

**HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL****Decision Report**

<b>Decision Maker:</b>	Executive Member for Culture and Recreation
<b>Date:</b>	22 April 2010
<b>Title:</b>	Partnership funding for the revenue and project costs of community associations 2010/11
<b>Reference:</b>	1489
<b>Report From:</b>	Director of Culture, Communities and Rural Affairs

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**1. Executive Summary**

- 1.1. 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**

<b>Association</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Alamein Community Association</b>	<b>4,000</b>
<b>Denmead Community Association</b>	<b>2,000</b>
<b>Headley Down Community Association</b>	<b>15,000</b>
<b>Liss Community Association</b>	<b>3,500</b>
<b>Portchester Community Association</b>	<b>11,760</b>
<b>Totton and Eling Community Association</b>	<b>3,000</b>
<b>Winnall Community Association</b>	<b>7,800</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>47,060</b>

**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 in Havant.

#### **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. Many of the organisations applying for funding have opted to request funding later in the year, consequently there are only seven applications outlined in the appendix to this report. These requests total £47,060. This is the second round of funding. If all these applications are agreed £92,480 will remain for applications submitted later in the year.

#### **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 £47,060, 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**

<b>Hampshire safer and more secure for all:</b>	No
Corporate Business plan link number (if appropriate):	
<b>Maximising well-being:</b>	Yes
Corporate Business plan link number (if appropriate):	
<b>Enhancing our quality of place:</b>	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.)

Document

Location

Application forms

Mottisfont Court

**Community Association**  
**Local member**  
**District**

Alamein  
 Cllr Mutton  
 Test Valley

**Public Benefit Statement**

The Alamein Community Association has continued to manage the King Arthur Hall for the benefit of the local community. A number of local community groups have made use of the facilities including the CAB, Mums and Toddlers and the local Youth service amongst others. This year has seen a new kitchen for the benefit for users and the whole community funded by the lottery.

As a Community Association we have this year undertaken a youth consultation. This took place both at events and the local schools. Our kids club for local children has employed a new play worker. We also held a Christmas party. We continue as an association to work in partnership with local agencies to support and represent the local community. They include LSP, Turnaround Project, Social Housing, Children’s Centre and local schools. We took part in a number of community events. Our environment section undertook a number of events for the local community including a litter pick, swap shop and other environmental events.

**Report on projects undertaken in 2009/10**

<b>Project</b>	<b>No attending</b>	<b>Comments</b>
Follow up activity from consultation- Young People’s Event	20  6	DJing workshop delivered for young people. Alamein Youth Matters Steering Group has been set up and continuing to address youth issues in the ward.
Reviewing the Organisations Activities and developing a Business Plan	7	3 year business plan in place

**Projects Planned for 2010/11**

- Half Day Activities for Older People – a week of fun and enjoyable activities including a tea dance, trip out to a local attraction, bingo and an afternoon of memories.
- Older People’s consultation project – identifying how older people feel about living in the Alamein ward and what activities they would like to participate in.

**Involvement in Extended Services**

Children’s Centre use Hall space and Association participate in some activities.

<b>Finance</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Income ( excl HCC funding)</b>	9,639.50
<b>Expenditure</b>	13,458
<b>Grants from Recommendation</b>	<b>4,000</b>

**Community Association**  
**Local member**  
**District**

Denmead  
 Cllr Allgood  
 Winchester

### **Public Benefit Statement**

When planning activities, Denmead Community Association has borne in mind the Charity Commission's guidelines on public benefit. In our financial year from the 1<sup>st</sup> September 2008 to 31<sup>st</sup> August 2009 Denmead Community Centre undertook the following projects in furtherance of their aims;

1. Children's holiday clubs in April and August to promote healthy play and combat isolation and antisocial behaviour.
2. Music taster sessions in folk and rock to stimulate new interests and friendships in older people.
3. French conversation classes as an adult learning project.
4. Computer classes for Beginners aimed at older people who are not conversant with modern technology, to combat isolation and advance education.
5. Monthly film nights, to bring the latest films within the reach of village residents, and actively promote social inclusion.
6. Free access to a book swap scheme for all local people, to promote reading for entertainment and education.
7. Annual Christmas Card competition in partnership with the local junior school to encourage and reward creativity in children.

### **Report on projects undertaken in 2009/10**

<b>Project</b>	<b>No attending</b>	<b>Comments</b>
Developing a physical activity programme for children to include traditional games and Ultimate frisbee	23	Traditional games will continue through holiday clubs.
Develop Adult Learning Programme – French conversational classes	13	Further language adult learning classes will be developed.

### **Projects Planned for 2010/11**

- Developing an Adult Learning Programme – Italian Conversation class and The philosophy of Medical ethics discussion group sessions.
- Reviewing the organisation's activities and the development of a 3 year business plan.

### **Involvement in Extended Services or Children's Centre**

<b>Finance</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Income ( excl HCC funding)</b>	75,921
<b>Expenditure</b>	80,109
<b>Grants from</b> District/Borough Council	
<b>Recommendation</b>	<b>£2,000</b>

**Community Association**  
**Local member**  
**District**

Headley Down  
 Cllr James  
 East Hampshire

### **Public Benefit Statement**

Headley Down Community Association is constituted to provide educational, social and recreational facilities for the benefit of the residents of Headley Down. The Association continues to manage the Headley Down Community Centre (Woodlands Hall) for the benefit of all local residents of the Headley Parish, in particular the part known as 'Heatherlands'.

The Association administers and manages a number of 'sections/groups' including Woodlands Preschool, Woodlands Children's Club/Holiday Playscheme, Woodlands Youth Club and Woodlands adult Drop-In sessions and activities. It provides a home for a number of other organisations who assist in meeting the needs of the area of benefit including Drum Housing Surgery and Tree Tops Children's Group. The association also offers within the centre, a meeting room and hall hire facilities, an ICT room with 8 on-line PC's for educational and training needs, fax, photocopying and internet services, hire of multimedia equipment and other services for local community and voluntary groups, private individuals, businesses, clubs and societies.

### **Report on projects undertaken in 2009/10**

<b>Project</b>	<b>No attending</b>	<b>Comments</b>
Developing a physical activity programme for children to include traditional games and Ultimate frisbee	38	Traditional games and Ultimate frisbee is continuing in the afterschool club.
Half day activities for older people – trip to Stansted Park	6	Further outings for older people being arranged.

### **Projects Planned for 2010/11**

- Holding a local focus group to talk to members that currently do not participate in your services– 2 focus group session.
- Developing a half day of activities for older people – 3 half day activities to include arm chair aerobics. New Age Kurling and art and craft sessions.

### **Involvement in Extended Services or Children's Centre**

By the provision of an after-school Children's Club and Holiday Club for 4-11 year olds with IT and internet facilities to aid homework projects.

Provision of pre-school sessions for 2 – 5 year olds.

The association hold weekly Tree- Tops Children's Activities drop in sessions in conjunction with Tree Tops Children's Centre.

<b>Finance</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Income ( excl HCC funding)</b>	106,813
<b>Expenditure</b>	119,881
<b>Grants from</b>	
District/Borough Council	16,600
Revenue grants other sources	6,000
<b>Recommendation</b>	<b>15,000</b>

**Community Association**  
**Local member**  
**District**

Liss  
 Cllr Clarke  
 East Hampshire

### **Public Benefit Statement**

Liss Community Association continues to provide significant Public Benefits to facilitate development both individual and communal in line with the objectives of the constitution. By effective use of volunteers, raising donations locally and using grants, the Association minimises its charges and fees to make it's facilities and services widely available. The Association places no restriction with regards to beneficiaries. The following are examples of activities we continue to support:

- An active after school club
- Walking to health initiative
- Coffee bar and subsidised lunches for the elderly
- Computer for public use
- Listening ear advice service
- Weekly fruit and vegetable market (following local shop closure)
- Monthly film nights
- Art Exhibitions and quiz nights, live theatre production for local children
- Work experience opportunities for Elizabeth Fitzroy On Track Scheme
- Subsidised lettings

### **Report on projects undertaken in 2009/10**

<b>Project</b>	<b>No attending</b>	<b>Comments</b>
Consultation with Children and Young People	23	Association is exploring the idea of a regular cookery club
Developing a physical activity programme for children to include traditional games and Ultimate frisbee	48	Traditional games and ultimate frisbee will be offered as regular activities in the afterschool club

### **Projects Planned for 2010/11**

- Developing an Intergenerational Project – Befriending project between teenagers and older people in the centre in partnership with Bohunt School
- Developing an Adult Learning Programme – 5 week Computer course in partnership with Community First East Hampshire

### **Involvement in Extended Services or Children's Centre**

<b>Finance</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Income ( excl HCC funding)</b>	67,916
<b>Expenditure</b>	69,340
<b>Grants from</b>	
District/Borough Council	8,364
Parish Council	2,665
<b>Recommendation</b>	<b>£3,500</b>

**Community Association**  
**Local member**  
**District**

Portchester  
 Cllr Price  
 Fareham

### **Public Benefit Statement**

Portchester and District Community Association is pleased to have consistently met its charitable objectives during 2008. These, as identified in its constitution, are to provide social, leisure and educational facilities for the people of Portchester and District; to identify and respond to needs and aims of the community and work to address them. PCA also manages the community centre in pursuit of these objectives. The Association manages 13 sections/groups accounting for approximately 80% of the annual turnover, including a variety of clubs and activities. Membership has increased during the year.

The closure of first floor facilities due to fire and building regulations resulted in a reduction of letting space and related income. However, modifications were made to the ground floor and a portakabin installed with the objective of minimising the effect. Members and volunteers participated in decorating and equipping the new rooms.

New projects included Keepsake Children's Centre, the V Young peoples volunteering project, and community and family learning. Talks commenced with our partner agencies, Fareham Borough Council and Hampshire County Council, towards the building of a new centre. The Association maintained and strengthened its policy reviews during the year in accordance with good practice. It increased its commitment to environmental sustainability and implemented a recycling and energy policy within the constraints of an old building.

PCA and its sections organised and/or participated in a number of external events including local networks and forums, Portchester Gala and a community fun day with an objective to extend community outreach in 2009.

### **Report on projects undertaken in 2009/10**

<b>Project</b>	<b>No attending</b>	<b>Comments</b>
Consultation with Children and Young People	105	
Community and family Learning Project	71	ICT for older people formed into regular club.

### **Projects Planned for 2009/10**

- Developing an Intergenerational Project-
- Developing a half day activities for older people-

### **Involvement in Extended Services**

The Association hold a Service Level Agreement for the Portchester Sure Start Centre- Keepsake Children's Centre. Extended Services Coordinator uses office space and works closely to promote and help with activities. Funding was received in 2009 from Extended Services for Portchester People website, PCA holiday playscheme, and administration of Cams and Portchester Extended Services Partnership.

<b>Finance</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Income ( excl HCC funding)</b>	368,315
<b>Expenditure</b>	377,370

**Grants from**  
District/Borough Council

**Recommendation**

**£ 11,760**

**Community Association  
Local member  
District**

Totton and Eling  
Cllr Harrison  
New Forest

**Public Benefit Statement**

The Community Association continues to work towards its aims and objectives, as outlined in its constitution.

We aim to make the Centre a welcoming place for everyone, to provide a safe and comfortable place for the participation of recreational, educational and social welfare activities.

This year we have held an Autumn Fayre, Frost Fayre, Spring Fayre and the Clairvoyant evening and a Christmas open day. We continue to work in partnership with Surestart Children’s Centre to provide a Parent and Toddler group and we support the Lace Making and Quilters groups.

We are participating in Silver surfer’s week, providing 2 afternoon drop in sessions, where older people can learn new IT skills and meet new people.

The Association is also developing a healthy eating cook book, cooking demonstrations and talks by a nutritionist, which will be offered free to the community.

We also work in partnership with Hampshire County Council to provide “Space to play” for young people needing rehearsal space.

We provide space for the local Age Concern lunch club and Surestart Active tots and rhyme time.

**Projects Planned for 2009/10**

- Developing half day activities for older people- Older People’s Wellbeing day with arm chair aerobics, talks, demonstrations, holistic therapies and a light lunch.
- Reviewing the organisations activities and the development of a 3 year business plan

**Involvement in Extended Services**

Work in partnership with a children’s centre to provide a parent and toddler group.

**Finance**

**Income ( excl HCC funding)**

**£**  
30,900

**Expenditure**

30,742

**Grants from**

District Council

**Recommendation**

**£3,000**

**Community Association**  
**Local member**  
**District**

Winnall  
 Cllr Collin  
 Winchester

### **Public Benefit Statement**

During the last year the Trust has been able to continue it's support of the local community by providing facilities for groups (for example) youth groups, holiday play schemes and after school clubs, support to the elderly and the wider community. In the area of training, the trust has continued to support training schemes. Each of these schemes intends to assist different groups of people within the local community by providing activities or courses to assist with their education, social wellbeing or protection.

Our long term ambition is to help to build the self- confidence of Winnall and district residents in their lives, and through our community facilities and activities help make our area a peaceful, successful and caring community. The main element of our strategy is developing community welfare and education. All our community facilities and activities including classes, health initiatives and meetings for diverse groups are widely advertised within the local community and we welcome the participation of all in our local community. Most of our activities are free and supported by donations or grant funding. Where a charge is made, concessions are offered for groups such as students, people on means-tested benefits and pensioners, where appropriate. We support the new Children's Centre on the Association site which helps ensure that families with young children receive guidance and support both before and throughout their children's schooling. The following activities are either promoted by the Community Association, or supported by the Association in the centre or local area: Karate, Age Concern IT Courses for the over 60's, Winnall Art Club, Homework club, Winnall Social Club, Winnall Youth Club, Holiday Play Scheme for 8- 11 year olds, Adult Education sessions, Winchester Chess Club, Winnall Pre-School Playgroup, New Age Kurling for older people, occasional hall and room bookings, Winnall community Forum, Winnall Community Plan Steering Group, Little Sparks, Over 60's Club, Bingo, Youth Café, New Community shared garden, continued overview of estate issues, Winnall Walks and Development of the new Children's Centre.

### **Report on projects undertaken in 2009/10**

<b>Project</b>	<b>No attending</b>	<b>Comments</b>
Follow Up activity for Focus Group	11	Variety of activities offered to older men including Singing, New Age Kurling, Line Dancing and Short mat bowls
Developing an adult Learning Programme	7	Adult evening computer classes planned for 2010

### **Projects Planned for 2010/11**

- Follow up from focus group project -
- Developing a physical activity programme for children- Traditional games.

**Involvement in Extended Services**

We run a Homework Club for secondary school children, an after school Art club, and a holiday play scheme (Activ8) for 8 – 11 year old primary school children. We work in partnership with our Children's Centre (which is based in part of our community centre building) to support parents and children. For example, the Children's Centre supports our parent and toddler group, and provides a crèche for one of the adult education classes run at the community centre.

<b>Finance</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Income ( excl HCC funding)</b>	51,557.27
<b>Expenditure</b>	65,087.95
<b>Grants from</b>	
District/Borough Council	4,159
Revenue grants from other sources	4,370
<b>Recommendation</b>	<b>£7,800</b>