



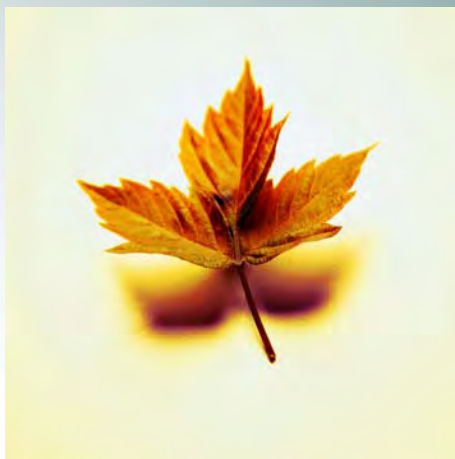
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WELCOME TO CHASE VISION

Welcome to the 2011 Autumn edition of Chase Vision

With autumn once more upon us we do hope that all our readers managed to take advantage of some of the lovely summer sunshine we enjoyed in recent months.

You may have received a VCS Profile form to complete, as part of our annual data cleanse, we do hope that you will support us by completing and returning the form - if you have not done so already. The information you provide is a valuable tool for assessing the needs of the voluntary and community sector across Staffordshire.



Don't forget that the clocks will go back by one hour at 2.00am on Sunday 30th October. Rather than 2.00am, the clocks will go back to 1.00am as British Summer Time ends for another year.

Please keep us informed of all your successes and forthcoming events - remember members can include articles for free in this publication.

Contact: **Maureen Brown, Information Officer**



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enquiries@chase-cvs.org.uk

For your information here are a few of the Acronyms used in this issue:

CASC	Community Amateur Sports Club
CASS	Carers' Association Southern Staffordshire
HMRC	Her Majesties Revenue and Customs
ICAEW	Institute of Chartered Accountants of England and Wales
NCVO	National Council for Voluntary Organisations
NMW	National Minimum Wage
NUS	National Union of Students
S3SN	Staffordshire Third Sector Network
SCIO	Staffordshire & Stoke-on-Trent Consortium of Infrastructure Organisations
SCVYS	Staffordshire Consortium of Voluntary Youth Services
VCO	Voluntary and Community Organisation

A MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF OFFICER



We have had some good news ourselves over the past few months. The Coalfields Regeneration Trust awarded us funding to support the Community Development work undertaken by Bev Molloy and we were also successful in a bid into Lloyds TSB to increase the volunteering training opportunities in our Rugeley Home Comforts unit (*see page 5 for more information about the shop*). We were also awarded a small amount from the Santander Foundation - this will help us to improve the eBay facility we are developing, linked to Rugeley, by allowing us to install a dedicated phone line and internet connection.

Also this month saw the official launch of the Chase Community Fund by Fred Pritchard at an event attended by people from voluntary and community groups, statutory agencies and trustees of the Staffordshire Community Foundation. The Foundation is the body that hosts the Fund, which will be built up by donations, fundraising events and government matched funding. It will, in time, be able to issue grants to voluntary groups and organisations in the District.

I mentioned Affiliated Solutions last month and this has progressed to the formation of a Charitable Interest Company. The new SCIO company is Compact Contract Solutions – it is setting up a board of directors and is exploring a bid for one of the few contracts out to tender. We are also participating in a SCIO led bid to the Transforming Local Infrastructure fund. This is a County-wide collaborative approach amongst SCIO partners and other organisations who deliver infrastructure support. It is likely, in time, to affect how we are able to operate in the district.

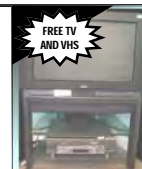
Kent Parson - Chief Officer

Chase CVS has a JVC Television

(26" Screen, Analogue reception) and **VHS/Mini Disc Player TV**
Dimensions: Width 31" - Depth 20"

available **FREE** to any Voluntary and Community Organisation who may be able to find a use for this equipment. (*Note: Digital box required in order to receive TV broadcasting*)

We also have a quantity of **Grey Stacking Plastic Chairs** that a voluntary or community group may find of use.



01543-500404



enquiries@chase-cvs.org.uk



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Community Link

Community Link provide and facilitate group activities for parents, grandparents and carers with crèche provision for young children under four years of age., *including:*

- **Asdan in Volunteering** - Train to become a volunteer
- **Branching Out** - Helping you to gain new skills and increase employment prospects
- **Open House** - *Cannock, Huntington and Rugeley* - Bite size tasters from cake decorating or basic DIY to computer courses
- **Parent Champions** - Run by parents for parents
- **Resident Champions** - Local people providing advice and support on local issues

Coming soon...

Short courses: **Dance Yourself Fit; Learn to Draw; Scrap-Booking and Cook & Taste.**

Accredited courses: **Asdan Certificate in Volunteering; Health & Safety; First Aid; Food Hygiene.**

Venues include: Cannock Chase Children’s Centre; Chase CVS; Burnthill Community Centre, Rugeley and Brereton & Ravenhill Community Centre.

For more information please contact **Chris, Tina, Jessica or Saffra** on:



01543-578977



New Contact Details - Community Link Team Members

Please note that the joannemanton@chase-cvs.org.uk email address is no longer active.

Our two new Community Link Support Workers can now be contacted on the following email addresses:



Saffra Martin
Jessica Howarth



safframartin@chase-cvs.org.uk



jessicahowarth@chase-cvs.org.uk

Our Toy Library Assistant **Nicola Mucklow** can now be contacted at:



nicolamucklow@chase-cvs.org.uk

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Home Comforts Rugeley Branch
Unit 1 Riverside Industrial Estate
Power Station Road
Rugeley WS15 2YR

Opening Hours

10am-3pm Friday to Tuesday




Our Home Comforts Re-use service based in Rugeley has been successful in its application for a grant from **Lloyds TSB** for a total of **£43,600**. The grant will help support the continuation of the service which provides a range of re-usable donated items for sale at low cost.

The service also provides volunteers with valuable work experience and opportunities to gain a recognised qualification which helps improve their employment prospects.

Think twice before you bin it! Are you thinking about discarding items that are no longer of use to you? If the items are in good condition then others may find them of use. Our service welcomes donations of good quality items for example: Children's Toys; Jigsaw Puzzles; Books; Bric-a-Brac; Video Games; Sports Equipment; Household items; Soft Furnishings.

Or why not pop along to the unit you may be surprised at the bargains that are available?

For more information please contact:  **07812-155484**



<http://homecomforts.org.uk/Home.html>



Chase CVS welcomes Clare Matthews, Administration Assistant, back to our main office as she returns in October following maternity leave.

We would also like to take this opportunity to wish every success to Adrian Astbury in his future career (as he leaves the team at the end of September) and thank him for his contribution whilst stepping in to cover Clare's role.



**What support will your organisation need to develop
and respond to the future challenges ahead?****WE WANT TO KNOW WHAT YOU NEED**

Over the next 12 weeks a consultation exercise is being undertaken by Staffordshire County Council to establish what support local organisations need from a Voluntary and Community Sector (VCS) Infrastructure Support and Volunteering Service that will operate in Staffordshire from 2013. From scout groups and social enterprises to village hall committees and faith groups, we want to hear from as many organisations/groups as possible.

As you may be aware, Staffordshire County Council's service is currently provided by the Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent Consortia of Infrastructure Organisations (SCIO) through its membership of Councils' for Voluntary Services, Volunteer Centres and specialist organisations including East Staffordshire Racial Equality Council, Saltbox and the Staffordshire Consortium of Voluntary Youth Services (SCVYS). Stoke-on-Trent City Council and Staffordshire District and Borough Councils also fund similar services and these may be through SCIO or directly with a SCIO member.

This survey consultation is a valuable opportunity to identify what your current and future support needs are and to help shape how that support is delivered to you in the future.

The responses to the survey will be collated and analysed to assist in the development of the new service specification and your views and input would be greatly appreciated.

The survey can be accessed online and should take no longer than 15 minutes to complete. The link to the survey is:



www.staffordshire.gov.uk/VCSsurvey

Alternatively, if you require a hard copy of the survey and a pre paid envelope or if you would like the survey in another language or format eg large text, please contact: **Heather Innes**



01785-278528



heather.innes@staffordshire.gov.uk

The deadline for all survey responses is Sunday 20th November 2011

LEGAL UPDATES



National Minimum Wage (NMW) - New Rates

The NMW rates are reviewed each year by the Low Pay Commission.

NMW Rates from 1st October 2011

- the main rate for workers aged **21** and over will increase to **£6.08**
- the **18-20** rate will increase to **£4.98**
- the **16-17** rate for workers above school leaving age but **under 18** will increase to **£3.68**
- the apprentice rate, for apprentices **under 19** or **19** and **over** and in the first year of their apprenticeship will increase to **£2.60**



New statutory guidance on the **Best Value Duty** sets out some reasonable expectations of the way authorities should work with voluntary and community groups and small businesses when facing difficult funding decisions. *The new guide can be downloaded free from:*



www.communities.gov.uk/publications/localgovernment/bestvaluestatguidance

Consultation on proposal to examine the deregulation of Schedule One of the Licensing Act 2003

The Licensing Act 2003 brought together nine separate outdated licensing related regimes, and created instead a single Act that controlled alcohol supply and sale, late night refreshment, and "regulated entertainment". In tidying up the old licensing regimes new problems were created for many wishing to host entertainment events.

The Government is therefore proposing a reform of activities currently classed as "regulated entertainment" in Schedule One of the 2003 Act. The consultation seeks views on the removal in certain circumstances of the requirement for a licence in England and Wales to host a performance of a play, an exhibition of a film, an indoor sporting event, a performance of live music, any playing of recorded music, or a performance of dance.

The closing date for responses is **3rd December, 2011**.

Full details at:



www.culture.gov.uk/consultations/8408.aspx



TRAINING



Fircroft College
Of Adult Education

Award in Community Development Work

Fircroft College in Birmingham is running the Award in Community Development Work as a three part residential programme.

Developed following the national review of occupational standards for community development work which took place during 2009/10, the **Award in Community Development Work** is ideal for anyone directly engaged in, or is becoming engaged in community development work.

This is a three part programme:

- What is Community Development?
- Understanding Different Communities, and
- Understanding Group Working.

All three parts must be completed to achieve the Award, which is available at Levels 2 or 3. The dates for the programme are as follows:

- Part 1 - **2nd - 04th December 2011** (Friday to Sunday)
- Part 2 - **20th - 22nd January 2012** (Friday to Sunday)
- Part 3 - **2nd - 4th March 2012** (Friday to Sunday)

To find out more and/or apply please call the short course office or visit the website details below:



0121 472 0116



www.fircroft.ac.uk/Award_in_Community_Development_Work.htm

A wide range of learning opportunities are regularly available throughout the SCIO partner organisations. They include traditional training days, workshops and networking events and offer VCO's the opportunity to gain the skills and knowledge needed to fulfil their roles effectively.

To find out what training is currently available visit the website and select the **Training** icon on the Home Page at:

(as shown right)



www.communitiestogether.org.uk





CharityWise

Free Learning for the UK Voluntary Sector

CharityWise is a collection of **free** Open University materials online for people who are responsible for leading and managing small charities or voluntary and community organisations.

CharityWise will particularly appeal to you if you:

- Want to improve leadership and management of your organisation, to ensure its success
- Are looking for low-cost, flexible resources to train and develop people in your organisation
- Want to use your experience as a trustee to support your own personal and career development.

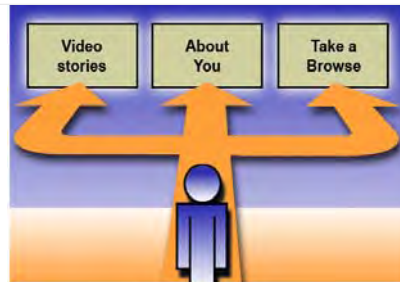
Chairs of management committees, individual committee members or trustees, managers, trainers and advisers working in the voluntary sector will all find something useful.

CharityWise materials are bite-size and available online, so you can use them any time that fits in with your life.

The site provides video stories and case studies together with self-assessment tools to help you identify the units that may be relevant to you and your organisation.

The materials are taken from university level courses however if you have not studied at university level before, you can choose to begin with introductory units. For those who are very familiar with a topic, or already hold a degree, there are units at intermediate, advanced or masters level.

CharityWise | Free learning for the UK voluntary sector



Full details available at:



www.open.ac.uk/blogs/CharityWise/



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Free Turn2us Training Workshop

Turn2us helps people in financial need, and those who support them, access the money available to them through welfare benefits, charitable grants and other financial help.

Everything you need in one place: Turn2us brings together an easy to use Benefits Checker and a Grants Search giving access to nearly 3,500 charitable funds – all available through the free, accessible website. Turn2us is also supported by a freephone Helpline, offering the same services available via the website.

Turn2us is part of Elizabeth Finn Care, a national charity improving the lives of millions of people in financial need.

Free training in Stoke-on-Trent: Turn2us is inviting support workers and volunteers who work with people in financial need to attend a free training workshop. The workshop will enable participants to understand how to use the Turn2us tools and services with their clients, as well as giving an overview of the wider work of Turn2us and the charity Elizabeth Finn Care.

Activities will include: Live interactive demonstrations of the Turn2us Benefits Checker and Grants Search; Introductions to the other resources available on the website, including the My Turn2us account features which enable people to apply directly to grant-giving charities online; Opportunities for questions, answers and sharing of ideas throughout!

Date: **Thursday 3rd November 2011**



Time: **9.45am – 12.45pm OR 1.30pm – 4.30pm**

Respondents should state a workshop time preference

Venue: **City Central Library, IT Suite, Bethesda Street, Hanley, Stoke-on-Trent ST1 3RS**

How to attend: Workshop places are limited to a maximum of 2 people per organisation and early registration is recommended to be sure of a place. *To register your interest, or for more information:*



training@turn2us.org.uk

Visit the website at:



www.turn2us.org.uk



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**HM Revenue
& Customs**

Fit and Proper Persons Declaration

Published by HMRC

This help sheet and the model declaration (on page 14) are for use by 'managers' of a charity, Community Amateur Sports Club (CASC) or other organisation entitled to UK charity tax reliefs. The term 'managers' applies to the trustees of charities, directors of corporate charities, CASC officials and any other persons having general control and management over the running of the charity or the application of its assets. For example:

In a typical small local charity a manager for the purposes of the fit and proper persons test could include the Chairperson, Treasurer, Secretary and the rest of the management committee who would have control over expenditure.

In a larger charity a manager for the purposes of the fit and proper persons test would include all trustees or directors of a corporate charity but may also extend to certain employees who are able to determine how a significant proportion of the charity's funds are spent. Eg, most large charities have a Board of Trustees and an Executive Board of senior employees. In such a case the trustees and members of the Executive Board would be managers of the charity.

If you are a 'manager' of a charity you should read this help sheet and, if appropriate, sign a declaration based on the model below. (Note you may copy the wording onto your own stationery.) The charity, CASC or other organisation entitled to charity tax reliefs should keep the signed declaration in case HM Revenue & Customs (HMRC) asks to see it. The signed form should not be sent to HMRC unless HMRC asks to see it.

Why is there a 'fit and proper persons' test?

The 'fit and proper persons' test exists to ensure that charities, CASCs and other organisations entitled to charity tax reliefs are not managed or controlled by individuals who might misuse the valuable tax reliefs the organisation receives. Unfortunately fraudsters have been known to exploit charity tax reliefs so the fit and proper persons test exists to help prevent that.

What does 'fit and proper' mean?

An individual is 'fit and proper' if they ensure that charity funds and tax



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reliefs are used only for charitable purposes.

In signing a declaration like the one on the following page you are confirming that you will ensure that funds are used for charitable purposes and also disclosing certain information about your past that may impact on whether or not you are indeed 'fit and proper'.

When a charity notifies HMRC of certain new managers, HMRC cross checks that person's details against any information it has and will raise any concerns it has if there is anything to indicate the person may misuse the charity funds and tax reliefs. Factors that may lead to HMRC deciding that an individual manager is not a fit and proper person include:

- individuals with a history of tax fraud or other fraudulent behaviour including misrepresentation and/or identity theft
- individuals for whom HMRC has knowledge of involvement in attacks against, or abuse of, tax repayment systems
- individuals who are barred from acting as a charity trustee by a charity regulator or Court, or have been disqualified from acting as a company director

However, just because an individual has been, say, barred from acting as a charity trustee or one of the other points above applies, it does not always follow that the charity will not be eligible for tax reliefs. When considering the application of the fit and proper persons test to particular managers, HMRC will take account of the likely impact on the charity's tax position. For example any person who has no dealings with HMRC and no control over spending charity funds, even if the person is not a fit and proper person, is unlikely to affect the charity's eligibility to tax reliefs.

What do I need to do?

If you are confident you will do your best to ensure that charity funds and tax reliefs are used only for charitable purposes and do not need to disclose any information listed on the declaration then you should sign a declaration and give it to the charity.

If you are confident you will do your best to ensure that charity funds and tax reliefs are used only for charitable purposes but you do need to disclose any information listed on the declaration then you should sign the declaration suitably amended - for example by crossing out the

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relevant bullet point - and provide details in the final box before you give the declaration to the charity. The charity will then need to decide what to do. If neither of the above applies you should not sign the declaration.

I've signed the declaration so what happens next?

The charity will keep the declaration and in certain cases pass your details to HMRC. If HMRC have any concerns about you they will contact you to clarify the situation.

Model Declaration for fit and proper persons

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Declaration

Name of Organisation in full _____

Name of Individual _____

Role in Organisation _____

I, the undersigned, declare that:

- I am not disqualified from acting as a charity trustee
- I have not been convicted of an offence involving deception or dishonesty (or any such conviction is legally regarded as spent)
- I have not been involved in tax fraud
- I am not bankrupt
- I have not made compositions or arrangements with my creditors from which I have not been discharged
- I have not been removed from serving as a charity trustee, or been stopped from acting in a management position within a charity
- I have not been disqualified from serving as a Company Director
- I will at all times seek to ensure the charity's funds, and charity tax reliefs received by this organisation, are used only for charitable purpose

Signed _____ Date _____

Home Address _____

Previous Address *if moved in past 12 months* _____

Date of Birth _____ National Insurance Number _____

National Identity Card Number (if you have one) _____

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If you have signed this declaration but want to make any information known or clarify any points please add them in the space below:



FUNDING & AWARDS



The Coalfields Regeneration Trust - Cannock Coalfields Community Grants Level 1

For requests of funding between **£500 - £5,000**
The funding programme will run up to March 2013.

Who can apply: To be eligible, you must be a voluntary or community sector organisation and your project must show a clear benefit to a coalfield community.

Your organisation must hold a bank or building society account, have a constitution or set of rules that include a dissolution clause, hold annual accounts and have an annual income of less than £100,000.

Types of Project Supported: Improvements to a community facility, training projects teaching people new skills, setting up or supporting an existing social enterprise, activities that promote volunteering, provision of childcare places including after school clubs, holiday play schemes and playgroups, the establishment or improvement of a much needed service or community activity or an activity that gets more people involved in physical activity or addresses a local health issue.

Costs: The Trust can provide up to 100% of total project costs for capital and revenue projects. Your project can run for a maximum of 12 months. Spend must be complete by March 2013.

Eligible Areas: Projects must show a clear benefit to coalfield communities with a high level of deprivation. *Eligible coalfield wards are:*

Brereton and Ravenhill	Hagley
Cannock East	Heath Hayes East and Wimblebury
Cannock North	Hednesford Green Heath
Cannock South	Hednesford North
Cannock West	Rawnsley
Etching Hill and The Heath	Western Springs

When to apply: Applications can be submitted anytime.

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The Trust also run a number of strategic programmes in the West Midlands:

- Healthy Lifestyles Programme
- Debt Management Programme
- Family Employment Initiative
- Capacity Building and Training
- Coalfields National Apprenticeships Programme.
- Solar Panels for Community Buildings

For further information on how you might get involved in any of these programmes please contact the regional office

For further information please contact:

Suzanne Clarke



at the West Midlands Regional Office on: **01782 626584**



Mob: **07977512985**



Suzanne.clarke@coalfields-regen.org.uk



the **coalfields** regeneration trust
changing the face of coalfield communities

Make a Difference in Your Community

If you are feeling inspired by what the communities in the TV series have achieved, check out the campaign, **Village SOS Active**, at:



www.villagesos.org.uk



Here you will find tools and advice - as well as the chance to get some Lottery funding - to help you start up your own community enterprise.

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The National Lottery®



FUNDING & AWARDS

Austin and Hope Pilkington Trust Music and the Arts

Deadline 1st November 2011

All applicants, whether successful or not, are contacted.
The ratio of applications to grants is approximately 1 in 20. In order to give as many grants as possible, the trust has decided to limit grants to

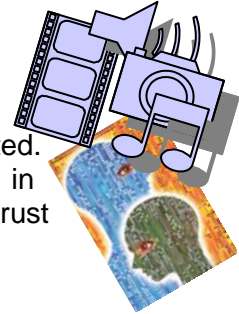
£3,000 and £1,000

Grants are awarded for **ONE YEAR ONLY**. *Grants are not awarded to charities on consecutive years, even for different projects.*

Full details and how to apply at:



www.austin-hope-pilkington.org.uk/



Barchester Healthcare Foundation Grants from £100 to £10,000

Applicants must fall into one of the following categories:

- Older people 65+
- Adults 18+ with a physical disability
- Adults 18+ with a mental disability
- Individuals
- Small community groups and charities



whose applications encourage:

- Mobility
- Independence
- Education
- Improved quality of life

The trustees would consider: applications from small community groups providing activities for older people and other adults with disabilities. making a contribution towards social activities, outings or events; supporting innovative projects that help older people and those disabilities enjoy themselves and meet new people. They can help with small equipment purchases but are unable to fund general running of the project or its start up.

Full details at:



www.bhcfoundation.org.uk

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Grants for Community Learning (supporting people into volunteering and jobs)

There are two themes to the funding:

- Theme 1 – Developing New Skills
- Theme 2 – Skills for Volunteers



**Please note that the activity needs to be complete no later than
31st July 2012**

Outcomes of applications will be communicated within one week of every Funding Steering Group; these are scheduled for:

- October 7th 2011
- November 4th 2011
- December 2nd 2011
- February 3rd 2012
- March 30th 2012
- May 25th 2012

The contact for Staffordshire - (other than Stoke-on-Trent) is:

Julia Staniforth



07800-626536



Julia.staniforth@staffordshire.gov.uk

or visit the website for more info:



www.staffordshire.gov.uk/acl

Staffordshire's Heritage & Arts Service annual Arts Grants Scheme

To help fund arts activities which benefit the community and promote accessibility.

Grant awards for 2011/12 are available up to £600.

For more information on the Staffordshire Arts Grant Scheme or for advice, please contact:

Helen Wilson

Telephone (Tuesday to Thursday)



01785-276116

Email



helen.wilson@staffordshire.gov.uk

Or visit the website for more details at:

www.staffordshire.gov.uk/leisure/museumandgalleries/grants/Grants.aspx



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Community Wellbeing Fund

The closing date for applications this year is
30th November 2011

Small local community groups, faith groups, clubs, Parish Councils, village halls and other organisations are invited to submit an application for funding to the Community Wellbeing Fund to deliver local community-based preventative projects.

The overall aim of the scheme will be to improve the health, independence and wellbeing of older people and vulnerable adults.

Applications should be targeted at one or more of the following older people and vulnerable adult groups:

- Adults with physical or sensory disabilities/long-term conditions, and their carers
- Adults with a learning disability and their carers
- Adults with mental health/emotional wellbeing needs, and their carers
- Vulnerable older people/lone pensioners, and their carers



For further information about the Scheme or how to apply please contact:

Shelley Brough (Health Development Officer)
Community Services - Social Care and Health



01785-278279



shelley.brough@staffordshire.gov.uk



Or visit the website for more information and/or to apply:

www.staffordshire.gov.uk/health/healthdevelopment/grantscheme/home.aspx

The Charles Hayward Foundation

Small grants of up to £5,000, for organisations with a turnover of less than £250,000 per annum to support:

**Heritage and Conservation, Criminal Justice,
Hospices, Older People**

The Foundation primarily funds capital costs.

Full details, guidelines and application process are available at:



www.charleshaywardfoundation.org.uk/

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*High
Sheriff
Fund*

High Sheriff Fund

The High Sheriff Fund provides small grants, (between £110 and £250) for small community groups, with a specific need.

- Applicants should be smaller groups with a specific need
- Groups should be based in and working within Staffordshire
- Your annual income should be less than £15,000
- You should have reserves of less than 1 years income
- Your financial records should be up to date
- Groups should have a constitution
- If awarded a grant it should make a **visible difference** to the project
- Groups should be working to relieve poverty or disadvantage OR
- Be working to provide a service that would otherwise be realistically unobtainable

Panel meetings are held to determine whether applicants should receive funding and if so how much. these panels are usually held monthly, but may be held more or less often depending on the number of waiting applications.

Full details at:

www.staffsfoundation.org.uk/



Staffordshire
Community Foundation

Funding Central is a free website for charities, voluntary organisations and social enterprises.

The site provides access to thousands of funding and finance opportunities, plus a wealth of tools and resources supporting organisations to develop sustainable income strategies appropriate to their needs.



Why not take a look for yourself at:

www.fundingcentral.org.uk/Default.aspx



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Young Achievers Awards 2011 are now open for nominations!

The deadline for applications is the 12th November 2011

Through these Awards, the Young Achievers Trust celebrates and supports the outstanding contribution of young people working to make their communities a better place across the following four categories: **arts, environment, community and sport.**

If you know an exceptional young volunteer and would like to find out more about the Awards and/or to make a nomination please visit:



www.youngachieversawards.org



Community action against crime: innovation fund

The fund will encourage effective partnerships to get everybody working together to tackle crime. It will be used to encourage voluntary and community groups to work with their community safety partnership to tackle local crime problems, including through co-design and co-delivery of initiatives to cut crime. Applications from grassroots community activists who are not traditional recipients of government grants are encouraged.

Community action against crime: Innovation fund is funded by the Home Office and delivered by the Community Development Foundation (CDF).

The following criteria will be used to make funding decisions. All applications must show that they are innovative; provide a lasting benefit; have involved local communities and tackle crime issues that matter to the local community, with a particular focus on antisocial behaviour, crime in local neighbourhoods, drug/alcohol related crime, reducing re-offending, violence against women and girls, and youth crime.

The fund is opened for applications on 5th September 2011 and *closes* on **1st December 2011.**

Small grants of between £1,000 and £15,000 and large grants of between £15,001 and £50,000 are available.

Full guidance notes are available on the website at:



www.cdf.org.uk/web/guest/crime-innovation-fund

FUNDING SURGERY



Staffordshire Cares:
Community
Wellbeing
Fund

Funding Surgeries

Chase CVS Offices
27th October 2011
2pm-5pm

This Funding Surgery is an opportunity for community groups to receive information and support about the Community Wellbeing Fund.

Book a one to one appointment to receive support with the development of project ideas for the Community Wellbeing Fund as well as practical advice on how to complete application forms.

All One to One Appointments for surgeries need to be pre-booked prior to the event.

To book a 20 minute appointment please contact:

Shelley Brough



01785 278279

or send an email with the following details:

Name: Organisation: Contact Number: Email Address:
I would like to book a an appointment for the Funding Surgery
Preferred Time: (The closest available time slot will be provided)



shelley.brough@staffordshire.gov.uk



COMMUNITY INFORMATION

Have you been a victim of crime?

If you have been a victim of any crime or have been affected by a crime committed against someone you know, Victim Support can help you find the strength to deal with the experience.

Their services are free and available to everyone, whether or not the crime has been reported and regardless of when it happened. They are not part of the police, the courts or any other criminal justice agency.

Their trained volunteers offer:

- someone to talk to in confidence
- information on police and court procedures
- help in dealing with other organisations
- information about compensation and insurance
- information on other sources of help



If you or someone you know has been a victim of crime and would like to talk to someone from Victim Support you can call:



0300 303 1977

Or you can visit their website at:



www.victimsupport.org.uk

FREE Office Furniture

Family Focus has the following items free if collected:

- **One office table**, approximately 4ft long and 2½ft high
- **Two small coffee tables**
- **Six royal blue and sturdy black metal and fabric chairs**
(suitable for office, meeting or waiting room)



If you would like further details or think that you could find a use for any of the above items please contact:

Linda Shaw, Project Co-ordinator



01889 579836



**Family Focus
SureStart Children's Centre Services,
41 Horse Fair, Rugeley, Staffs, WS15 2EJ**



TRUSTEES' WEEK 2011 31st October to 6th November

Trustees' Week 2011 is the second annual celebration of trusteeship, to highlight the great work that trustees do, and to draw attention to the opportunities for people from all walks of life to get involved and make a real difference - no formal qualifications are usually needed, and many charities need more trustees

Trustees are the people in charge of a charity. (They may be called trustees, directors, board members, governors or committee members) They are often the unsung heroes, playing a vital role, volunteering their time, working together to make the decisions that really matter about the charity's finances, activities and plans for the future.

The Charity Commission is organising Trustees' Week 2011 in partnership with Charity Trustee Network, recently merged with the Small Charities Coalition, the National Council for Voluntary Organisations (NCVO), Reach Volunteering, Getting on Board, ICAEW (Institute of Chartered Accountants of England and Wales), Governance magazine and the National Unions of Students (NUS)

They hope that charities and other organisations across the sector will get involved by organising events and activities to mark Trustees' Week 2011 to celebrate the fantastic work that trustees do for charities around the country and to encourage more people to think about whether trusteeship is right for them.


Keep up with the latest news and events planned for the week at:



www.trusteesweek.org.uk/



Initial Electronic Advice is a new web-based system which provides brief legal information in response to straightforward legal queries. It is designed to assist not-for-profit organisations and advice agencies providing help to those who cannot afford to pay for solicitors privately. The whole system works on a pro bono basis: the volunteers give up their time for free.

Find out more and /or register at :  www.lawworksiea.org.uk



COMMUNITY INFORMATION

Large Sporting and Recreational Unit For Hire

Kids of Norton Canes Activity Scheme (**KONCAS**) is an organisation set up to provide social and recreational facilities to the young people of Norton Canes. KONCAS is based at **Unit 13**, an industrial unit located near the centre of Norton Canes. Half of the unit consists of one full sized, fully functional indoor five-a-side pitch, whilst the other half is carpeted and used for the youth club. This facility is perfect for anyone who runs a sports group such as **badminton, football, martial arts** or **boxing**; or for anyone in charge of a uniformed group like **scouts** and **guides**, and for anyone who is looking for somewhere to hold a **social** or **hobby club**.

If anyone is interested in hiring this facility or would like to know please contact **Jean** on:



01543 450873

Fountains Counselling Service

Fountains Counselling Service is a voluntary organisation staffed by qualified volunteer counsellors who are members of local Christian churches.

The service is open to anyone over the age of 18 years regardless of beliefs or circumstances.

Counsellors have experience in areas of anxiety, stress and depression, loss and bereavement, anger, abuse, marriage counselling and other relationship difficulties.

Contact or visit the website for more information:



07980-387847



www.fountainscounselling.org.uk



The Beaudesert Sports Field & Recreation Ground Trust

would like to take this opportunity to thank

Councillor Phil Jones and

Councillor John Bernard

For their support by donating **£150.00** each from the **Staffordshire Local Community Fund** to their organisation.

VOLUNTEERING



Have you got the time for victims of crime?

Victim Support is the independent charity that helps victims and witnesses of crime across England and Wales. At Victim Support they know the impact that crime can have. They give free and confidential support to over 1.5 million victims and witnesses every year to help them find the strength to move on with their lives.

Volunteers are at the heart of what they do. The charity has over four volunteers for every paid member of staff. These volunteers make a huge difference to the people they support. Whether they support a witness at court or give emotional support to a victim, volunteers are vital to their success and to helping reduce the harm that crime does to our communities.

Kiran Hussain volunteers in Hanley Crown Court Witness Service, and as a Caseworker with the Victims Service in North Staffordshire. *She said:*

'With the Victim's Service I put my listening head on, I listen and empathise, and give practical help if I can. As a Witness Service volunteer I welcome witnesses into Court and try to make them feel at ease. I enjoy this side of the work. I love waking up on a Tuesday morning and saying 'I'm going to work'. It makes me feel important too. I feel proud of myself that I can make a difference to someone else's life and it helps me too. I love volunteering for Victim Support'.



If you are a good listener, sympathetic to the needs of others, open minded and non-judgemental, have some time to spare every week and are interested in being a volunteer, you can contact Victim Support for more information and/or to request an application pack on:



01785 715666

HELP
WANTED



VOLUNTEERING

CSV Make a Difference Day

Make a Difference Day falls on 29th October this year. Activities can, however, take place between 22nd October and 6th November 2011.

CSV
MAKE
A DIFFERENCE
DAY

The Activity Locator on the website not only enables activities to be searched by postcode and type but is a fantastic tool to recruit new volunteers to take part in your activity - remember that you can choose not to have your activity on the locator if it isn't suitable for new volunteers

Visit the website to find out what events are planned across the country; register your own activity and request resources.



www.csv.org.uk/difference

Volunteer Street Friends Wanted

Do you have one or two hours to spare each week and would like an opportunity to support your local community?

We are seeking friendly, outgoing individuals who live within the vicinity of:

Lime Pit Lane, Pye Green Road and Cemetery Road
to become **Volunteer Street Friends**

A Street Friend will initially make contact with the residents in their street, introducing themselves as a focal point for providing information and signposting to services.

- Hours are flexible (*day-time only*)
- Successful Applicants will be required to undertake a short informal induction session and will be supported at regular "Street Friends" meetings
- Interested people will be asked to agree to a CRB Disclosure.



For more information please contact:

Caroline Bradford, Community Liaison Officer



01543-500404



carolinebradford@chase-cvs.org.uk

WHAT'S ON?



New Family Group

The Huntington Children's Centre, at Littleton Green School, has launched a new group for families with children from birth to 3 years of age.

Sessions take place on **Thursdays from 1pm to 2.30pm**

This relaxed informal group is the ideal place to meet other parents, chat about health, care and development and enjoy visits from a range of speakers.

The sessions will include themed play and activities, stories and singing, together with access to the Toy Library.



For more information contact:
Mrs Lally or Mrs Small, *head teacher*,
at **Littleton Green School** on:



01543-511020

or **Cannock Chase Children's Centre** on:



01543-469894



S3SN Strong, Safe and Cohesive Communities Reference Group Meeting

Tuesday 11th October - 12.30pm - 2.30pm

Rising Brook Community Fire Station

Hesketh Road, Rising Brook, Stafford ST17 9NF

To book onto S3SN events, contact: **Jan Wright:**



01543 303030



janwright@ldcvs.org.uk



All are Welcome at:

St Aidan's Church Autumn Fayre

Saturday 5th November 10am to 1pm

St Aidan's Church Hall, Albert Street WS11 5JD

There will be lots to do including:

Tombola, Prize Raffle (Top prize is £100 cash, and many other prizes).
and value for money gifts. Refreshments available.





WHAT'S ON?

Senior Citizen's Christmas Concert

Tues 13th December 2011

12:30pm - 3:00pm

Avon Business & Leisure Centre, Avon Road



Featuring

The Cannock
Ex-Servicemen's Club
Male Voice Choir
Branch Out Theatre
by
Chase Day Service

Special Guest
Britain's Got Talent
Finalist

Jean Martyn



Tickets

£4.00

Includes
Mince Pie,
Hot Drink &
Raffle

All proceeds go to
Care & Share-Cannock

Care & Share-Cannock
For people with a Dual Sensory Loss

Box of Trix
Assistive Technologies

Neighbourhood
Watch

Staffs Fire & Rescue

Age UK

CCDC Housing

CASS

Adullam Housing

BID Services

Trading Standards
Watchdog

Staffordshire
County Council

For tickets please contact:

Caroline Bradford 01543-500404
carolinebradford@chase-cvs.org.uk

WHAT'S ON?



New Opportunity for Carers in Penkridge

Carers are welcome to call in for a coffee, pick up some information and have a one-to-one appointment with a skilled information worker regarding carers issues at the new **Carers Café**, CASS is launching in September.

The café, which will take place on the **last Monday** of the month at the **Haling Dene Centre, Penkridge**, (pictured right) from **10.30am - 1.00pm**, will give carers the opportunity to chat with other carers and swap tips on caring, make new friends and find out about other avenues of support available.



The café will have a different theme each time commencing with:

Monday 26th September - Launch Event

'What is caring...what support is available'

Looking at CASS Outreach Workers, benefits and what is on in the area.

Monday 31st October

'Wellbeing' promoting healthier lifestyles'

Asking the Wellbeing advisors from the area for their support.

Monday 28th November

'Maximising benefits & Stretching our money'

Ensuring Carers have maximised benefits by getting benefits checked and supporting people who want to apply for other benefits.

Light refreshments will be provided.

The Carers Café is open to carers, however, you may bring along the person you care for, so long as you are able to support their needs.

To book a one-to-one appointment, or for more information about the **CASS Carers Café**, *please contact:*

Debbie Hill

Café Co-ordinator, Carers Association Southern Staffordshire



01785 606675



debbie.hill@carersinformation.org.uk



POET'S CORNER

Lest we forget

Memories prompted by the Somme

*The heat of the battle is over
And my thoughts turn to you
Those days in fields of clover
Too soon the rest was through.*

*I've kept the words you gave me
They've been succour in the fight
The enemy is just over the leigh
I believe I'm fighting for the right.*

*All that time ago we lay together
When I marvelled at your beauty
Never hampered by the weather
But now its time to do my duty.*

*In this bestial foreign field
The stench of bodies all around
The senses heave and reel
No solace can be found.*

*But as I meet the foe in the morn
With my memories all in place
My body may be lashed and torn
But I'll be held in your loving
embrace.*

*Kenneth Jackson,
Chairperson Chase CVS*



**Royal British Legion
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1921-2011**





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Caroline Bradford - Community Liaison Officer

Natalie Mahon - Administrative Assistant

Adrian Astbury - Administrative Assistant (Maternity Cover)

Kelsey Lintern - Volunteer Development Officer

Lucy Cox - Volunteering Administrative Assistant

Chris Wright - Community Link Worker - Tina Hunt - Community Link Worker Support

Saffra Martin and Jessica Howarth - Community Link Worker Support

Fiona Maybury - Administration Community Transport and Julie Horobin, Volunteer

Lucy Cox - Chase PAIRs Administration

Nicola Mucklow - Toy Library Assistant

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Home Comforts: Kate Bainbridge - Project Manager

Tim Bainbridge - Project Worker

Donna Crowley - Volunteer Co-ordinator - James Aston - Volunteer Admin/ICT

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Anything to add?

- Do you have any information that you feel would benefit the voluntary sector?
- Would you like to advertise - either for volunteers or for a special event?
- Have you any stories that you would like to share with our readers?

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