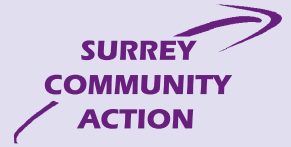


Newsletter

Spring 2005



Surrey Community Action wished to formally recognise their long association with volunteers Phyllis and Roy Pike who have been with the organisation almost as long as the organisation has been in existence. Currently they aid our Finance Department but for over 20 years until 2002 they ran our Charity Christmas Card shop raising almost £700,000 for local and national charities. Although nominated for an SCC Award for Volunteering they were not successful this time, but they are still very much appreciated by all of the team at Astolat.

Jean Roberts-Jones, Chief Executive of Surrey Community Action, left, presenting Roy and Phyllis Pike with their Certificate of Nomination for a Surrey County Council Award for Volunteering.

As you know from earlier Newsletters Surrey Community Action is part of the Surrey Voluntary and Community Sector Infrastructure Consortium. We are working steadily over the next 12 months to compile a report which will be sent to the Home Office. It will outline which services front line organisations will want from umbrella organisations like ourselves and local Councils of Voluntary Service over the next 10 years.

The consortium has appointed consultants Gardiner and Saunders to help in this process. Over the coming weeks they will be trying to make contact with as many organisations as they can and will be holding a number of workshops in order to listen and record your views.

The first of these workshops will be on 12 May at the Leatherhead Leisure Centre. Invitations will be going out but if you would like more information, or cannot attend this workshop but would still like to speak to them please contact me and I will pass your details on to Neil and Wendy and they will call you.

This is an important exercise. You can influence how organisations like ours can respond to you over the coming

years. You can help shape the future of the voluntary sector in Surrey. **Tell us how we can help you.**

On to other matters, Surrey Community Action has decided to attend this year's Surrey County Show on Spring Bank Holiday Monday 30 May. We want to tell people about the grants we have available, the free IT opportunities provided by the tech-it-up programme and what other services we can offer. Why not pop along and say hello? We would love to see you.

As always if you have any queries or concerns, please contact me and if I don't know the answer, I often know someone who does!

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Surrey Community Action Newsletter Readers' Survey

Many thanks to those of you who took the time to respond to our Readers' Survey.

The survey was sent out with the New Year 2005 issue of the Newsletter to approximately 1300 readers. Survey responses were received from 60 readers. From these we have picked three readers at random to be the winners of our Prize Draw – the winners, who will each receive a £20 gift voucher, are:

Gay Baker - FamilyLine Surrey

Brenda Deacon - Dorking Good Neighbours

Nancy Williams - Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder Studio Centre

Congratulations to our winners!

Feedback from the Survey

95% of respondents read each issue of the Newsletter!

The Newsletter is read regularly by a small number of people within each organisation. The Survey indicates that there are many more potential readers who don't get to see it. We would ask you to circulate the Newsletter within your organisations as much as possible. Don't forget that the Newsletter is also available on our website, www.surreyca.org.uk

95% of respondents say that the length of the Newsletter is 'about right'.

The majority of people (68%) spend 15 minutes or less reading the Newsletter. We aim to keep articles short and punchy, with signposts to sources of further information. We will keep the length of the Newsletter (8 – 12 pages) as it is.

77% of respondents think that the design of the Newsletter is excellent or very good!

The current design scores very highly with hardly any negative comments. We will therefore keep the design as it is.

80% of respondents find the Newsletter interesting to read!

The majority of people find the contents of the Newsletter interesting. The scores for it being 'useful/relevant to your job' are lower, with 18% giving us a low score. We need to look at ways of making it more useful or relevant – **please give us your ideas as to how we can do this.**

Most popular sections

The most popular sections are the 'Grants News' and the 'Organisations & Capacity Building' sections. We plan to increase the number of pages for the 'Grants News' section.

Additional Topic Areas

In terms of additional topic areas, most focused on the desire for local issues/news.

Improvements

In terms of improvements, there was quite a mixed bag of responses, with some being contradictory ie some people requesting the Newsletter be emailed out, whilst others say that we should not assume that everyone is online.

Most of the responses were 'one-off' requests, however we will look carefully at all the suggestions received.

99% of respondents sometimes or always read the inserts!

The vast majority of people do look at the inserts we send out in the Newsletter, so we will continue to include a small number of them in each issue.

Conclusion

Based on the input from the Survey, overall the Newsletter seems to be hitting the mark well in terms of design and content, with very few negative comments. The design in particular seems to be well liked. We do not therefore feel that there is any need for radical changes, although we do need to look at how we can make the content more relevant and useful for people in their jobs, and we will increase the space given to the 'Grants News' section.

Please send your comments and ideas for the Newsletter to the Editor, Vivien Harrison on 01483 459292 ext 243 email vivienh@surreyca.org.uk

Guardian Glossary

The Society Guardian website has a glossary providing hundreds of phrases from the public and voluntary sectors with links to websites where you can find more information. <http://society.guardian.co.uk/glossary>



Surrey Children's Fund

Following the submission of our

Strategic Plan to the Government, Surrey Children's Fund has been awarded funding until March 2008, which will support the delivery of our three-year development plan. Our Strategic Plan outlines the successful preventative practice that is currently being delivered through projects, and the partnership working arrangements with statutory, voluntary, community and faith organisations.

We are currently working with projects to agree funding commitments for 2005/6 and sign new Service Level Agreements. This begins a new stage in Surrey Children's Fund focus of work as we begin the process of migration

into the new Surrey Integrated Children's Services arrangements. The full Surrey Children's Fund Strategy will be available shortly online, via www.surreyca.org.uk or in hard copy from the Children's Fund office.

The Surrey Children's Fund projects are currently undergoing formal evaluation of their services against objectives that were developed in conjunction with the project staff. In addition to addressing prevention, the projects were also challenged to develop children's participation within the projects. Projects have found some innovative ways to involve children in decision making that influences the services provided. These serve as good practice examples of how a 'bottom up' approach to services really does work.

The evaluation and participation models that are being used are due to be published shortly and will be available online at the above website address.

Enquiries regarding any of the points mentioned in this article should be addressed to Christine Cox at Surrey Children's Fund on 01483 459292 ext 206.

Moving On to Independence in the Community

Becoming independent is challenging for most young people. It can be especially challenging for physically disabled young people disadvantaged by the way others see them and the design and delivery of education, work, accommodation, leisure and public services.

'Moving On' supports physically disabled people between 18 and 40 who seek independence. It is funded and managed by the Treloar Trust, home to the country's only specialist college with beacon status. The Project is a three year pilot which will have four key elements. First, outreach workers, based at Woking College in Surrey and Lewisham College in London, give clients intensive 12 week support around education, work, accommodation or leisure. Second, some clients attend a personal development programme run with The Lifetrain Trust near Dorking. Third, there is a self-help guide written with and for disabled young people. Fourth, the Project shares what it has learnt by publishing a blueprint and holding dissemination events.

Our Surrey Outreach Worker will, initially, support clients living in North West Surrey. All clients will have physical impairments but may, in addition, have sensory/communication impairments and/or learning disabilities. To make a referral or hear more about the Project, contact Nigel Smallbone (01420 526 561, nigel.smallbone@treloar.org.uk) The Project is keen to learn and work with partners as well as to share Treloar's expertise.

Surrey Adult Protection

The Surrey Multi-Agency Adult Protection Procedures have been revised and updated.

Please ensure that you replace all copies of the existing Procedures with the revised edition immediately. To avoid confusion, please destroy all old copies.

The new Procedures are available online at: www.surreycc.gov.uk/socialcare and then select 'Social Care Publications' and then 'Policies and Plans' then 'Protecting Vulnerable Adults Procedures 2005'

If you have any problems accessing the new Procedures, please contact the Adult Protection Team on:

Telephone Number: 020 8541 8778
Fax: 020 8541 8740

Community Interest Companies

The Companies (Audit, Investigations and Community Enterprise) Bill was granted Royal Assent in October 2004, bringing with it the enactment of Community Interest Companies or CICs – the new legal form for social enterprise companies protecting assets and profits for public or community benefit.

The Department for Trade and Industry are producing a series of explanatory fact sheets over the coming months to help people understand the new form, especially if they think they should be converting their organisation to a CIC or starting some social enterprise activity. To date two have been published, 'An Introduction to Community Interest Companies' and 'The Regulator of Community Interest Companies'. Both are available on the department's website: www.dti.gov.uk/cics/index.htm

A CIC may well be the vehicle for your social enterprise if:

- You want to incorporate with limited liability
- You want to be a company because it is a familiar legal form with the flexibility to tailor it to your own organisational structure, membership and governance
- You want it to be clear to your members, financial backers, customers and others you deal with that you will work for the benefit of the community, rather than private gain
- You want to be sure that, if the organisation ceases to be a CIC, the remaining assets will be preserved for the community, rather than distributed to members
- You do not want charitable status e.g. because it is not appropriate to your planned activities or the financial benefits of being a charity will not be material.

Surrey Community Action is currently a member of a large number of Forums, Partnerships and Boards.

Some of the meetings we attend are listed below.

If you would like to know more about the agendas and areas of discussion for any of these meetings, please contact the named staff member who would be delighted to talk to you about their role in the group.

Name of Partnership	Member of Staff
• RAISE	JT
• Rural Youth Community Cohesion Fund panel	VS
• Surrey 2010 Group	JRJ
• Surrey 2010 Officers Group	AT
• Surrey CVS/VB Network	JRJ/AT
• South East Rural Affairs Forums (SERAF)	JT
• South East Rural Community Councils	AT
• Surrey Economic Forum	AT
• Surrey Economic Partnership	JRJ
• Surrey Information and Guidance Network	JRJ
• Surrey Lifelong Learning Partnership	JRJ
• Surrey Rural Communities Forum	AT
• Surrey Rural Housing Group	AT
• Surrey Rural Towns Group	AT
• Surrey Social Inclusion Network	AT
• Surrey Sustainable Business Partnership	JRJ
• Surrey VCS Infrastructure Group	JRJ/AT
• Surrey Working in the Countryside Group	AT
• Voluntary & Community Infrastructure Development in Waverley	JRJ
• Waverley Local Strategic Partnership Executive Group	JRJ
• Waverley Local Strategic Partnership Social Inclusion Group	VS
• Waverley Mobile CAB Steering Group	AT

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JT= Jacinta Thorley
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Surrey Community Action Annual Conference

**Epsom Downs
Racecourse
Friday 17 June
2005**

2 plenary sessions - 6 parallel workshops - exhibition

Keynote Speakers

Stuart Etherington (National Council for Voluntary Organisations), **Sylvia Brown** (Action with Communities in Rural England), **Catherine Johnstone** (Regional Action and Involvement South East), **Dai Powell** (Hackney Community Transport), **Elaine Garfitt** (Surrey County Council), **Rodger Broad** (Institute of Directors)

*Topical – Stimulating and Challenging –
Practical - Great Networking*

Conference aims:

- a vision of the changes ahead for the voluntary sector
- strategies for surviving and benefiting from change
- what the business and statutory sectors look for when working with voluntary organisations
- how we can and must maintain the unique values of the Voluntary & Community Sector (VCS)

For further information on the conference or opportunities to exhibit contact

Peter Smith on 01483 459292 ext 224 or email conference@surreyca.org.uk or visit www.surreyca.org.uk

Sponsored Cycle Ride

Surrey Fire Victim Support which is run by the British Red Cross in partnership with Surrey Fire and Rescue Service is holding a sponsored cycle ride called "Fire Cycle" on 22 May 2005. The service provides on scene practical and emotional support free of charge to people whose homes have been damaged by fire, flood or other incidents.

We are looking for organisations/groups that will be happy to help promote the Fire Cycle within their area/group by displaying posters or arranging for us to give a talk about the service.

More details of the service and Fire Cycle can be found at www.surreyfvsv.org or contact: Neil Walker, Surrey Fire Victim Support - email n.c.walker@btinternet.com

The Care to Learn Scheme comes to Surrey

Last year the Government launched a new scheme known as Care to Learn (C2L) as part of the Teenage Pregnancy Strategy. The scheme enables young parents aged 16-19 to take part in learning or training and to have their childcare and travel costs paid up to a maximum of £5,125 per child per year.

So far 76 young people in Surrey have accessed the fund, and we need to increase publicity and awareness. Connexions teenage pregnancy personal advisers often provide the first and critical contact with young parents seeking support from C2L.

For more information about C2L go to www.dfes.gov.uk/caretolearn or contact Emmanuel Edet, Surrey Teenage Pregnancy Co-ordinator, on 020 8541 7559.

Shape the future of your community!

If you are 50 or over this is how you can be involved:

Online www.surrey50plus.org.uk

Postal Questionnaires • Telephone Interviews • E-mail
Attend Meetings

The choice is yours!



Training in Community Development

Our last Newsletter told about the Community Development Training Project funded by Surrey Learning and Skills Council.

Sarah Clarke has been in post as Co-ordinator of the project since January. She has previously worked as a Community Development Worker and co-ordinated a busy Community Centre.

So far we have run two courses and there are five more planned for April 2005 at venues across Surrey. The people who have already been on the course say they now appreciate the underpinning values of the work that many of them already do and are grateful for the new and fresh ideas they have learnt regarding encouraging others to get involved and join in with their communities. There is plenty of fun and discussion and of course the inevitable drinks, biscuits and sandwiches.

Some of our learners are going on to complete a portfolio, which will be assessed by the Surrey & Region Open College Network, giving the learner a certificate to show they have studied to a certain level and which can be used when applying for jobs in the future.

The last part of the project is where our learners volunteer their time in a community group, putting into practice all that they have learnt. Sarah can then mentor and provide one to one support for those volunteers and we can offer further training through Surrey Community Action where it is needed.

If you are interested in any part of this project, please contact Sarah Clarke on 01482 459292 ext 202 or sarahc@surreyca.org.uk

Contact the Elderly

Contact the Elderly, a national charity founded 40 years ago with over 260 established groups, has been awarded Big Lottery funding to pilot community led befriending schemes.

The charity has developed a 'Step by Step' guide and support material, and is offering to share their 'Good Practice' and 'Health and Safety' guidelines together with their experience gained over 40 years, with interested organisations.

The charity is inviting organisations interested in setting up a befriending scheme for elderly people in their local community to contact Terry Gibson, Community Projects Manager, for an informal discussion on 01276 502611 or email terry@contact-the-elderly.org for further information.

Financial Help for Individuals in Need

The Elizabeth Finn Trust gives financial help to individuals whose careers have been interrupted or ended through illness, accident, or family breakdown, or pensioners who are struggling with an inadequate income. We can also help their partners and children when making ends meet becomes a constant worry.

We help people from over 120 occupations - for example, former teachers, nurses, managers, senior secretaries, farmers and artists.

The Trust gives grants towards household and disability equipment, and might also help with the cost of repairs and replacements such as a leaking roof or broken boiler. Many applicants also qualify for a weekly allowance of up to £20, which can be added to the basic level of income support, without affecting benefit entitlement. We welcome referrals from family, friends or health and welfare professionals.

If you would like someone from the Trust to visit your office to tell you and your colleagues about our grant making and answer any questions you may have, please contact Caroline Bates on 01787 220257 or email caroline.bates@elizabethfinn.org.uk



Laleham Village Hall

Village Hall Column April 2005

By now, most of you will understand the position regarding the new licensing laws, having attended a Village Hall area meeting or one provided by your local authority.

We are all somewhat concerned at the small number of Temporary Event Notices (TENs) allowed under the new Act, ie 12 per annum per premises. My colleagues and I, with the help of ACRE* and The Village Hall Forum, are trying to get The Government to increase these to 36 per annum for Village Halls. This, if implemented, should ensure that most halls will manage with a premises licence that covers all required events except the sale of alcohol, thereby saving the hall from the duty of providing a personal licence holder.

We need your help to encourage MPs to lobby for this small change in the law. Please write a short personal letter to your local MP (a list is given opposite), pointing out the problems you already face as volunteers in running the hall. Outline the difficulties in getting volunteers, bearing in mind all the changes in the law that this Government has brought in: new Health and Safety Regulations, Disability Discrimination

Act, Minimum Wage Act and many others, all putting more responsibility onto the trustees. Get your users to write as well. Point out that this licensing act (The Licensing Act 2003), restricting halls to 12 Temporary Event Notices (TENs) if they do not have a personal licence holder, will cause even more problems for hall management committees, as it is virtually impossible to get a volunteer to take on this position. Ask them to do their best to support a change in the law for Village Halls, increasing the number of TENs to 36, which if implemented, will still be only three events a month.

Please keep letters brief, pointing out the value to their district of the Community Hall. Do not send duplicated letters, make each one personal. If you want to change the law you need to undertake this soon. If each MP gets five or six letters on his desk about this issue it may make a difference. Letters should be sent to your named MP at The House of Commons – London SW1A 0AA.

Local MP's in Surrey

East Surrey

Mr Peter Ainsworth MP

Epsom & Ewell

Mr Chris Grayling MP

Esher & Walton

Mr Ian Taylor MP

Guildford

Ms Sue Doughty MP

Mole Valley

Sir Paul Beresford MP

Reigate

Mr Crispin Blunt MP

Runnymede & Weybridge

Mr Phillip Hammond MP

South West Surrey

Rt Hon Mrs Virginia Bottomley MP

Spelthorne

Mr David Wiltshire MP

Surrey Heath

Mr Nick Hawkins MP

Woking

Mr Humfrey Malins MP

Please take this seriously, you can make a difference.

Hello.....is anybody there?

Surrey Community Action sincerely apologises to any of our callers who experienced difficulty in contacting us. If you wondered why we were not answering the telephone, there was an intermittent fault and one of our lines was not always ringing through to the switchboard. This was finally fixed on 11 March.

* Action with Communities in Rural England

Global Grants are now targeted to more areas of Surrey

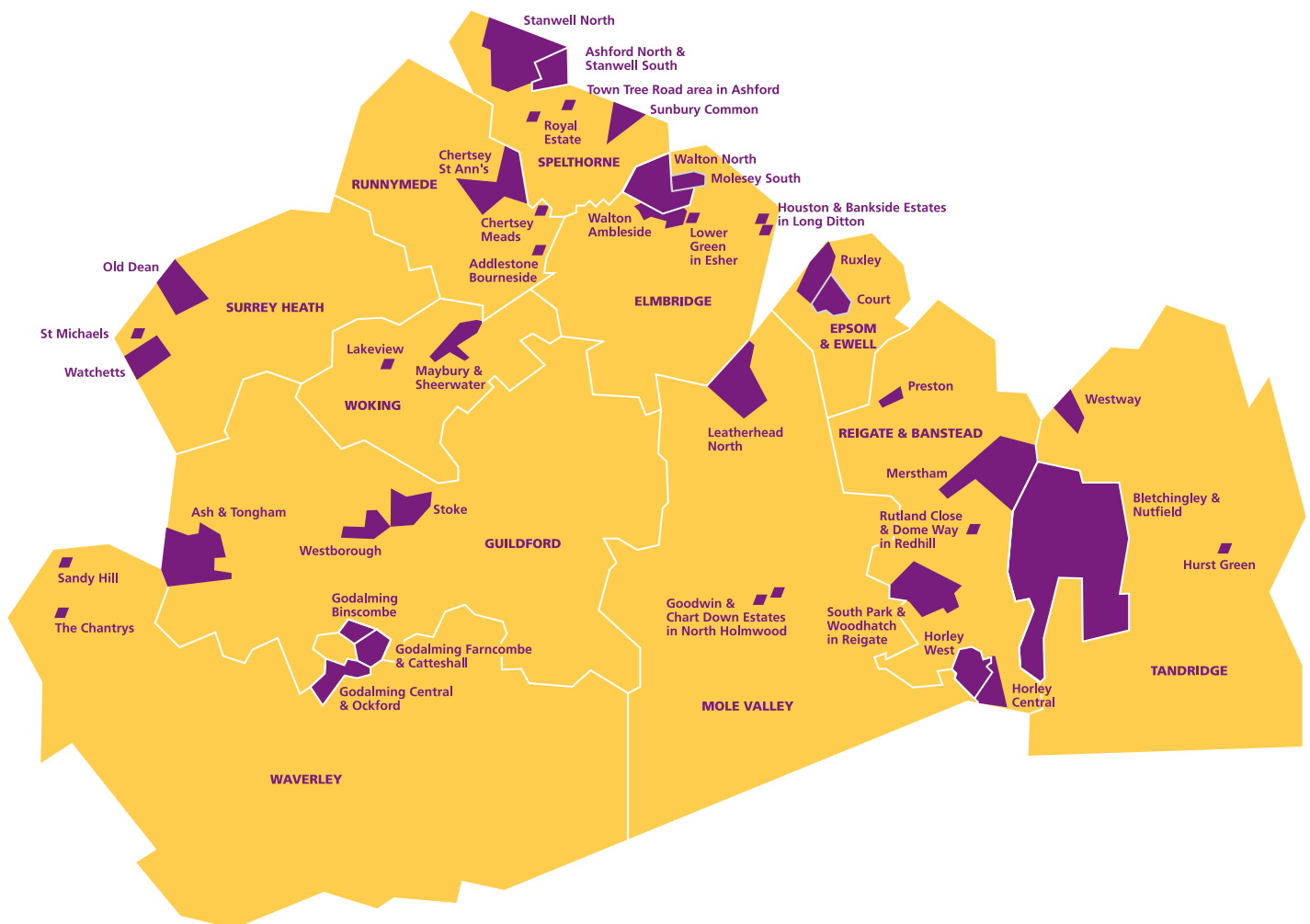
Surrey Global Grants is part of the European Social Fund programme to build stronger local communities and supports local community groups who provide opportunities for people not in paid work, who live in targeted areas of Surrey, to develop the skills they need to progress towards paid work, voluntary work or training.

Surrey Global Grants have over £500,000 to distribute in small grants during 2004 - 2006 and is particularly looking to target grassroots community and voluntary groups. 29

projects have already been supported and there is still over £300,000 to be allocated.

Surrey Global Grants is targeted to groups supporting people living in specific areas of Surrey. Grants of up to £10,000 are available to local community and voluntary groups.

Recently Surrey Global Grants received approval to increase the number of areas they could target. The new target areas are shown on the map below.



The European Social Fund, Surrey County Borough and District Councils and Surrey Learning & Skills Council fund Surrey Global Grants. Surrey Community Action administers Surrey Global Grants. If you are interested in applying for a Global Grant or would like further information about the target areas or projects funded to date, please contact: Eleanor Jones at Surrey Community Action 01483 459292 ext 235 eleanorj@surreyca.org.uk



Year of the Volunteer 2005 – Small Grants Programme

Volunteering England are distributing small grants in order to enable and encourage more people to participate in the Year of the Volunteer 2005 by taking action to address the needs of their own communities.

They are looking to fund activities that are conceived, owned, managed and delivered by local people and involve and benefit the local community.

- Grants of £500-£1,500 are available for individual people or informal groups of people (e.g. a group of work colleagues) to deliver an activity which will meet the needs of their local community
- Grants of £1,000-£4,000 are available for formal groups of people (e.g. self-help groups, parents' groups, residents' groups etc) to work together to deliver activities or projects which meet their needs and the needs of their local communities
- Grants of £1,000-£4,000 are available for not-for-profit organisations (e.g. registered charities, schools, community development organisations) to work with local people and/or service users to help them put their own ideas into action
- Grants of up to £6,000 are available to consortia of groups or organisations that want to work in partnership with each other to support individual people to organise their own project or activity

2005 small grants are not intended to fund organisations to do their own work.

If you would like more information about the fund please visit www.volunteering.org.uk or request an application pack by sending a stamped addressed envelope with 58p of stamps to Small Grants, Volunteering England, Regents Wharf, 8 All Saints Street, London N1 9RL.

Big Lottery Fund

For all the latest regional and national news, please visit: www.biglotteryfund.org.uk

Local Network Fund Outreach and Support Worker



Sarah Crabb has joined Surrey Community Action as the new Local Network Fund Outreach and Support Worker.

Sarah worked for six years as the Marketing Manager at Brooklands College and more recently as a registered childminder. She hopes to use her combined experience of promotion, PR and community outreach work to raise awareness of the fund and support groups with their project ideas and applications.

The Local Network Fund is looking to support local community and voluntary groups with innovative and well-managed projects that will enable children and young people to achieve their potential. This financial year £300,000 is available to be allocated in small grants of up to £7,000.



Sarah is working part-time and will be spending her time out and about promoting the fund and working with groups. If you would like to contact her for more

information or to talk about a potential project please contact her on 07917 366612 sarahcrabb@surreyca.org.uk

SORP5

SORP5, the financial framework for registered charities has now been released and is available on the Charity Commission website:

www.charitycommission.gov.uk/investigations/sorp

Comic Relief announce £63,000 from Sport Relief 2004 campaign to be distributed in Surrey through Surrey Community Action

Surrey Community Action, on behalf of Surrey Community Foundation has been entrusted to distribute £63,000 for Sport Relief to community groups in Surrey. The fund is for projects that use sport or exercise to strengthen communities and provide opportunities for people who are either excluded or disadvantaged. This may be through low income, rural or social isolation, age, disability, race, sexuality or gender.

Summer 2004 saw over 81,000 people from all over the UK take part in the Fitness First Sport Relief Mile and raise over £16 million for projects in the UK and overseas.

Half the money raised through Sport Relief will be spent in the UK to fund groups that use sport to tackle the exclusion and isolation experienced by some of the poorest and most disadvantaged communities. The other half will be awarded to projects that work to help children and young people who are living really tough lives in some of the poorest countries in the world.



Judith McNeill, Comic Relief Grants Director said:

'We felt it was important that money raised through Sport Relief reached communities across the UK who are most in need. For this reason we decided to work with local partners as they have the local networks to ensure that Sport Relief money is widely distributed at a local level to people who really need it.'

Sport Relief are particularly looking to target small or under funded community or voluntary groups that support black and ethnic minority populations, women, people with disabilities, people aged over 60 years, lesbians, gay men, bisexuals, rural communities and children and young people. Community and voluntary groups can apply for £250 to £5,000.

For further information on Sport Relief in Surrey and how to apply, please contact Eleanor Jones at Surrey Community Action 01483 459292 ext 235 eleanorj@surreyca.org.uk or visit www.sportrelief.com

Project funded by Sport Relief, an initiative of Comic Relief, registered charity 326568

Organisational Development



FREE COMPUTER TRAINING ON YOUR DOORSTEP

3 Hour FREE computer courses for members of your community or group.

We can introduce you to computer subjects of YOUR choice. Delivered by our professional trainers.

Subjects include:

- Introduction to Computers
- Word Processing
- Spreadsheets
- The Internet & E-mail
- PowerPoint Presentations
- Publisher

If your group or members of your community would like us to come and deliver computer courses, please contact Allison Enenche at Surrey Community Action on 01483 459292 ext 228 to find out more.

It's FREE Fun & Friendly





Participants on Surrey Community Action's course in Leadership Skills for Chief Executives and Senior Managers. Course trainer, Kieran Williams is shown third from right.

Successful First Leadership Skills Course

Surrey Community Action's first course in Leadership Skills for Chief Executives and Senior Managers mixed four days of formal lectures with one-to-one personal coaching by coaches from other sectors and action learning sets.

Janet Wickens who is Director of Marketing at Perennial – the Gardeners' Royal Benevolent Society – was one of the participants and explains below the benefits she has obtained from the course:

'The unusual configuration of this course added tremendously to its value – in its networking opportunities, allowing time to absorb information, to apply new thinking in the workplace and to see results before moving forward to the next stage of training.

The quality of the "classroom" training was excellent. It was pacy enough to provide stimulation and flexible enough to allow in-depth study when required. Each session left the learner excited and keen to learn more and I was surprised to find

myself making time to further explore the theories and issues raised in group discussions.

My working life has benefited from a greater understanding of my own style and motivations. I have gained the strength and knowledge to change my own behaviour and those of my teams. Perhaps the most significant benefit is that of getting me into the practice of "thinking". Previous immediate and sometimes knee-jerk reactions have lessened – making me a clearer communicator, a better colleague and a greater contributor to the future of my organisation.

Added to the immediate benefits are those of the longterm – new networking and support mechanisms – which I know will prove crucial as my career develops.

I loved every minute of it!'

Surrey Community Action will run the course again at the end of 2005; in the meantime it has introduced a new two day course, **Introduction to Leadership Skills** which is

suitable for all levels of staff, to its Spring/Summer Training Programme.

For details of this and the many other courses contact Allison Enenche on: 01483 459292 ext 228 email: training@surreyca.org.uk or visit: www.surreyca.org.uk



STOP PRESS

Funding has been awarded to Surrey Community Action from Lloyds TSB to undertake Vulnerable Adult Awareness Training courses.

If you are interested in attending these FREE one day courses please contact: Allison Enenche on 01483 459292 Ext 228 or allisone@surreyca.org.uk.



INVESTOR IN PEOPLE

BUILD-IT-UP with Investors In People

Surrey Community Action is pleased to be leading an initiative, which is enabling voluntary organisations to work towards Investors in People (IIP) recognition. Surrey Community Action and Business Link Surrey are working together to co-fund assistance in achieving IIP status. Seven local voluntary groups have signed up to take advantage of the opportunity, which will give them free access to aid and support from an Independent IIP consultant, Jane Baggot.

'We have been looking at the possibility of gaining IIP accreditation and this offers us the excellent opportunity to gain accreditation with the support of BUILD-IT-UP and Business Link', said Rosie Hatton, Deputy Chief Officer, Runnymede Association of Voluntary Services (RAVS).

The shared funding will mean that the participating groups can look forward to two individual consultative sessions and five workshops, which are geared towards helping in the attainment of Investors in People. In addition the groups will benefit from a reduced assessment fee.

IIP is a valuable means of ensuring that an organisation has an engaged and skilled workforce necessary for maximum productivity. The IIP Standard acknowledges and recognises those employers who are committed to the success of their workforce.

'Organisations that go for the standard will gain terrific added value. The process and assessment will provide information about an organisation's performance that should be of enormous benefit going forward', said Solette Sheppardson, Capacity Building Manager, Surrey Community Action.

The seven organisations that have committed to achieving the IIP standard are:

- All Saints Family Project - Leatherhead
- Familyline - Surrey
- Furnistore - Redhill
- Link Leisure - Woking
- Runnymede Association of Voluntary Services - Chertsey
- The Studio ADHD - Capel
- The Matrix Trust - Guildford

It is hoped that some of these organisations will be in a position to gain the IIP accreditation by early 2006.

Contacting Surrey Community Action

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Fax - 01483 440508

Email - info@surreyca.org.uk

Website - www.surreyca.org.uk

Editorial, Inserts and advertising in the Surrey Community Action Newsletter

Editorial or articles: FREE to any Voluntary & Community Organisation, Parish Council, or member of Surrey Community Action, subject to space available.

Sits Vac Adverts: £25* - The cost for other adverts is negotiable. All adverts may be subject to space available.

Inserts: Total weight less than 40g - **£150*** Total weight above 40g - price negotiable price excludes copying, but includes stuffing and mailing *VAT may be applicable

Surrey Community Action is happy to print articles in this Newsletter based on information provided by external organisations, however we do not necessarily endorse the viewpoints expressed in these articles, and although every effort will be made to ensure accuracy we do not accept any liability for any mistakes which may inadvertently appear in them.

Please send contributions to the editorial team at Surrey Community Action.

The copy deadline for the Summer 2005 issue is 24 June 2005. e-mail vivienh@surreyca.org.uk