2009/10

Project	No attending	Comments
Follow up activities from the consultation with children and young people	18	Follow up football sessions planned.
Developing an adult learning programme	8	NVQ 2 in Community Development studied.

Projects Planned for 2010/11

- Developing an Intergenerational project – Reading Group
- Developing a Physical activity programme for children – Skipping Club

Involvement in Extended Services

Courses through Extended Schools for youth workers and regular joint activities with the local Children's Centre.

Finance	£
Income (excl HCC funding)	69,710
Expenditure	83,854
Borough Council	14,626
Atlantic Housing Association	5,000
H.C.C. Children's Services (Youth club)	20,440
Recommendation	7,840

Community Association

Pilgrims Way River Way

**Local member
District**Cllr Mutton has been consulted
Test Valley**Public Benefit Statement**

We have been involved in two CREW (Community Respect for the Environment Week) events by helping to clean up our local area by litter picking. As well as being the base for the agencies to work from so that local residents can come and discuss any issues. We put on an old fashioned sports day to coincide with the new park opening. Our Summer fete was a success with every thing from medieval re-enactment to tin can alley, a silent auction as well as a raffle. We have a successful youth club, toddler group and over 50s group which we have supported and put on events for from discos to holiday activities. We have also put on a family fun day based around arts and crafts which gave parents cheap ideas of things to do with the children.

Our Holiday Club has done everything from drama workshops to dance to craft mornings making sweets. We have also promoted a lot of community safety ideas and projects by getting involved with "Not my neighbourhood week" during which we promoted safer trick or treating and bonfire safety. One of our discos we put on was in partnership with the Community Safety Team at TVBC. We have had our new CCTV funded by the Community Safety Team which makes both the Centre and the Park area a safer place to be. We also worked with Cranstoun House putting on a couple of drug awareness sessions, highlighting the dangers of drug use and signposting where help can be found. We promoted quick reads encouraging adults to read both alone and with their children, this was done over the space of a few weeks with our toddler group. Our newsletter has been popular with residents keeping them informed on what is going on in the community.

Report on projects undertaken in 2009/10

Project	No attending	Comments
Half day activities for older people – Alternative therapies	26	
Developing physical activity for children – traditional games and ultimate frisbee	10	

Projects Planned for 2010/11

- Developing an Adult Learning Project – I.T. sessions
- Developing an Intergenerational project – WWII activity, rounders match, traditional games, discussion sessions.

Involvement in Extended Services

Finance	£
Income (excl HCC funding)	38,520
Expenditure	38,814
Revenue grant from borough council	460
Recommendation	7,840

Community Association

Ringwood and District

**Local member
District**Cllr Rippon-Swaine has been consulted
New Forest**Public Benefit Statement**

Always, the centre was available for local groups and individuals and provided a meeting point at the heart of the Ringwood community.

Other activities have continued as in previous years. The special events committee continued to arrange a wide series of events, which produced a net profit over the year of £17,575. Gross takings from this source represent 17% of total income, which indicates how deeply the Society is indebted to the team of volunteers under the Chairmanship of Brenda Titt. The minibuses enabling elderly and disabled local inhabitants to maintain wider horizons, were well used throughout the year. The Moviola film evenings have been moved from the activities centre to Ebenezer hall. The popular RMDS summer show was extended to six days in August 2009, and was attended by capacity audiences. The majority of clubs and classes are well attended.

Report on projects undertaken in 2009/10

Project	No attending	Comments
Consulting with children and young people project	40	
Developing half day activities for older people – Literary group	117 (16 per session)	

Projects Planned for 2010/11

- Developing Half day activities for older people- ladies afternoon forum
- Developing an Intergenerational project – chaos – hands on Science

Involvement in Extended Services**Finance****£****Income (excl HCC funding)**

133,150

Expenditure

140,210

Recommendation**4,900**

Community Association

Wecock

**Local member
District**Cllr Keast has been consulted
Havant**Public Benefit Statement**

The fabulous carnival in October was an absolute highlight for the whole community and will be remembered for years to come. Lunch club went from strength to strength. We had a superb community cream tea attended by some 100 guests and friends and were very happy to welcome the mayor of Havant. They left with an invitation to a community pioneers course designed to bring local people and agencies active in the area together to plan a way ahead that will most benefit the community. Despite the financial difficulties faced and the team being on a very steep learning curve this has been a profound and valuable year. We have hugely increased our partnership working with Cowplain Business Centre, Links Children's centre, PCC, HBC, HCC, Extended Services, local churches and many more. We have forged links with the community that are precious to us and beyond what we would have hoped for.

Report on projects undertaken in 2009/10

Project	No attending	Comments
Consulting with children and young people	100	Ideas provided by young people will be used for future planning and project development.
Developing a 3 year business plan		

Projects Planned for 2010/11

- Follow up activities from children and young people's consultation – Young volunteers club
- Developing an intergenerational project – Cooking club

Involvement in Extended Services

Family fun days, Saturday activities and coach trips.

Finance**£**

Income (excl HCC funding)	65,787
Expenditure	68,129
Revenue grant from borough council	2,100
Revenue grant from other sources (PCC)	3,033
Recommendation	13,000

Community Association

Wickham

**Local member
District**Cllr Allgood has been consulted
Winchester**Public Benefit Statement**

We have covered a diverse field of work in the last year, mostly involving the younger generations in whom we feel the future lies. During 2008- 2009 we set up a series of 'Panic Nightclubs' for children and young people. The renamed Wickham ARC has been running well, with an average daily attendance of 15 people of a total roll of 30. The project is mainly aimed at the year 6 to 11, secondary level and we included younger people of years 4 and 5 (9+ years old). The leaders have introduced sports activities and healthy eating experiences as well as low key games and hobbies. Overall the service has been running well and can be regarded as successful.

Young Volunteers – Wickham ARC has attracted a group of volunteers whom we are very pleased to support and work with. We have three NEETS (not in Employment, Education or Training) and a number of college students, all of whom are able to use their experiences in broadening their CV's. We have used the V-involved scheme of support and encouragement for these young people. We have also been able to offer training sessions on allied subjects like youth work, child safety and health and hygiene. We have also been working with the trainee managers of the local Co-op community store to build their career experiences. Adult volunteers – 2009 has seen an increase in the number of mature volunteers offering their services. IT training – using our IT we have worked in partnership with Homestart Meon valley to provide a series of courses designed to help young parents to be familiar with the potentials of IT. Community Development worker – A trustee has given two days a week to gain experience in community development and is training for an NVQ qualification funded by the association.

Report on projects undertaken in 2009/10

Project	No attending	Comments
Follow up from youth consultation – developing a youth council	60 total 20 average per meeting	
Adult Learning programme – IT classes for parents	4	

Projects Planned for 2010/11

- Developing a physical activity programme for children – skipping club
- Reviewing the organisation's activities and the development of a 3 year business plan

Involvement in Extended Services

Finance	£
Income (excl HCC funding)	79,635
Expenditure	83,699
Recommendation	7,840

Community Association

Whitehill and Bordon

**Local member
District**Cllr Carew has been consulted
East Hampshire**Public Benefit Statement**

The Whitehill and Bordon Community Association continues to manage the Forest Community Centre for the benefit of all local residents of Whitehill and Bordon. It provides a home for Whitehill Town Council, Citizens Advice Bureau, Community Transport and east Hampshire District Council Information Desk. The Association also offers within the Forest Community centre, accommodation, office and other services for local community and voluntary groups. During 2008/2009 the Association provided a range of activities for the community including a Christmas arts and craft market, weekly Parent and Toddler group, monthly junior discos and a very successful Summer, Easter and half term playschemes.

Report on projects undertaken in 2009/10

Project	No attending	Comments
Holding a local focus group	50	
Developing half day activities for older people – tea dances	60	Tea dances proved very popular and will continue

Projects Planned for 2010/11

- Developing a physical activity programme for children – skipping club
- Follow up project from focus group – salsa classes

Involvement in Extended Services

Finance	£
Income (excl HCC funding)	104,205
Expenditure	100,368
Revenue grant from district council and Town Council	42,630
Revenue grant from other sources	3,550
Recommendation	2,000